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COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP
TUESDAY, 11 February 2025
5:30PM-7:00PM
ONLINE MEETING

Present: PNE Staff

Karen Massicotte, VP, Sales & Marketing
Anna Kalfa, Manager, Communications & Community Relations
Sashya Warnakulasuriya, Administrative Assistant

CAG Members

Patricia Barnes
Courtney Komansky
Shelley Dubé
Dino Singh
Ruby Kayeewong
Linda Dallow
Jason McGarry

Regrets: Debbie Schachter
Mayura Colling

Meeting started: 5.33 p.m.

AGENDA TOPICS

- 1. New CAG Terms of Reference, Criteria and Applications for 2025/26**
PNE Community Advisory Group - New Terms of Reference, as of January 30, 2025
The PNE Community Advisory Group (CAG) presented the new Terms of Reference, which were approved at the Public Board Meeting held on January 30, 2025. The changes included the transition of the wording in the Multiparty Operating Agreement (MPOP) and the inclusion of the Hastings Park PNE Master Plan.

Approved Revisions, as of January 30, 2025

The revisions also established that the CAG would consist of 8-10 members. For 2025, the application process would allow for 4-5 members to be renewed for a 1-year term. Every year, 50% of CAG members would rotate out. CAG meetings were reduced from 6 to 4 per year to ensure a more focused and purposeful approach, aligning with the fiscal year (April-March).



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New Structure & Membership

Representation categories remain the same, but new categories for Youth and Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) were added to allow for better-focused recruitment.

Transition Plan 2025

The transition plan for 2025 indicates that the last meeting for current CAG members will take place in April 2025, followed by the incoming 2025/26 CAG, which will be considered an orientation on-site.

2. Multi-party Operating Agreement Update & Discussion

Two documents guide the management of the site: the By-Laws, which govern the Hastings Park/PNE Board of Directors, and the MPOP, which outlines the roles and responsibilities between the PNE and the City of Vancouver.

The MPOP is currently being refined due to changes in the Master Plan. Once completed, it will be forwarded to the City of Vancouver for approval, allowing the process to move forward.

3. 2025/26 Community Relations Calendar Overview & Discussion

2025/26 Community Relations Key Dates

- **CAG Meetings:** The application link for CAG members is live, and a community newsletter will be released by February 13, 2025, inviting community members to apply.
- **Open Houses:** The upcoming community newsletter will request topic suggestions for the CE team to discuss at the open houses.
- **Neighbourhood Focus Groups:** CAG members are encouraged to suggest topics for discussion during focus groups.

A special note: The Public Board Meeting decided that 2 open houses and 2 Public Board Meetings (PBM) will be held moving forward to provide more flexibility for community attendance. These events will be based on the fiscal year rather than the calendar year.

4. Winter Fair Update

The Winter Fair, which has been held at PNE for several years, will be discontinued after the 2024 season. This decision is based on increasing competition and the need to prioritize stable events to balance revenue and expenses.



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5. Hastings Park - PNE Updates

- **Amphitheatre:** Updates on completed and upcoming tasks were shared, with no further questions raised.
- **Sanctuary:** Stormwater management improvements will allow for the remediation of swampy areas and the creation of a more sustainable space, including the installation of a French drain.
- **Italian Gardens Fountain:** Capital funding for the new installation was provided in collaboration with the City of Vancouver.
- **HPJCICS Key Handover:** A tenancy agreement was signed in Fall 2024, and the creation of an Interpretive Centre in the historic Livestock Barns is underway, including wheelchair-accessible outdoor spaces. Posts will be added to honor the individuals interned in the Livestock Barns.
- **FIFA Fan Fest Update:** PNE has reached several milestones in preparation for the FIFA Fan Fest, with Hastings Park being the chosen venue.

Further Discussion with CAG members:

Question 1 (Jason McGarry): Regarding the recent cancellation of skateboarding at Hastings Community Center, is it possible for PNE to provide a space for the community?

Answer (Karen): Currently, it is challenging to offer PNE buildings on a continuous basis due to prior commitments and events that generate revenue for park maintenance. However, discussions with Rollerland are ongoing to explore opportunities for community programs.

Question 2 (Jason McGarry): When PNE hires staff, will there be any preference given to local youth?

Answer (Karen): While preference is not guaranteed, efforts are being made to share job opportunities with the local community via wider outreach, including postings.

Follow-up Question (Jason McGarry): If a candidate is not hired, will PNE provide an update?

Answer (Karen): Due to the large pool of applicants (often over 5,000), PNE will provide updates as much as possible.

Meeting ended: 6.30 p.m.