

## Penticton and Ellis Creek Restoration Select Committee Meeting

held via Zoom  
February 12, 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*)  
Maryssa Bonneau, Penticton Indian Band Natural Resources  
Sophie Fillion, South Okanagan Conservative Program  
Bill Wickett, Alternate, Penticton Fly Fisheries Association  
Doug Maxwell, Member at Large  
Gerry Turchak, Penticton Industrial Development Association  
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:**

Kristen Dixon, General Manager of Infrastructure  
Ian Chapman, City Engineer  
Alysa Wardley, Legislative Assistant

**Regrets:**

Bruce Turnbull, Penticton Fly Fisheries Association  
Tara White, Ministry of FLNRO – Fish & Wildlife Division  
Bryn White

1. **Call to Order**

The Penticton and Ellis Creek Restoration Select Committee was called to order by the Chair at 9:00 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 February 12, 2021 as amended to reflect that items 4.1 and 4.2 have been switched.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

3. **Adoption of Minutes**

3.1 Minutes of the January 8, 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 January 8, 2021 meeting as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

4. **New Business**

4.1 Penticton Creek Structure 3 and 4 Emergency Work – Ian Chapman, City Engineer

The City Engineer gave updates on the emergency work to Structures 3 and 4 on Penticton Creek. The municipal grant that was intended for works in March 2021 will not be announced until April 2021, and therefore will not allow for the works to be done pre-freshet as planned. Given the issues with Structures 3 and 4, interim works are now being proposed in advance of freshet to temporarily repair the structures until the permanent repairs can be completed (subject to successful granting) in the summer alongside the reach 3a and 3b works. Details of these repairs are still being worked on by Mould Engineering but will include creek diversion using sandbags to ensure works are conducted on a dry area. Improvements to Structure 4 are still expected to involve a riffle but this will also be confirmed by Mould Engineering.

The floor was opened to Committee members for comments and questions, Members at Large inquired about the possibility of the interim repairs holding for longer than one year, such that a more comprehensive repair to structures 3 and 4 could be achieved (and therefore a more favorable design, particularly to the spawning areas that would be lost in the current design). Staff commented that the anticipated duration of the repair would be tied to the severity of freshet. Staff also commented that this approach would mean abandoning the current Adaptation, Resilience & Disaster Mitigation funding for structures 3 and 4 (if successful, almost a million dollars) without certainty of future funding for a different scope of permanent repairs. However, staff committed to exploring this concept further with Mould Engineering.

4.2 Committee Discussion on Prioritization and Planning of Next Restoration Reaches After Structure 3a/3b Completion On Penticton Creek – Paul Askey, Chair

The Chair led a discussion on the prioritization of reach restoration following the completion of reaches 3a and 3b, and repairs to Structures 3 and 4. The master plan was reviewed, including reaches specific to flood and fish priorities. Committee members requested that Staff report back following the post-freshet inspections so that the Committee could be aware of any emergency works that may impact/influence prioritization of future reach restoration projects. Committee members also noted that once Structures 3 and 4 were addressed, it likely addressed the flood risks that resulted in Reaches 4 and 5 being prioritized. Staff committed to following up with Mould to confirm this. Assuming this is the case, reaches 2a and 2b were identified as the next likely priority.

Staff commented that it was difficult to confirm the next priority until there is clarity about the scope of the emergency repairs for structures 3 and 4, and the outcome of the current grant applications.

Committee members also inquired about the monitoring of passed project, and requested that consideration be given to adding new spawning gravels to completed areas as new projects are completed. Staff will follow up on the best way to achieve this, including the potential to work with the Penticton Fly Fisheries Association.

4.3 2021 Penticton & Ellis Creek Restoration Select Committee Meeting Schedule – Alysa Wardley, Legislative Assistant

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Penticton & Ellis Creek Restoration Select Committee 2021 meetings be tentatively held on January 8, February 12, March 19, April 16, May 14, June 18, July 16, August 13, September 17, October 15, November 19 and December 17 at City Hall or electronically at 9:00 a.m. unless otherwise specified.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

5. **Next Meeting**

The next Penticton & Ellis Creek Restoration Select Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held on Friday, March 19, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

6. **Public Question Period**

7. **Adjournment**

THAT the Penticton and Ellis Creek Restoration Select Committee adjourn the meeting held on February 12, 2021 at 10:20 a.m.

Certified Correct:

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Alysa Wardley  
Legislative Assistant