



Pacific National Exhibition  
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# MEETING MINUTES

Hastings Park / PNE Community Advisory Group  
Tuesday September 28, 2021  
5:30pm  
Virtual Meeting via Teams

**Present:**

**PNE Staff**

Shelley Frost, President & CEO

Karen Massicotte, Vice President, Sales, Marketing & Business Development

Jeff Strickland, Vice President, Operations

Salome Valente, Executive Assistant & Manager Corporate Administration

**Community Advisory Group Members**

Linda Shuto

Pasquale Balletta

Linda Chow

Steve Canofari

Courtney Komonasky

Andrea Dowd-Dever

Darci Swinton

Patricia Barnes

Sal Audia

Stewart Anderson

**AGENDA TOPICS**

**1. General Business & Park Update – Jeff Strickland & Karen Massicotte**

- Jeff delivered a summary presentation on the 2021 Playland and PNE Fair
- Jeff also gave an update on the Halloween event in Playland and that the Coaster will not be operating
- Jeff also added that the Farmers Market is back in November
- Linda S. asked if there has been an increase in the rental of buildings and spaces as the buildings use to seat empty
  - Karen responded that the PNE had a successful 2019 year, and we are actually seeing that activity coming back in the same numbers and the next 18 months are quite active
- Patricia asked how the PNE is doing financially
  - Karen responded that we have been submitting applications for funding to both levels of government and overall, we are performing well
- Pasquale shared that he felt that the park needed some cleaning up done as there is still fencing up and the entrances to the park are not very clean
- Darci enquired about signage upgrades as she has noticed that the signage on the greenways have worn away and feels this could be dangerous



- Karen responded that her and Jeff are planning a site look walk through and will look at the greenways
- Darci also asked how the daylighting of the stream is coming along
  - Jeff responded that the stream and corridor are part of the next phase of the Amphitheatre design and that the infrastructure planning and detailed design are still not complete, however the Amphitheatre is being designed with the stream in mind
- Sal enquired on the logistics of how the stream will actually work and where will the water come from and requested more information on these logistics a future CAG meeting
- Stewart shared that he felt that this year's Fair footprint showed how the Sanctuary could be connected better for walkers, runners and cyclists and was wondering if there are any plans in the future with this?
  - Karen responded that the PNE is still working on how to move people around the site more clearly and there will be permanent pathways once the site development becomes permanent

## **2. Follow Up on Fishing in the Sanctuary – Jeff Strickland**

- Jeff delivered an update presentation that a study is being conducted to see if additional spaces are possible and will share findings and next steps at a future CAG meeting
- Darci shared that she doesn't feel adding more spaces is a good idea from a safety standpoint as the pond is small and having too many people around the pond fishing is concerning for both people and the birds safety as birds have already been injured by fishing hooks
- Sal responded that if there is a concern about safety then crowding people around a small dock is dangerous and would be better to spread them out.
- Linda S asked who is conducting the study and will it go to a public board meeting
  - Karen responded that it will come back to this group and a future public board meeting
  - Jeff added that he is working with the Park Board to do the study
- Linda C shared that she feels that it's supposed to be a Sanctuary and was never intended to be a fishing pond and birds have been injured with hooks as previously mentioned.
- Pasquale shared that he feels that this is a hot topic in isolation and needs to be thought about as part of the bigger picture of what the expanded green space will look like.

## **3. FVDED Sound Feedback – Karen Massicotte**

- Karen delivered a presentation on the sound mitigation summary from FVDED and also updated that her and Jeff had with a meeting with a couple of neighbours.
- Courtney shared that she didn't notice any nefarious activity and the event ended at a reasonable time at 10pm.

## **4. 2022 CAG Application Timeline – Karen Massicotte**

- Karen updated everyone that the 2022 application timeline is coming up and reviewed the mandate summary
- Everyone's terms will be emailed out shortly



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## 5. Community Website Pages

- Due to limited time, Karen offered to email the slides and then have everyone email their thoughts directly to her.

## 6. Next Meeting

- Most would prefer in person but can do an option of a hybrid for those who can't attend in person