



**SPECIAL PARK BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES**

**JULY 17, 2012**

A Special Park Board meeting was held on Tuesday, July 17, 2012, at 7:00 pm, at the Park Board Office.

**PRESENT:** Commissioner Sarah Blyth, Chair  
Commissioner Aaron Jasper, Vice-Chair  
Commissioner Constance Barnes  
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

**ROLL CALL**

- 1. To Review interpretation and application of Park Board Committee Meeting and Park Board, Board Meeting rules**

As this meeting was called by Commissioners Coupar and De Genova, the Chair called on them to speak to their topic.

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar  
SECONDED by Commissioner De Genova

**WHEREAS**

1. The Vancouver Park Board has had a long and esteemed history of advocating for Public Parks and Recreation;
2. The Vancouver Park Board strives to be fully informed before voting and relies often on input after questions from our very professional and competent staff;
3. That new interpretation of rules and procedures may impact Commissioners ability to speak and ask questions during Committee and Board meetings;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT a Task Force be formed to review historic precedent and practice and report back to the Board on steps which can be taken to insure informed and transparent public debate.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Task Force require the attendance of either the Park Board General Manager or the Deputy General Manager as well that outside legal counsel is made available to assist the task force in its recommendations to the Board

The Board heard from five speakers, all in favour of the motion.

Following the hearing of speakers, the motion was put and it was DEFEATED.  
(Commissioners Barnes, Blyth, Jasper, Loke and Sharma opposed)

The Board adjourned at 8:48pm

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