



**PARK BOARD COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

FEBRUARY 25, 2013

A Regular Park Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, February 25, 2013, at 7:00 pm, at the Park Board Office.

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Constance Barnes

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

RECORDER: Barinder Lalli

ROLL CALL

PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation from the Director of Emergency Management on the City's Emergency Preparedness Plan
2. 2012 Bright Nights Cheque Presentation -BC Professional Fire Fighters' Burn Fund

STAFF REPORTS

1. **Feasibility Study for An Accessible Sailing Dock at the Jericho Sailing Centre**

The Manager of Park Development, Tiina Mack, and Duane Geddes, Executive Director, Disabled Sailing Association presented the report and responded to questions.

The Board heard from five speakers in favour of the recommendation.

MOVED by Commissioner Blyth
SECONDED by Commissioner De Genova

- A. THAT the Board permit the Disabled Sailing Association of BC (DSA) to undertake a feasibility study for an Accessible Floating Dock at the Jericho Sailing Centre, in Jericho Beach Park, with input and advice from staff; and

- B. That staff report back to the Board on the findings of this study and possible next steps.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Stand-Up Paddleboard Concession at Kitsilano beach - Award of Contract

The Manager of Business Development presented and responded to questions.

The Board heard from three speakers. One in favour and two opposed to the recommendation.

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper
SECONDED by Commissioner Blyth

- A. THAT the Board approve a 3-year Operating Agreement for Vancouver Water Adventures to operate a stand-up paddleboard concession service at Kitsilano Beach, and subject to the approval of the General Manager of the Park Board, up to two additional 1-year renewal terms.
- B. THAT the fee structure be set at the greater of a \$5,250 minimum annual base fee OR 7% of annual gross revenues up to \$100,000 and 8.5% of annual gross revenues above \$100,000.
- C. THAT all legal documentation is to be in a form which is satisfactory to the Director of Legal Services for the City of Vancouver and the General Manager of the Park Board.
- D. THAT the General Manager be authorized to execute and deliver such documentation on behalf of the Board.
- E. THAT no legal rights shall arise and no consents, permissions or licences are granted hereby and none shall arise or be granted hereafter unless and until all contemplated legal documentation has been executed and delivered by all parties.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTIONS

1. Review of park by-laws and increased by-law enforcement

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper
SECONDED by Commissioner Loke

WHEREAS

- 1. The "Park Ranger Program" was introduced as a pilot program in 1999;

2. Park Rangers are highly respected and visible “Ambassadors” who help inform the public about park rules;
3. During the 2010 Winter Olympic and Paralympics Games, Park Rangers were empowered to enforce Park Bylaws that pertained to advertising and unauthorized events in park;
4. In 2010, Park Rangers were granted permanent authority to issue tickets for infractions of the Smoking Regulation Bylaw;
5. The ability to issue tickets immediately has been a useful tool to ensure the compliance of the Smoking Regulation Bylaw;
6. Park Bylaws use outdated language making compliance and enforcement difficult;
7. The Park Bylaws were last amended in 2010 to include a “Smoking Regulation Bylaw” as well as a “Park Board Ticket Offence Bylaw”;
8. In 2012, the most frequent infraction of Park Bylaws were related to dogs off leash, use of alcohol/drugs in parks, littering in parks and feeding wildlife in parks.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT that Park Board staff work with the City’s Legal Services Department to review and update all Park Bylaws as deemed necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Park Board staff work with the City’s Legal Services Department to grant Park Rangers authority to issue tickets for the infraction of all Park Bylaws.

The Board heard from two speakers, one in favour and one opposed to the motion.

