



**PARK BOARD COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

MAY 13, 2013

A Regular Park Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, May 13, 2013, at 7:00 pm, at the Park Board Office.

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

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

RECORDER: Barinder Lalli

STAFF REPORTS

1. Proposed Sculpture Installation at Brockton Point in Stanley Park

The Director of Recreation, Thomas Soulliere, and the Arts and Culture Coordinator, Jill Weaving, presented the report and responded to questions.

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

MOVED by Commissioner De Genova
SECONDED by Commissioner Blyth

THAT the Board accept the donation of a sculpture representing the figures of Portuguese Joe Silvey, Khaltinaht and Kwatleematt which celebrates the Coast Salish and European community historically located at Brockton Point with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Mill Marine Bistro Lease Extension

The Manager of Revenue Services, Gordon Barber, presented the report and responded to questions.

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

MOVED by Commissioner Blyth
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

- A. THAT, subject to Recommendations B, C and D, the Board extend the lease with Mill Marine Bistro for a term of ten years from June 1, 2013 to May 31, 2023 as detailed in this report;
- B. THAT the contract be on the terms and conditions outlined in this report and on such other terms and conditions as are approved by the General Manager of the Park Board in consultation with the Director of Legal Services;
- C. THAT, upon approval of the contract by the General Manager of the Park Board in consultation with the Director of Legal Services, the General Manager of the Park Board be authorized to execute the contract on behalf of the Board;
- D. THAT no legal rights shall arise hereby, and none shall arise until execution of the contemplated contract and delivery of the contemplated contract by the General Manager of the Park Board.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Charleson Park - Proposed Community Garden

Park Planner, Lindsay Cole, presented the report and responded to questions.

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

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper
SECONDED by Commissioner Blyth

- A. THAT the Board approve a new community garden in Charleson Park, with all details to the satisfaction of the General Manager;
- B. THAT the Board grant a five-year license to the False Creek South Neighbourhood Association to operate the community garden, with all terms consistent with the Community Garden Policy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Proposed Cambie Park Community Garden

Park Planner, Lindsay Cole, presented the report and responded to questions.

The Board heard from eight speakers, six in favour and two opposed to the recommendation.

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper
SECONDED by Commissioner Loke

- A. THAT the Board approve a new community garden in Cambie Park, with all details to the satisfaction of the General Manager;

- B. THAT the Board grant a five-year license to the Marpole-Oakridge Community Association to operate the community garden, with all terms consistent with the Community Garden Policy.

CARRIED

(Commissioners Coupar and De Genova opposed)

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The Chair called a recess at 9:07pm. The meeting reconvened at 9:14pm with the same members present.

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MOTIONS

1. Trans and Gender-Variant Inclusion Working Group

MOVED by Commissioner Loke

SECONDED by Commissioner Barnes

WHEREAS

1. The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation serves all residents of the City of Vancouver and believes in low-barrier access to active living and recreation;
2. On March 20th, 2013 the Canadian House of Commons approved bill C-279 which amends the Canadian Human Rights Act and Criminal Code of Canada to protect gender identity;
3. Systemic barriers to recreation exist for individuals whose gender identity and expression do not conform to gender-specific spaces and programmes;
4. The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation has taken initial steps to improve universally accessible public spaces, sine if which are gender neutral and have become leading examples of accessible spaces for trans and gender-variant community members;
5. Recreation and active living contributes to the mental, social and physical well-being of individuals and communities, in accordance with the mandate of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation establish the Trans and Gender-Variant Working Group with the following mandate:
 - i. To provide a report to the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation detailing how Vancouver can be the world's most inclusive jurisdiction for trans and gender-variant communities; and furthermore, to report back to the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation on all components outlined in article ii of this motion by April 1st, 2014. This report will be shared with the Vancouver School Board and Vancouver City Council for information.

- ii. To provide specific recommendations to the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation detailing how the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation can provide greater inclusivity through:
 - a. Signage & Literature
 - b. Public Spaces (including washrooms and change-rooms)
 - c. Human Resource Training & Staff Policies
 - d. Programming (including “all-bodies” programming)
 - e. Collaborative Public & Community Partnerships
- B. The General Manager direct staff to provide a report to the board on work done to date on inclusivity for trans and gender-variant communities;
- C. The Vancouver Park Board provide meeting space for the Trans and Gender-Variant Working Group.
- D. The Working Group be co-chaired by two community members, to be appointed by the Park Board, in consultation with the Vancouver LGBTQ Civic Advisory Committee.
- E. The Working Group be made up of six additional members, other than the co-chairs, to be appointed by the LGBTQ Civic Advisory Committee following a minimum 1-month-long public process for applications; and furthermore, that the Vancouver Park Board, Vancouver School Board and Vancouver City Council liaisons to the Vancouver LGBTQ Civic Advisory Committee also be deemed as liaisons to the Trans and Gender-Variant Working Group.

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner De Genova

THAT the meeting be extended for an additional hour

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board heard from seventeen speakers, one opposed and sixteen in favour of the motion.

AMENDMENT moved by Commissioner De Genova
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the following be included as “F” in the motion:

THAT the general manager and staff work with the trans and gender variant working group to prepare a plan, based on the report and recommendations of the working group for public consultation to introduce the recommendations to the public and to educate the public regarding any proposed changes.

