



**PARK BOARD COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

**MAY 12, 2014**

A Regular Park Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, May 12, 2014, at 7:04 pm, at the Park Board Office.

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

**ABSENT** Commissioner Constance Barnes

**GENERAL MANAGER'S  
OFFICE:** Malcolm Bromley, General Manager  
Huub Langeveld, Deputy General Manager  
Cheryl Chan, Manager, Administrative Services  
Pat Boomhower, Meeting Clerk

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

Commissioner Jasper reported on the second annual Bird Week and launch with the proclamation on May 3, 2014 in Stanley Park. A short video on the City Bird competition was shown and it was noted the Black-Capped Chickadee was voted the winner of the City Bird competition.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**1. REPORT: A Public Outdoor Space to Commemorate Jim Green**

Tiina Mack, Manager, Park Development, presented the report and responded to questions, noting the engagement process to develop an outdoor space that recognizes Jim Green's contribution to the City and the next steps for implementation.

The Committee heard from one speaker, Heather Redfern, on behalf of Jim Green's family, who spoke in support of the motion and of the process in developing this transformative outdoor space in the neighbourhood.

MOVED by Commissioner Blyth  
SECONDED by Commissioner Jasper

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the development of a public outdoor space to commemorate Jim Green in the Trillium North park site, with all details to the satisfaction of the General Manager.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2. REPORT: Special Event Approval - Celebration of Light 2014**

Octavio Silva, Manager of Business Development, reviewed the report, and along with Jenny Jung, Special Events and Filming Coordinator, and Heather Sharpe, Producer, Celebration of Light, responded to questions.

MOVED by Commissioner De Genova

SECONDED by Commissioner Jasper

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board

THAT the Vancouver Park Board grant permission for a 1,200 person Public Special Occasion License in the reserved seating area of the Celebration of Light event on July 26, July 30, and August 2, 2014, from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**3. REPORT: Non-Motorized Boating Centre at Creekside Community Centre**

Dave Hutch, Manager of Planning and Research, reviewed the report, and along with Malcolm Bromley, responded to questions.

The Committee heard from two speakers: one of whom spoke in support of the motion; and one who expressed concern that rowing was not included in the facility proposal given the number of rowers and popularity of the sport.

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper

SECONDED by Commissioner Sharma

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board

THAT the Vancouver Park Board endorse the concept outlined in the report dated May 8, 2014, entitled "Non-Motorized Boating Centre at Creekside Community Centre" for improvements to the paddling centre in False Creek next to Creekside Community Centre.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 8:34 pm.

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REGULAR BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
MEETING MINUTES

MAY 12, 2014

A Regular Board meeting was held on Monday, May 12, 2014, at 8:41 pm, at the Park Board Office following the Park Board Committee meeting.

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

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Constance Barnes, Vice-Chair

**GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE:** Malcolm Bromley, General Manager  
Huub Langeveld, Deputy General Manager  
Cheryl Chan, Manager, Administrative Services  
Pat Boomhower, Meeting Clerk

**IN CAMERA**

MOVED by Commissioner Blyth  
SECONDED by Commissioner Loke

THAT the Vancouver Park Board will go into a meeting on May 26, 2014, at 6:00 pm, which is closed to the public, pursuant to Section 165.2(1) of the *Vancouver Charter*, to discuss matters related to paragraphs:

- (g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the city and park board;
- (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  
(Commissioners Coupar and DeGenova opposed)

## **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

### **Park Board - April 28, 2014**

MOVED by Commissioner Sharma  
SECONDED by Commissioner Blyth

THAT the Minutes of the following Vancouver Park Board meetings be approved:

- a) Park Board Committee - April 28, 2014
- b) Regular Board Meeting - April 28, 2014

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

The Clerk noted a letter received from Signature Renewables Inc. dated May 12, 2014, related to Item 3 regarding the Non-motorized Boating Centre.

