



PARK BOARD COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 7, 2013

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

**PRESENT:** Commissioner Trevor Loke, Acting Chair  
Commissioner Constance Barnes  
Commissioner Sarah Blyth  
Commissioner John Coupar  
Commissioner Melissa De Genova  
Commissioner Aaron Jasper

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Niki Sharma, Chair

**GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE:** Malcolm Bromley, General Manager  
Huub Langeveld, Acting Deputy General Manager

**RECORDER:** Pat Boomhower

## CONDOLENCES

*Janet Bingham*

The Chair expressed condolences to the family and friends of Janet Bingham and noted her many contributions to arts and heritage organizations and heritage advocacy.

*John Pawluk*

Commissioner De Genova noted John Pawluk's many years as President of the Seniors Association at Killarney Community Centre and his community involvement as a volunteer. The Committee expressed condolences to his family and friends.

## CHAIR'S REPORT

Commissioner Blyth reported on recent events: Tree planting ceremony to commemorate Stanley Park's 125th Anniversary took place where the park was declared open by Mayor David Oppenheimer in 1888. Lord Stanley's great grandson, William Stanley and Mayor Oppenheimer's grandniece, Marti Oppenheimer attended the September 27, 2013 event, along with past and present Commissioners. The Kitsilano Beach Tennis Courts celebrated the opening of 10 new tennis courts; and the Creekway Park event celebrated its transformation from a parking lot into green space with restored creek and pathways.

## STAFF PRESENTATIONS

### 1. Brockton Pavilion Society - Lease Renewal

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

The Committee heard from a representative from the Brockton Pavilion Society who spoke in support of the recommendations and responded to questions.

MOVED by Commissioner Barnes  
SECONDED by Commissioner Blyth

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board

- A. THAT the Brockton Pavilion Society be granted a five year lease from October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2018 on similar conditions as their current agreement with the exception of changes outlined in this report and any changes which may be required by the Director of Legal Services and the Vancouver Park Board.
- B. 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 to all parties.
- C. THAT once the form of the lease renewal has been approved by the General Manager and the Director of Legal Services for the City of Vancouver, that the General Manager be authorized to execute and deliver such documentation on behalf of the Vancouver Park Board.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### 2. Seaside Greenway Improvements

General Manager, Malcolm Bromley, introduced Engineering Services, and Park Board project staff, and acknowledged Howard Kelsey, Chair, Canada One Athletic Foundation, who was also present.

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*Commissioner De Genova raised a point of order that Commissioner Barnes publicly stated she lives in the vicinity of the proposed greenway improvements. The Chair ruled that it is up to each Commissioner to determine whether they are in a conflict of interest or not.*

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Manager of Research and Planning, Tilo Driessen, presented the report and, along with the Director of Transportation, Jerry Dobrovolny, Mr. Bromley, and the Director of Parks, Bill Harding, responded to questions.

The Committee heard from four speakers; two of whom spoke in support of pedestrian and bike lane improvements; one speaker who suggested consideration of the connection to the proposed Blue Heron (Regional) Trail; and one who spoke in support of daylighting Tatlow Creek.

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*During the hearing of speakers, it was*

*MOVED by Commissioner Jasper  
SECONDED by Commissioner Barnes*

*THAT the Committee suspend the rules to permit questions to staff following delegations.*

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

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MOVED by Commissioner Barnes  
SECONDED by Commissioner Jasper

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the new bike paths in Seaforth and Jericho Beach Parks, to be funded from the Council-approved budget for the Point Grey-Cornwall Active Transportation Corridor.
- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the Phase 1 Seaside Greenway improvements in Hadden and Kitsilano Beach parks, to be funded from the 2012-2014 Capital Plan, subject to Board and Council approval of the 2014 Capital Budget:
  - i. \$1.6 Million from Seawall, Upgrade of Waterfront Walkway/Bikeway in West Point Grey; and
  - ii. Up to \$0.6 Million from Parks and Open Spaces, Conversion of Street into Mini-parks.
- C. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve consideration of Phase 2 Seaside Greenway improvements in Hadden, Kitsilano Beach, Tatlow, Volunteer and Jericho Beach parks as part of the capital planning process for the 2015-2017 Capital Plan.

carried

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*During debate, Commissioner De Genova raised a point of order that Commissioners should not question the motive of another Board member and that Commissioner Jasper's comments were off topic. The Chair ruled comments were not off topic and were noting a fact.*

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Following debate, the motion was put and CARRIED with Commissioners Coupar and De Genova opposed.

