

North Pender Island Local Trust Committee Notes of a Workshop

Date: July 23, 2015
Location: Pender Islands Community Hall
4418 Bedwell Harbour Road, North Pender Island, BC

Members Present: Derek Masselink, Local Trustee

Staff Present: Justine Starke, Island Planner
Shannon McConchie, Recorder

Regrets: George Grams, Chair
Dianne Barber, Local Trustee

Members of Public and Media Present: There were 15 members of the public present

1. CALL TO ORDER

The workshop was called to order at 10:11 am by Island Planner Starke.

Trustee Masselink, welcomed the public, thanked them for their attendance, and highlighted the importance of the workshop

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

No changes were made.

3. AGE FRIENDLY PENDER COMMUNITY WORKSHOP #2

3.1 Age Friendly Presentation

Consultant to the Age Friendly project, Mr. James Van Hemert provided an overview of the meeting's structure and gave a presentation on the report "North Pender Island Age Friendly Plan Workshop II Report Card". A copy of the report was provided to those in attendance.

During his presentation Mr. Van Hemert posed a question to the public: "What would allow you to remain on Pender?" He asked that the minutes reflect the public's answers, which were as follows:

- Safe and affordable housing.
- Home supports.
- Mental and physical exercise.
- Building, road, and path accessibility.
- Transportation for those without licences.

3.2 Group Discussions

Following the presentation, the public was divided into three groups and assigned the topic of mobility, housing, or built environment. Mr. Van Hemert asked the groups to discuss Pender's current situation as it related to their topic, to share their ideal hope for the future, and to create a list of actions based on that ideal.

3.3 Reporting Out by Table

Following their small-group discussion one member of each table reported back their priority actions to the larger group.

3.3.1 Built Environment

- The ferry terminal, Nu2Yu, Capital Regional District (CRD) building, Port Browning Pub, Post Office, and retail spaces at Hope Bay are all public buildings that could be improved with seating, better accessibility, and signs indicating accessible routes.
- Financial support for upgrades to private buildings to make them accessible.
- Indoor and outdoor facility for exercise and recreation, including a pool.
- Online environment to access those public spaces remotely.

3.3.2 Housing

- Seniors housing should be diverse and need driven.
- There should be small unit clusters that have been built for seniors.
- There should be by-law changes to allow secondary suites to generate revenue and facilitate live-in assistance.
- These solutions could be done at market value.

3.3.3 Mobility

- A transport system that supports a variety of needs. Greenways, interisland systems, and an on-island bus that is responsive.
- There is a need for a locally-controlled agency that would be responsible for transit.
- It needs funding and the support of leadership.
- A discussion could include expropriation of lands for right-of-ways.

3.4 Open Floor

Mr. Van Hemert opened the floor to any member of the public who wished to comment on a topic that was not otherwise covered in the group discussions.

A discussion was held regarding provincial services and the lack of such services on Pender Island.

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Masselink, Planner Starke, and Mr. Van Hemert each thanked the public for their time

The meeting was adjourned at 12:03.

Derek Masselink, Trustee

Certified Correct:

Shannon McConchie, Recorder