



**PARK BOARD COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

**MAY 14, 2012**

A Regular Park Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, May 14, 2012, at 7:00 pm, at the Park Board Office.

**PRESENT:** Commissioner Sarah Blyth, Chair  
Commissioner Niki Sharma, Vice-Chair  
Commissioner Constance Barnes  
Commissioner John Coupar  
Commissioner Melissa De Genova  
Commissioner Aaron Jasper  
Commissioner Trevor Loke

**GENERAL MANAGER'S  
OFFICE:** Malcolm Bromley, General Manager  
Peter Kuran, Deputy General Manager

**RECORDER:** Barinder Lalli

**ROLL CALL**

**MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT**

MOVED by Commissioner Sharma  
SECONDED by Commissioner Jasper

THAT the Board adopt the following reports on consent:

1. Creekside Office Space Lease Agreement with Canadian International Dragon Boat Festival Society
2. Construction Contract Award - Jericho Beach Restoration

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**STAFF REPORTS**

1. Financial Statements to December 31, 2011

The Board received the Financial Statements to December 31, 2011 for information.

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*The Chair called a short recess at 7:15pm. The Committee reconvened at 7:19pm with the same members present.*

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The Committee heard from two speakers who shared concerns regarding the amount of money spent on fundraising administration and City funding for retirement.

The Committee adjourned at 7:27 pm

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REGULAR BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
MEETING MINUTES

MAY 14, 2012

A Regular Board meeting was held on Monday, May 14, 2012, at 7:28 pm, at the Park Board Office following the Park Board Committee meeting.

**PRESENT:** Commissioner Constance Barnes, Chair  
Commissioner Aaron Jasper, Vice-Chair  
Commissioner Sarah Blyth  
Commissioner John Coupar  
Commissioner Melissa De Genova  
Commissioner Trevor Loke  
Commissioner Niki Sharma

**GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE:** Malcolm Bromley, General Manager  
Peter Kuran, Deputy General Manager

**RECORDER:** Barinder Lalli

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**1. Committee Meeting - April 30, 2012**

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper  
SECONDED by Commissioner Blyth

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**2. Regular Board Meeting - April 30, 2012**

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper  
SECONDED by Commissioner Loke

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

The Chair reported on several recent events including BMO Vancouver Marathon, Electric Vehicle/Cellular open house, National Youth Art Week, Move for Health Day, PAL soccer tournament, World Migratory Bird Day and Strathcona Breakfast Program funding.

## GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

The General Manager reported on two recent accessibility awards from the International Olympic Committee to the Hillcrest Aquatic Centre and Killarney Leisure Pool.

## REPORT OF THE PARK BOARD COMMITTEE

Report of the Park Board Committee  
May 14, 2012

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper  
SECONDED by Commissioner Loke

THAT the Board approve the recommendations of the Park Board Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## NOTICE OF MOTION

Commissioner Jasper submitted the following notices of motion:

### 1. Local Food Assets Task Force

MOVER: Commissioner Jasper  
SECONDER:

#### WHEREAS

1. Vancouver's parks and recreation system includes over 200 hundred parks and 24 community centres;
2. The Park Board is responsible for the planting and maintenance of over 138,000 boulevard trees lining the City's streets;
3. There are 14 community gardens operated by local community groups on parkland across the city;
4. The Park Board, in partnership with local school groups, has planted 3 fruit orchards across the city in the past three years;
5. The Greenest City 2020 Action Plan lists examples of "Food Assets" such as:
  - neighbourhood food hubs that are centres for education and skill building
  - community kitchens
  - farmers markets
  - community produce stands
  - food scraps composting facilities and programs
  - community garden plots
  - urban orchards

· urban farms

6. The Greenest City 2020 Action Plan sets a goal of increasing city-wide and neighbourhood food assets by a minimum of 50% over 2010 levels;
7. The City of Vancouver's Food Policy Council's mandate is to support the development of a food system where food is:
  1. safe, nutritious and culturally appropriate;
  2. affordable, available and accessible to all; and
  3. produced, processed, marketed, consumed and waste products reused or managed in a manner that is financially viable, protects the health and dignity of people and has minimum impact on the environment;
8. As part of the Park Board's 2012-2017 Strategic Plan, supporting local food systems was identified as one of the objectives under the "Healthy Ecosystems" goal;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board direct staff to create a "Local Food Assets Task Force" to make policy recommendations and identify opportunities that would increase and integrate local food assets into the Park Board's parks and recreation system.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the "Local Food Assets Task Force" membership be comprised of two Park Board Commissioners, Park Board staff, City staff, representation from the Food Policy Council, representation from Neighbourhood Food Networks (NFN's) and other community groups as required.

## 2. English Bay Pedestrian Pathways

MOVER: Commissioner Jasper

SECONDER:

WHEREAS

1. The seawall is a 26km walking, jogging, cycling and inline skating path that lines Vancouver's waterfront from the convention centre on Burrard Inlet, around Stanley Park and False Creek, past Granville Island and ending at Kitsilano Beach Park;
2. The seawall passes through sixteen parks, past four community centres and nine concessions;
3. The seawall is the most popular recreational facility in Vancouver;
4. The Park Board is committed to the safety of all those that use the seawall;
5. Park Board data shows that approximately 50% of pedestrians and cyclists experience conflicts with each other with some regularity on the Stanley Park portion of the seawall;

6. The Park Board's Strategic Plan includes "Well Managed Infrastructure" as one of its high level goals;
7. The Park Board is currently developing a "Cycling Plan" for Stanley Park to in part to reduce conflict between cyclists and pedestrians;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board direct staff to work with Engineering Services to develop strategies to minimize conflict in high volume pedestrian and cyclist interface areas along the seawall;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Vancouver's Active Transportation Policy Council has the opportunity to give feedback on staff's recommendations prior to the Board's consideration.

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Commissioner Loke was granted a Leave of Absence for the next Committee and Board meeting scheduled for May 28, 2012.

#### ENQUIRIES

Staff advised that they would provide Commissioners with responses to the following enquiries:

1. A Board member requested that staff investigate ways to advertise our bench and donation program to expand it on channels that are already available.
2. A Board member asked for an update on Shannon Estates and whether there will be a park placed in the area designated for it and what the next steps in the planning and park design process will be.
3. A Board member requested a briefing regarding community amenity contributions.
4. A Board member requested a briefing regarding the Shared Services Review.
5. A Board member asked for an update on the status of the grant for the Seniors Centre.

The Board adjourned at 7:41 pm

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