

SPECIAL Penticton and Ellis Creek Restoration Select Committee Meeting to be held via Zoom

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**Friday, October 22, 2021
at 9:00 a.m.**

1. **Call Regular Committee Meeting to Order**
2. **Adoption of Agenda**
3. **Adoption of Minutes** 1-4
 - 3.1 Minutes of the May 14, 2021 Penticton Creek and Ellis Creek Restoration Select Committee Meeting

Staff Recommendation:
THAT the Penticton and Ellis Creek Restoration Select Committee adopt the minutes of the May 14, 2021 meeting as presented.
4. **New Business**
 - 4.1 Stantec Design Lessons Learned – Ian Chapman, Acting General Manager of Infrastructure and Paul Askey, Chair **Verbal**
 - 4.2 Kokanee Salmon Numbers and New Project Habitats – Paul Askey, Chair **Verbal**
 - 4.3 Interim Results of Okanagan Nation Alliance (ONA) Monitoring – Paul Askey, Chair **Verbal**
 - 4.4 Funding and Outreach Opportunities – Ian Chapman, Acting General Manager of Infrastructure and Paul Askey, Chair **Verbal**
5. **Next Meeting** 5
6. **Public Question Period**
7. **Adjournment**

Penticton and Ellis Creek Restoration Select Committee Meeting

held via Zoom
May 14, 2021
at 9:00 a.m.

Present:

Voting Members

Paul Askey, Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC (*Chair*)
Camille Rivard-Sirois, Okanagan Nation Alliance (*Vice Chair*)
Bill Wickett, Alternate, Penticton Fly Fisheries Association
Doug Maxwell, Member at Large
Gerry Turchak, Penticton Industrial Development Association
Maryssa Bonneau, Penticton Indian Band Natural Resources
Sandy Ross, Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Member

Non-Voting Members

Bruce McFarlane, Ministry of FLNRO, Regional Water Management

Council:

Frank Regehr, Councillor (*Liaison*)

Staff:

Ian Chapman, City Engineer
John Schappert, Legislative Assistant

Regrets:

Sophie Fillion, South Okanagan Conservative Program
Tara White, Ministry of FLNRO – Fish & Wildlife Division
Bryn White

Guests:

Jody Good, Mould Engineering

1. **Call to Order**

The Penticton and Ellis Creek Restoration Select Committee was called to order by the Chair at 9:01 a.m.

2. **Adoption of Agenda**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Penticton and Ellis Creek Restoration Select Committee adopt the agenda for the meeting held on May 14, 2021 as amended to add item 4.3 – Funding Update and item 4.4 - Drone Imagery of Penticton Creek.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **Adoption of Minutes**

3.1 Minutes of the April 16, 2021 Penticton and Ellis Creek Restoration Select Committee Meeting

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Penticton and Ellis Creek Restoration Select Committee adopt the minutes of the April 16, 2021 meeting as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Maryssa Bonneau joined the meeting at 9:16 a.m.

4. **New Business**

4.1 Volunteer Week Proclamation from Council – Ian Chapman, City Engineer

The City Engineer highlighted that Council proclaimed April 18-24 as Volunteer Week in the City of Penticton, and thanked all of the volunteers and committee members that participate in our community.

4.2 Update on Construction Work for the Forthcoming Fisheries Window – Ian Chapman, City Engineer

The City Engineer provided an update on the funding in relation to the construction planned for the forthcoming fisheries window. He noted that the EMBC – ARDM grant administrators had announced that the deadline for the completion of projects approved under this program has been extended by 2 years to the end of 2023 rather than the end of 2021 as previously required and which would have resulted in both the Reach 3A Upper/ 3B and the Structure 3 and 4 projects having to be undertaken concurrently. This would have presented significant coordination challenges relating to the management of temporary creek diversion through both work areas and presented an extremely large scope of work that would have needed to be completed within the short fisheries window. Ultimately, he mentioned that the revitalization of Reaches 3A Upper/ 3B will be deferred to next year, with the focus of this year to be a solution for Structures 3 and 4. This rescheduling also affords the opportunity to better address some property encroachment issues discovered in the deferred project area.

The floor was opened to Committee members for comments and questions. Members at Large expressed concerned over the Committee's original participation in the design work that was done on this project and wanted it noted that they were not able to provide sufficient input due to the high risk of failing drop structures and the rushed timing required. If the project had been developed over a timeline similar to other restoration reaches (years), and not as an emergency, then an alternative design might have been selected. Another Member at Large questioned whether the plans to remove Nanaimo bridge would still proceed even though the works in Reach 3A Upper/ 3B are being deferred, and staff confirmed that this will also be deferred along with associated vegetation/tree removal.

A representative from Mould Engineering presented highlights regarding the Structure #3 and #4 projects as well as the planning for the remainder of Reach 5. A copy of the presentation is available in the Corporate Administration office.

The floor was opened to Committee members for comments and questions. Members at Large questioned some of the risks involved with the comprehensive vision for the project due to the

emergency work and timeline involved earlier in the project, stating that this is not normally how a creek would be designed. It was stated that this could result in fish migration issues. It was asked if the timeline could be adjusted to fix Structure #4 this year and redesign Structure #3 over a longer timeline to better manage these risks. Another member noted that the low flow channel on the inside corner may not be designed as a natural stream but does seem to have good potential for maximizing fish benefits through gravel retention. Effectiveness monitoring of this design could provide good information for future restoration designs. The representative from Mould Engineering responded that delaying the project to allow for a complete redesign may not result in any changes to the current design. Members at Large asked about the possibility of adding gravel as part of this project and where monitoring sites will be setup to monitor long term.

4.3 Funding Update – Ian Chapman, City Engineer

It was discussed whether or not it was possible for funding obtained to be reallocated to different aspects of the project in the future. A Member at Large indicated that this was still to be determined and suggested that it be added to the next meeting's agenda. It was noted by the Committee Chair that all funding applications thus far have been approved. However, several of the funding sources will be returned, since the 3A3B has alternative funding through the ARDM grant and will not proceed in 2021. It was asked if any work planned for this year is limited due to funding or if it is just limited by timing. It was noted that purchasing rock or dealing with land purchases would be useful items to utilize funding on in the near future if it is possible to do so. A Member at Large expressed concern that the longer the overall project is delayed, the more money will need to be spent on emergency repairs.

4.4 Drone Imagery of Penticton Creek – Camille Rivard-Sirois, Vice-Chair

The Vice-Chair provided a view of drone imagery that was completed on Penticton Creek, stating that it will allow them to compare imagery over the course of the project. There was discussion about completing the same kind of work for Ellis Creek.

5. **Next Meeting**

The next Penticton & Ellis Creek Restoration Select Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held on Friday, June 18, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

6. **Public Question Period**

7. **Adjournment**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Penticton and Ellis Creek Restoration Select Committee adjourn the meeting held on May 14, 2021 at 11:23 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Certified Correct:

John Schappert
Legislative Assistant

2021 Penticton & Ellis Creek Restoration Select Committee Meeting Dates

Meeting commences at 9:00 a.m.

Month	Date
January	8
February	12
March	19
April	16
May	14
June	18
July	16
August	13
September	17
October	15
November	19
December	17