## **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

The General Manager advised that Park Board related items at Council and Committee this week included Proclamations for "Vancouver Basketball Champions Day" and for "Child Care and Early Learning Month", an Update on National Energy Board Hearings for Kinder Morgan Expansion and a motion regarding the National Energy Board Hearings. As well as noted was an Update on Public Engagement on the Healthy City Strategy, and Community and Neighbourhood Arts Development Grants Allocations.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. **Report of the Park Board Committee**  
May 12, 2014

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

1. REPORT: A Public Outdoor Space to Commemorate Jim Green
2. REPORT: Special Event Approval - Celebration of Light 2014
3. REPORT: Non-Motorized Boating Centre at Creekside Community Centre

MOVED by Commissioner Sharma  
SECONDED by Commissioner Blyth

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Park Board Committee at its meeting of May 12, 2014, as contained in items 1 to 3.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## MOTIONS

### Motions on Notice

#### 1. Blue Flag

Commissioner Blyth introduced the following motion, and along with Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, responded to questions.

MOVED by Commissioner Blyth  
SECONDED by Commissioner Sharma

#### WHEREAS:

1. Blue Flag was founded in the 1980's in Europe to improve water quality at beaches and marinas around the World. Blue Flag is a prestigious award that assures that a beach is clean, sustainably managed and great for swimming; the Blue Flag is only awarded to beaches that have achieved international standards;
2. Forty eight (48) countries with 3850 beaches, and 18 beaches and four marinas in Canada became Blue Flag Beaches in 2013. British Columbia currently has no Blue Flag Beaches;
3. Studies have been done to show that a Blue Flag Beach will boost Tourism and build local economy and people will travel to City's with Blue Flag Beaches.
4. We have seen the positive effect on local wildlife when we take steps to improve water quality in Vancouver. In 2014, we have seen whales, herring and dolphins in their natural habitat because of simple steps that have been taken to improve water quality such as wrapping the pylons that have creosol; work done by the Squamish Streamkeepers Society. The Vancouver Park Board also removed the Wharf at Jericho Beach bringing it back to a more natural environment;

#### THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board work with local Marinas, Tourism Vancouver, the Georgia Straight Alliance, the Squamish Streamkeepers Society, and Environmental Defence to request a feasibility study to identify potential candidates for marinas and beaches in Vancouver.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 2. Status Request on Southeast Vancouver Seniors' Centre

Commissioner De Genova introduced the following motion, and along with Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, responded to questions.

MOVED by Commissioner De Genova  
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

WHEREAS:

On February 3, 2014, the Vancouver Park Board referred a motion to staff with regard to "Expediting the Completion of Southeast Seniors Centre";

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to provide an update within 30 days on the Southeast Seniors Centre project, including:

- a) Funding and estimated total cost;
- b) Consultation plan on the design of the facility; and
- c) Construction project timeline.

LOST

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

## 2. Request for Leave of Absence - Commissioner Blyth

MOVED by Commissioner Sharma  
SECONDED by Commissioner Loke

THAT Commissioner Blyth be granted Leaves of Absence for personal reasons from Park Board meetings to be held on June 9 and 23, 2014.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## NOTICE OF MOTIONS

### 1. Bingham Green

Commissioner submitted the following motion on notice:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation name the green space existing between Barclay Manor and Roedde House in Barclay Heritage Square "Bingham Green" in honour of the late Janet Bingham (1928-2013).
- B. THAT The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation work with the Roedde House Museum to commission a plaque in honour of Janet Bingham and her work establishing Barclay Heritage Square and Roedde House.

### ENQUIRIES

1. A Board member noted the launch ramp at Vanier Park is in need of urgent repair and asked when is the north ramp expected to be completed. The General Manager noted the Director of Parks will work with staff as it is urgent.
2. A Board member requested on behalf of the Seniors Advisory Committee, whether there is anything that can be done to mitigate slippery sidewalks due to leaves. A list of locations will be submitted to the General Manager and Director of Parks.

### ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Sharma  
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board adjourned at 9:24 pm.

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