



## PARK BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 15, 2014

A Regular Park Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, September 15, 2014, at 7:00 pm, at the Park Board Office.

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Commissioner Trevor Loke, Chair Commissioner Sarah Blyth, Vice-Chair Commissioner John Coupar Commissioner Melissa De Genova Commissioner Aaron Jasper Commissioner Niki Sharma
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Commissioner Constance Barnes (Sick Leave)
<b>GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE:</b>	Malcolm Bromley, General Manager Cheryl Chan, Business Process & Initiatives Lead Pat Boomhower, Meeting Clerk

### CHAIR'S REPORT

Commissioner Jasper reported on recent events regarding: work on the Rewilding Vancouver Action Plan; Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund support for Jericho Park pier; and Renfrew Community Centre's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and West Point Grey Community Centre's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations.

### AGENDA ITEMS

#### 1. REPORT: Proposed 6<sup>th</sup> and Fir Community Garden

Lindsay Cole, Park Planner, reviewed the report and, along with Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, responded to questions.

The Committee heard from two speakers who spoke in support of the proposal and provided comments regarding timing, fence, and CP train corridor gardens.

MOVED by Commissioner Sharma  
SECONDED by Commissioner Blyth

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the new community garden in the park at 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Fir Street, with all details to the satisfaction of the General Manager; and

FURTHER THAT staff grant a 5 year license agreement with the Pine Street Community Garden Society to operate the community garden, with all terms consistent with the Community Garden Policy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**2. MOTION: Bud Osborn - Recognition of Contributions**

At the Regular Board meeting held on July 21, 2014, the Park Board referred the following motion to the September 15, 2014, Committee meeting in order to hear from speakers.

MOVED by Commissioner Blyth  
SECONDED by Commissioner Barnes

WHEREAS:

1. Bud Osborn, a poet and social activist, passed away in Vancouver on May 6, 2014;
2. Bud Osborn was a founder of Vancouver Area Network of Drugs Users (VANDU), a group of users and former users who work to improve the lives of people who use illicit drugs through user-based peer support and education;
3. His work with VANDU helped lead to the creation of North America's first supervised injection site in Vancouver, and continued through legal challenges to laws affecting controlled substances and their users;
4. Bud Osborn's poetry and contributions led to a greater awareness and understanding of some of the struggle people live within the Downtown Eastside (DTES) every day and he pushed to create change against the odds;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board staff work with family members and friends of Bud Osborn to create a memorial for Bud Osborn that people in the future can remember Bud's important contributions to Vancouver and the awareness he has helped to raise for people who need it the most.

carried

Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, responded to questions.

The Committee heard from two speakers who spoke in support of the motion.

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

The Committee adjourned at 8:05 pm.

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REGULAR BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 15, 2014

A Regular Board meeting was held on Monday, September 15, 2014, at 8:15 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 (Sick Leave)

**GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE:** Malcolm Bromley, General Manager  
Cheryl Chan, Business Process & Initiatives Lead  
Pat Boomhower, Meeting Clerk

\*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

**IN CAMERA**

MOVED by Commissioner Loke  
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 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  
(Commissioners Coupar and De Genova opposed)

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

1. Park Board Special Meeting - July 26, 28 and 31, 2014

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*At 8:17 pm, Commissioner Coupar recused himself from minutes approval for the Special meeting regarding cetaceans in Stanley Park, for reasons given at the Regular Board meeting on April 28, 2014. At 8:19 pm, after the vote, Commissioners Coupar returned to the meeting.*

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MOVED by Commissioner Loke  
SECONDED by Commissioner Sharma

THAT the Minutes of the Park Board Special meeting held on July 26, 28 and 31, 2014, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Commissioners Coupar and De Genova absent for the vote)

## 2. Park Board Meetings - July 7 and July 21, 2014

MOVED by Commissioner Sharma  
SECONDED by Commissioner Blyth

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

- a) Park Board Committee - July 7, 2014
- b) Park Board Committee - July 21, 2014
- c) Regular Board Meeting - July 21, 2014

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## COMMUNICATIONS

The Clerk noted correspondence received from West Southlands Ratepayers Association, dated August 25, 2014, regarding the Highbury Interceptor Air Management Facility and Metro Vancouver's Open House held in June 2014.

## GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, advised that Park Board related items at Council and Committee this week included: a proclamation for "South Vancouver Little League Canadian Champions Week"; a presentation regarding the BC Lions and 102<sup>nd</sup> Grey Cup Festival; and reports on the Mayor's Task Force on Mental Health and Addictions Phase 1, and the 2014 Q2 Capital Budget Adjustments & Closeouts. He also provided an update on the Stanley Park Hollow Tree and introduced Margo Harper, Park Board's new Manager of Communications.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 1. Report of the Park Board Committee September 15, 2014

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

1. REPORT: Proposed 6<sup>th</sup> and Fir Community Garden
2. MOTION: Bud Osborn - Recognition of Contributions

MOVED by Commissioner Sharma  
SECONDED by Commissioner Loke

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Park Board Committee at its meeting of September 15, 2014, as contained in items 1 and 2.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## MOTIONS

### Motion on Notice

1. **Vancouver Southeast Seniors Centre Advisory Committee**

Commissioner De Genova submitted the following motion on notice.

MOVED by Commissioner De Genova  
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

#### WHEREAS:

1. At the July 7, 2014 Regular Park Board Meeting, the Park Board referred a motion by Commissioner De Genova to staff that would direct staff to prepare and distribute an estimated project timeline for the Southeast Vancouver Seniors' Centre, in order to clarify the facts surrounding this project and provide firm, clear information for all involved, and further to determine the exact nature and degree of the design work and costing information required by the Build Canada Fund and report back to the Board regarding the requirements at the next regular meeting of the Board;
2. At the July 8, 2014 Regular Meeting of Vancouver City Council, as noted in the minutes of the meeting under "Enquiries and Other Matters," Councillor Louie requested a memorandum regarding timelines, procurement, financing and community consultation, as well as information on the work that has already been accomplished, in order to move the plan for the proposed Southeast Vancouver Seniors Centre forward;
3. To date \$8.7 Million has been secured for this long awaited facility;
4. Budget, design and development timelines for this Seniors Centre have not been determined;

#### THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct Staff to create an advisory committee for the South East Vancouver Seniors Centre. Members to include representatives from the South East Vancouver Seniors Arts and Cultural Society and Killarney Community Centre Association.

- B. THAT this committee will engage in the process of providing recommendations to the City and Park Board regarding design and implementation of the South East Vancouver Seniors Centre.
- C. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to report back on the creation of this committee in September 2014 to the Park Board along with an update on the status of the Seniors Centre project.

referred

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*During discussion, it was*

MOVED by Commissioner Loke  
SECONDED by Commissioner Sharma

*THAT the rules be suspended to permit questions to staff on the motion.*

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

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Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, responded to questions.

REFERRAL MOVED by Commissioner Sharma  
SECONDED by Commissioner De Genova

THAT this motion be referred to staff.

CARRIED  
(Commissioner Blyth opposed)

#### NOTICE OF MOTIONS

1. Commissioner De Genova gave Notice of motion titled "Valentine's Train in Stanley Park".
2. Commissioner Sharma gave Notice of motion regarding Neonicotinoid Pesticides in the park system.

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Commissioner Blyth noted the Field Guide exhibition at Roundhouse Community Centre on September 18, 2014, was open to the public and features artists from the Field House Studio Residency Program.
2. Commissioner Coupar noted the "We Did It! Bubble Bash" event on September 25 at Bloedel Conservatory celebrating the roof replacement project and fundraising for the VanDusen Botanical Garden Association.

### ENQUIRIES

1. A Board member enquired about the status of outstanding Board enquiries raised over the past six months. Staff will follow-up.
2. A Board member commended accessibility and requested bike racks at Trout Lake Farmers Market. Staff will follow-up.
3. A Board member requested, on behalf of the Seniors Advisory Committee, that staff look into improved parking availability at Brock House for the Fall Festival Days. Staff will follow-up with Engineering Services' Transportation Branch.
4. A Board member enquired with regard to above-noted motion on notice, as to when seniors' groups would receive information.
5. A Board member requested an update on behalf of the Persons With Disabilities Advisory Committee (PWDAC), on the motion previously passed about special rates from programming. Staff will provide a memo to PWDAC.

### ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Sharma  
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board adjourned at 9:08 pm.

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