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*Commissioner Coupar raised a point of order as to whether Commissioner Blyth's abstention would be noted. The Chair advised that abstentions are deemed to have voted in the affirmative (Vancouver Charter 145.1(3))*

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The Committee adjourned at 9:08 pm.

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REGULAR BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 7, 2013

A Regular Board meeting was held on Monday, October 7, 2013, at 9:18 pm, at the Park Board Office following the Park Board Committee meeting.

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

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Niki Sharma

**GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE:** Malcolm Bromley, General Manager  
Huub Langeveld, Acting Deputy General Manager

**RECORDER:** Pat Boomhower

\* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

**IN-CAMERA**

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper  
SECONDED by Commissioner Loke

THAT the Vancouver Park Board 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 paragraph:

- (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 and Park Board if they were held in public.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

MOVED by Commissioner Loke

SECONDED by Commissioner Jasper

THAT the following Minutes be approved as circulated:

1. Park Board Committee Meeting - July 22, 2013
2. Regular Board Meeting - July 22, 2013
3. Park Board Committee Meeting - September 23, 2013
4. Regular Board Meeting - September 23, 2013

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

General Manager, Malcolm Bromley noted that during the coming week, Council would be receiving the 2014 Budget Outlook report. He also reported on OneCard registration and that since roll out of the new recreation pass, approximately 69,000 cards have been issued.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. **Report of the Park Board Committee**  
October 7, 2013

The Board considered the report containing recommendations and actions taken by the Park Board Committee. Its items of business included:

1. Brockton Pavilion Society - Lease Renewal
2. Seaside Greenway Improvements

MOVED by Commissioner Loke

SECONDED by Commissioner Jasper

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Park Board Committee at its meeting of October 7, 2013, as contained in items 1 and 2.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## MOTIONS

### Motions on Notice

#### 1. Cherry Grove Memorial

MOVED by Commissioner Loke

SECONDED by Commissioner Jasper

#### WHEREAS

1. In 1985, eight Cherry Trees were to be planted to commemorate victims of AIDS in Stanley Park;
2. On October 20, 1985, four Cherry Trees were actually planted in memory of the first four gay men known to have died from AIDS;
3. The Vancouver Park Board has maintained and protected the Cherry Trees since this time;
4. It has been 28 years since the Cherry Trees were planted and 30 years since the founding of Vancouver AIDS Society, an organization which was part of the planting of the trees;
5. HIV/AIDS is a silent epidemic, as those affected are silenced by stigma and discrimination and we are all working to end this silence;
6. The City of Vancouver is a leader in taking proactive steps to raise awareness and break the stereotypes and stigma around HIV/AIDS;

#### THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation officially recognize the Cherry Grove Memorial within Stanley Park and will work with Vancouver AIDS Society to develop, install and maintain a plaque or other commemorative symbol at the site telling the story of the Cherry Grove Memorial, the first AIDS Memorial in the world.

referred

The General Manager and Clerk responded to questions.