LOST
(Commissioners Barnes, Blyth, Jasper, Loke and Sharma opposed)

The amendment having lost, the main motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 11:24 pm

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REGULAR BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
MEETING MINUTES

MAY 13, 2013

A Regular Board meeting was held on Monday, May 13, 2013, at 11:30 pm, at the Park Board Office following the Park Board Committee meeting.

PRESENT: Commissioner Sarah Blyth, Chair
Commissioner Constance Barnes
Commissioner John Coupar
Commissioner Melissa De Genova
Commissioner Aaron Jasper
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 22, 2013

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper
SECONDED by Commissioner Barnes

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Regular Board Meeting -April 22, 2013

MOVED by Commissioner Barnes
SECONDED by Commissioner Jasper

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

The General Manager reported that the Stanley Park 125 Celebration report would be at Council this week.

REPORT OF THE PARK BOARD COMMITTEE

Report of the Park Board Committee
May 13, 2013

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper
SECONDED by Commissioner Barnes

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTIONS

1. Expanding Farmer's Markets in Parks

MOVED by Commissioner De Genova
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

WHEREAS

1. Farmer's markets contribute \$15 million per year to the local economy;
2. Goal three of Vancouver's Food Strategy is to improve access to healthy, affordable, culturally diverse food for all residents.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. Staff prioritize the expansion of Farmers Markets in Vancouver's Parks throughout the city, with an emphasis on areas which are currently underserved by existing Farmers Markets;
- B. Staff consult with the local food Assets Task force, Urban Farmers Market Operators and Neighbourhood Food networks;
- C. Make information and marketing materials regarding existing and expanded Farmers Markets available in Community Centres and Park and Recreation Facilities throughout the city.

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper
SECONDED by Commissioner Sharma

THAT the motion be deferred.

CARRIED
(Commissioners Coupar and De Genova opposed)

NOTICE OF MOTION

Commissioner Jasper submitted the following notice of motion:

1. Hastings Park Governance

Mover: Commissioner Jasper

Seconded:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT that the Park Board urges Council, when evaluating the recommendations in the Hastings Park Governance Report, to place key importance on:

- 1) Increased public access to green space and recreational use;
- 2) Transparency and accountability in decision-making;
- 3) Compliance with City and Park Board initiatives such as the Greenest City Action Plan, the Urban Forest Management Plan, Biodiversity Strategy and the Vancouver Sports Strategy;
- 4) Improved care and maintenance of all green space within Hastings Park.

Commissioner Barnes submitted the following notice of motion:

2. Vancouver Bird Friendly Strategy

Mover: Commissioner Barnes

Seconded:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. Staff work with the Park Board's Bird Week partners to expand public education efforts for 2014;
- B. Staff report back on efforts underway to improve bird habitat;
- C. Staff report back on the feasibility of developing landscape design guidelines to enhance bird habitat values for landscapes across Vancouver.

Commissioner Sharma submitted the following notice of motion:

3. Kite Surfing Launch Area at Spanish Banks

Mover: Commissioner Sharma

Seconded:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Park Board asks staff to look in to the feasibility of creating a public area at Spanish Banks for windsurfers and canoes to launch.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Commissioner Coupar requested a leave of absence for the May 27th meeting. The Board approved the request.
2. Commissioner Blyth requested a leave of absence for the May 27th meeting. The Board approved the request.

ENQUIRIES

1. A Board member asked what was communicated between Park Board staff (Malcolm Bromley) and Chair Blyth in their interview with the KPMG consultants regarding the governance review of Hastings Park and also asked where the report from Park Board staff who attended the March 11 Open House was located. Staff advised that they would provide that information to the Board.
2. A Board member asked whether the Park Board ever rescinded its decision made in 2004, that Hastings Park be under the governance of Park Board. Staff advised that they would provide that information to the Board.
3. A Board member asked whether the Vancouver Charter, sec. 488 is still in place which states that Hastings Park is designated as "permanent parkland" and as such, the Park Board is required to govern it. Staff advised that they would provide that information to the Board.
4. A Board member asked for an update on their discounted Rates for persons with disabilities motion that was approved the previous year. Staff advised that they would provide that information to the Board.
5. A Board member asked for the Marketing Committee meeting minutes. Staff advised that they would send the minutes to the Board.
6. A Board member asked for the progress on their park protection motion that was approved the previous year. Staff advised that they would provide that information to the Board.
7. A Board member asked for an update from the rangers regarding the enforcement of the no-smoking in parks by-law. Staff advised that they would provide that information to the Board.
8. A Board member asked when the dates would be announced for further consultation with the residents around the Mt. Pleasant Skate Park. Staff advised that it will start early next week.

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The Chair called a recess at 12:00am. The meeting reconvened on Wednesday, May 22, 2013 at 6pm with the same members present.

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IN-CAMERA

MOVED by Commissioner Barnes

SECONDED by Commissioner Sharma

THAT the Board will go into a meeting later this day, which is closed to the public, pursuant to Section 165.2(1) of the Vancouver Charter, to discuss matters related to paragraphs:

(k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of an activity, work or facility that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the Board, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the city if they were held in public.

CARRIED

(Commissioners Coupar and De Genova opposed)

The Board adjourned at 7:35 pm

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