CARRIED

(Commissioners Coupar and De Genova opposed)

2. Motion to clarify the instances under which an in-camera meeting may be called

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar

SECONDED by Commissioner De Genova

WHEREAS

1. Section 165.2 of the Vancouver Charter notes the circumstances when an in-camera meeting may or must be held;
2. From time to time in-camera meetings are held where Park Board Commissioners have questioned the appropriateness of the meeting being held in-camera.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Park Board Commissioners receive a briefing/memo with clear interpretation of the Vancouver Charter on what constitutes an in-camera meeting;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all meetings which have been held in-camera since November 2011 be reviewed by an independent legal counsel.

amended

The Board heard from one speaker in favour of the motion.

AMENDMENT MOVED by Commissioner Jasper
SECONDED by Commissioner Loke

That the words "an independent legal counsel" be struck and replaced with "the Board, General Manager and Director of Legal Services".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The amendment having carried, the amended motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

FINAL MOTION:

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3. **Open and transparent public consultation regarding the new community centre model**

MOVED by Commissioner De Genova
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

Commissioner De Genova put forward the following revised motion:

WHEREAS

1. Community Centre Associations in many cases raised the money to build the first Community Centres in Vancouver;

2. Community Centre Associations and their volunteer boards manage programming, and participate in grant writing and fundraising, which improves community centre facilities and programs;
3. A new operating and funding model is being discussed with many Community Centre Associations concerned with the new Community Centre Model that has been presented by Park Board.
4. Staff were directed at the Special Board meeting on February 4th 2013 to initiate a consultation across the city.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the board direct staff that the consultation should include at least eight public meetings to be held in Vancouver community centres, throughout the city with Park Board Commissioners, staff, community stakeholders and the public.

amended

The Board heard from thirteen speakers. Nine in favour and four opposed to the motion.

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Commissioner Loke rose on a point of order stating that Commissioner De Genova's questions to speakers were not related to clarifying parts of their presentation as required by Park Board Procedure By-Law. The Chair ruled in favour of Commissioner Loke and requested that Commissioner De Genova keep her questions specific to clarifying the speaker presentations.

Commissioner De Genova rose on a point of order stating that Commissioner Loke interrupted her. The Chair advised that as Commissioner Loke rose on a point of order, he was able to interrupt Commissioner De Genova.

Commissioner De Genova rose on a point of order stating that Commissioner Jasper was participating in unparliamentarily behavior. The Chair advised that she did not see the action, but reminded all Commissioners to refrain from unparliamentarily behavior.

Commissioner De Genova rose on a point of order stating that she did not go over her allotted time as the Chair had stated, rather that her time was used up by Commissioner Loke and Commissioner Jasper. The Chair ruled that Commissioner De Genova had run out of time for her questions.

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AMENDMENT Moved by Commissioner Loke
SECONDED by Commissioner Jasper

That the Board strike and replace the resolution portion of the motion with:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, that the GM direct staff to draft a public consultation plan with the CCAs, (currently in negotiations), based upon the motion passed by the board at the February 4, 2013 Special meeting of the Board, with the plan coming back to the board for approval at the March 11th Committee meeting of the Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, any consultation plan shall include opportunities for residents of the City of Vancouver to participate through a number of public meetings throughout the city and web based consultation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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The Chair called a short recess at 9:03pm. The meeting reconvened at 9:07pm with the same members present.

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AMENDMENT Moved by Commissioner De Genova
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the words "with Commissioners" be inserted after "public meetings".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AMENDMENT Moved by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner De Genova

THAT the words "staff, community stakeholders and the public" be inserted after "with Commissioners"

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The amendments having carried unanimously, the amended motion was put and CARRIED UNANANIMOUSLY.

FINAL MOTION:

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February 4th, 2013 Special meeting of the Board, with the plan coming back to the board for approval at the March 11th Committee meeting of the Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, any consultation plan shall include opportunities for residents of the City of Vancouver to participate through a number of public meetings with Commissioners, staff, community stakeholders and the public throughout the city and web based consultation.

The Committee adjourned at 11:25 pm

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REGULAR BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 25, 2013

A Regular Board meeting was held on Monday, February 25, 2013, at 11:35 pm, at the Park Board Office following the Park Board Committee meeting.