REFERRAL MOVED by Commissioner Loke

SECONDED by Commissioner Jasper

THAT this matter be referred to the next Park Board Committee meeting in order to hear from a speaker.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Commissioner Barnes absent for the vote)

### 3. Funding Solutions to Assist in Securing Funds to Complete Killarney Seniors Centre

MOVED by Commissioner De Genova  
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

#### WHEREAS

1. Over 17,000 Seniors live in the South Vancouver Neighbourhood;
2. Park Board and City Council have identified a site, adjacent to the Killarney Seniors Centre as appropriate for a Seniors Centre;
3. The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation currently has no specialized centre for Seniors on the East Side of Vancouver;
4. Studies have shown that opportunities for recreation and socialization is imperative to the health and well-being of Senior Citizens;
5. Senior Citizens helped to build the City of Vancouver;
6. The immense contributions of Senior Citizens should be recognized by providing a place for recreation specialized to for seniors and Vancouver's aging population;
7. The City of Vancouver passed a motion to contribute \$2.5 million dollars to a Seniors Centre in Killarney;
8. The estimated total cost of building the Killarney Seniors Centre to meet the need of the community is approximately \$10 Million;
9. The Provincial government granted the City of Vancouver \$1.2 Million towards the Killarney Seniors Centre;
10. There is still a shortfall of funds, preventing this very important project from moving forward;
11. Community Amenity Contributions (CAC) as is stated on the City of Vancouver website "address increased demand by adding and expanding City facilities including: Park space, Libraries , Childcare facilities, Community centres , Transportation services , Cultural facilities , Neighbourhood houses";
12. A Seniors Centre in Killarney would qualify, under the City of Vancouver definition for CAC;
13. There are current and future projects and developments where Community Amenity Contributions could assist the City and Park Board in meeting this shortfall and completing the Killarney Seniors Centre;



THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Vancouver Park Board Chair and Board write a letter to Mayor and Council asking for Community Amenity Contributions from current and/or future developments in the Killarney neighbourhood be recommended; pending extensive public consultation and community support, for the Killarney Seniors Centre.
- B. THAT Vancouver Park Board direct Park Board staff to inquire with the City of Vancouver as to possible current or future opportunities for Community Amenity Contributions for this project.
- C. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to report back to the Board with an update as to the funding secured to date, possible funding solutions for any shortfall and a timeline for this project.

referred

General Manager, Malcolm Bromley, responded to questions.

REFERRAL MOVED by Commissioner Coupar  
SECONDED by Commissioner De Genova

THAT this matter be referred to the next Park Board Committee meeting in order to hear from speakers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Commissioner Barnes absent for the vote)

**4. Community Book Exchange**

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*At 10:01 pm Commissioner Blyth stepped down as chair in order to participate in debate and Commissioner Jasper as Vice-Chair assumed the chair.*

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MOVED by Commissioner Blyth  
SECONDED by Commissioner Loke

WHEREAS

1. There has been an increase in the popularity of community driven book exchanges in public spaces; and,
2. Literacy is very important to citizens in Vancouver;

3. There is an opportunity for the Vancouver School Board, Vancouver Public Library and the Vancouver Park Board work together to build more Book Exchanges for people to enjoy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT Vancouver Park Board staff be directed to work with the Vancouver School Board and the Vancouver Public Library to explore opportunities to establish a new Park Board book exchange pilot program to be evaluated after one year operation.

referred

REFERRAL MOVED by Commissioner Blyth  
SECONDED by Commissioner Loke

THAT this matter be referred to the next Park Board Committee meeting; and

FURTHER THAT staff from the Vancouver Public Library be invited to the meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Commissioner Barnes absent for the vote)

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*At 10:06 pm Commissioner Blyth resumed as chair.*

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#### NOTICES OF MOTION

1. Commissioner De Genova gave notice of motion entitled "Increasing Accessibility for the Public at Park Board Meetings".

#### ENQUIRIES

1. A Board member requested information on the cost of advertising and communications plan for the OneCard since it was launched.
2. A Board member requested data on various attractions, including investment and maintenance costs related to the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Gardens, and performance metrics regarding the Bloedel Conservatory, VanDusen Botanical Gardens, and golf courses.
3. A Board member commended staff for addressing concerns on north seawall and noted the improvements.

The Board adjourned at 10:13 pm

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