

MAP: Minutes, Feb 4, 2023

Location: Community Hall + simulcast Zoom (if requested), 1:15 pm - 2:30 pm

<https://zoom.us/j/99404907164?pwd=TTIleGpDdU55NkwyVjBGNzI4QVpoZz09>

Attending: Niall Parker, Peter Easthope, Barry Mathias, Pricilla Maki, David Manning, Eroca Manning, Karl Hamson, Peter Pare, Bruce Boland, Thomas Boland, Beth Arcand

Regrets: Andrea, Lisa, Dave H.

Notes: Peter P.

Regular Meeting Items:

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Previous minutes - on blog :
<https://movingaroundpender.wordpress.com/previous-minutes/>
3. Finance update (Dave)
 - General = \$5,936.56
 - Bus = \$8,602.72
 - Trails = \$3,039.75
 - TRUVALU card sales +\$600 to the general account.
4. Pender Post articles: Peter submitted for Feb
 - a. Mar - Barry
 - b. April - Peter E. - Do we live in a “blue zone”
 - i. Trails, walking and health
5. Status Reports:
 - a. Car Stops (Barry) - There was nothing new for car stops. Peter Easthope question whether we could add additional car stops. Barry said it was complicated and expensive.
 - b. GITS
 - c. Trails
 - i. Monty’s Trail needs work. Karl said that there were sufficient chips to fill in the low spot. In addition, he has more of the old concrete forms which can be used as a boardwalk. Niall will send out a call for a work party which Lisa has agreed to coordinate with Karl and others to fix the trail.
 - d. GINPR Liaison (Niall)
 - i. Visit with Kyle (Impact Assessment Practitioner) and Alex (Cultural Resource Management Advisor) from Parks Canada.
 - ii. Shingle/Irene route will be upgraded to formal trail
 1. Signage
 2. Some minor trimming
 3. Fill for top end to cover tree roots

4. Niall reported on the GINPR liaison, and said that they have decided to complete a trail between Shingle Bay and the S. Outer Bay Rd.. This will be a walking trail, but people will be able to push their bikes through it. There was much discussion about how to limit bikes riding on the trail and going off the trail into other national park trails. One suggestion was that a sign could be erected with a phone number to report violators.
 - iii. Einar's Bypass West proposal to get environmental and cultural surveys
 1. Trail building on hold subject to results from above and Bill's progress on East side route
 - e. PIPRC Liaison (Barry/Rob/Andrea)
 - i. Barry reported on Pender Islands parks and recreation commission (PIPRC) activities. He described the trials of planting trees at Thieves' Bay. He also gave an update on the school trail, where a major advance was that a cheaper Engineering study had been agreed on.
 - f. Conservancy Liaison
 - i. Dave Manning described the problems with the Ainsley Point trail disturbing vulture nesting sites. He reported that there was that 15 of the 25 eagle nesting sites on Pender were active this spring but to his knowledge, only one chick fledged. On a more optimistic note, he reported that he had detected nine Osprey nests on Pender.
 - g. Website rebuild (Niall/Peter E)
 - i. Lisa reports beautiful version to start ~Feb 20
 - ii. Peter E.'s version to live at <http://mobile.movingaroundpender.ca>
6. Special topic: **MAP 2023 and beyond** : followups
- a. Steve Wright followed up with MOTI and CRD
 - i. TL;DR - we are on our own (mostly) ...
 - b. Next steps to *make transportation on Pender safer* ?
 - c. We discussed possibilities of MAP applying to the recent call for Rural Transportation Infrastructure grants from the federal government. There is an opportunity to apply for infrastructure, including electric vehicles, but a nonprofit organization has to work with a government body. Peter P reported that he is trying to contact Justine Starke of CRD to see if they were willing to work with MAP to apply for some infrastructure. Bruce and Thomas suggested that a rapid charging station, and/or pull outs on dangerous hills on Pender, could be potential application ideas.
7. Next Meeting: Mar 4, 2023
- a. Discuss time/day and format
 - i. Still open to changes, how to keep people involved
 - b. Zoom: recurring meeting (when requested)
 - i. Meeting ID: 994 0490 7164
 - ii. Passcode: 239546