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Constance Barnes

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

RECORDER: Barinder Lalli

ROLL CALL

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Committee Meeting - January 28, 2013

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper
SECONDED by Commissioner Loke

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Regular Board Meeting -January 28, 2013

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper
SECONDED by Commissioner Loke

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Special Board Meeting -February 4, 2013

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper
SECONDED by Commissioner Loke

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

The General Manager reported that there were no Park Board related items at Council this week.

REPORT OF THE PARK BOARD COMMITTEE

Report of the Park Board Committee
February 25, 2013

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper
SECONDED by Commissioner Sharma

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NOTICE OF MOTION

Commissioner Loke submitted the following notice of motion:

1. Improving Campaign Finance for Local Elections in British Columbia

Mover: Commissioner Loke

Secunder:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation supports the Government of British Columbia implementing campaign finance rules for municipal elections, as follows:

- i. to ban corporate and union donations to individual candidates and elector organizations;
- ii. to set limits on annual contribution amounts to individual candidates and elector organizations;
- iii. to impose annual disclosure requirements for elected officials and elector organizations for donations and expenses;
- iv. and to set spending limits for individual candidates and elector organizations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation directs the General Manager and Chair of the Park Board to write a letter to the Premier of British Columbia, British Columbia's Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development and the Chief Electoral Officer of British Columbia informing them of the Vancouver Board of Parks

and Recreation's request to introduce legislation on campaign finance reform for local government elections in British Columbia, as per this motion.

AND BE IT EVEN FURTHER RESOLVED THAT The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation stands in solidarity with municipalities, citizen's groups, political parties, labour unions, businesses and other groups who have endorsed campaign finance reform in order to improve the democratic process for citizens in British Columbia.

Commissioner De Genova submitted the following notice of motion:

2. Time Limits on the length of Park Board Meetings

Mover: Commissioner De Genova

Secunder:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Board direct staff to recommend changes to the Park Board procedure bylaw which will limit the time of Regular and Special meetings to 10:00pm unless the Park Board votes unanimously to extend the meeting to a specific time;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED staff bring forward recommendations in a staff report to the Board for discussion at the April 8, 2013 Park Board meeting.

3. Dude Chilling Park Sign

Mover: Commissioner Blyth

Secunder:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff bring to the board a recommendation for the future of the "Dude Chilling Park" sign in order to find a permanent home for it where all Vancouverites to enjoy it;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT staff bring further recommendations to the board for ways to honour the art history of Vancouver's parks and recreation facilities.

NEW BUSINESS

1. A Board member advised that there was a staff briefing held earlier in the day where only three commissioners attended and two commissioners joined late and found this to be disrespectful of staff time. Another Commissioner advised that Commissioners that did not attend were provided updates from those that participated in the briefing.

ENQUIRIES

1. A Board member requested an update on the Beaver Lake RFP. Staff advised they would provide that information to the Board.
2. A Board member advised that the solution for Mount Pleasant Park skateboard noise abatement issue did not seem satisfactory to the residents. The General Manager

advised that the issue will come to the Board at the March 11, 2013 meeting and all the options that were considered would be presented to commissioners.

3. A Board member shared concerns about the communication process regarding the Lord Byng pool. Another Board member advised that he had asked staff through an enquiry whether the pool would remain open in the summer and that he shared what he learned with staff to those citizens that had emailed him. The General Manager advised that the process should have been different and that the messaging should have been funneled through the General Manager's office ahead of advising the public. This process will be reviewed in the future.

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The Chair advised that she felt threatened by Commissioner De Genova during the Committee meeting through comments she believed the Commissioner made. Commissioner De Genova rose on a point of order advised that she did not believe she threatened any member of the Board.

Commissioner De Genova rose on a point of personal privilege and requested to know whether Commissioner Barnes was granted a leave of absence for the meeting. The Chair advised that Commissioner Barnes was sick.

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The Board adjourned at 11:45 pm

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