



**PARK BOARD COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

SEPTEMBER 29 AND 30, 2014

A Regular Park Board Committee meeting commenced on Monday, September 29, 2014, at 7:02 pm, at the Park Board Office, and reconvened at 7:05 pm on Tuesday, September 30, 2014.

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

**GENERAL MANAGER'S
OFFICE:** Malcolm Bromley, General Manager
Huub Langeveld, Deputy General Manager
Cheryl Chan, Business Process & Initiatives Lead (September 29)
Kate O'Connell, Manager, Administrative Services (September 30)
Pat Boomhower, Meeting Clerk

*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper
SECONDED by Commissioner Sharma

THAT item 3 be adopted on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CHAIR'S REPORT

Commissioner Jasper reported on: VanDusen Botanical Garden Association's fundraiser celebrating completion of the Bloedel Conservatory roof; the 75th anniversary event of the unveiling of the Frances Willard plaque in Stanley Park and kick off to National Women's History Month in October; and the German National Day event at the German Canadian Heritage Plaza.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. PRESENTATION: Healthy City Strategy

Thomas Soulliere, Director of Recreation, and Susie Hutchison, Manager, Recreation Services, presented the Healthy City Strategy related to the Park Board's involvement, noting the Strategy will be presented to Council in October 2014. Mr. Soulliere and Ms. Hutchison responded to questions.

The Committee heard from two speakers who expressed concerns about park accessibility for people with low-income, services for the homeless, and pigeons fed in a small park.

2. REPORT: Jericho Beach Park Pier Partnership

Tiina Mack, Manager of Park Development, reviewed the report and, along with Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, responded to questions.

The Committee heard from a representative from The Disability Foundation and from the Jericho Sailing Centre, each of whom spoke in support.

MOVED by Commissioner Sharma

SECONDED by Commissioner Jasper

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board

THAT Vancouver Park Board staff develop a Memorandum of Understanding with the Disabled Sailing Association of BC (DSA) that outlines roles and responsibilities for community engagement, planning, design, funding, procurement, construction and operations of the Jericho Beach pier and accessible floating dock.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. REPORT: Special Event Approval - Changes to Rock 'n' Roll Half Marathon

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board

A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve a request from the Competitor Group, organizers of the Rock 'n' Roll Half Marathon, for a post-race event at Devonian Harbour Park on October 26, 2014, from 7:45am to 1:00pm.

B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve a request from the Competitor Group for a Public Special Occasion License at Devonian Harbour Park from 9:30am to 1:00pm.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

4. REPORT: 2015 - 2018 Final Capital Plan

Huib Langeveld, Deputy General Manager, Tiina Mack, Manager, Park Development, and Dave Hutch, Manager, Park Research and Planning, reviewed the Park Board report and the proposed 4-year Capital Plan for endorsement.

MOVED by Commissioner De Genova
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Board postpone questions to staff until after hearing from registered speakers.

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

Staff, along with Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, responded to questions.

The Committee began hearing from speakers.

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At 9:56 pm, the Chair advised that the Board required unanimous consent to continue after 10:00 pm and asked whether there were any objections to continue for another hour. There were no objections. The Committee agreed to continue hearing speakers past 10:00 pm for another hour.

The Chair read Section 13 of the Park Board Procedure By-law for clarification with respect to delegations and questions.

Following questions to some speakers, it was

*MOVED by Commissioner Jasper
SECONDED by Commissioner Barnes*

THAT the rules be suspended to permit questions to staff.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

At 11:00 pm the Committee recessed, to resume hearing from speakers on the following evening at 7:00 pm, beginning with Speaker #11.

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At 7:05 pm on Tuesday, September 30, 2014, the Park Board Committee reconvened. All members were present except for Commissioners Barnes, De Genova and Sharma.

The Chair noted the Code of Conduct that the Park Board is to abide by and the requirement to have a respectful workplace.

Roundtable introductions were done.

Commissioners De Genova and Sharma arrived shortly after.

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During the questions to the speakers, the General Manager also responded to questions from the Board.

The Committee heard from 19 speakers, the majority of whom expressed concerns regarding: facility and park needs in Marpole, Mount Pleasant, and Sunset/South Hill neighbourhoods; maintenance issues for Dunbar Community Centre and Dr. Sun Yet-Sen Garden; seismic upgrades at Renfrew; outdoor pool co-location requirements, community consultation, and the need for equitable access to outdoor pools and sport fields, an off-leash park for Mt. Pleasant area, and funds for active transportation seawall paths and the Seaside Greenway.

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At 7:46 pm on September 30, 2014 (between the 15th and 16th speaker), the Chair advised of the City's Code of Conduct, Respectful Workplace Policy, and Vancouver Charter, and asked the Clerk to record any unparliamentary language and conduct.

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Commissioner Coupar raised a point of inquiry as to why three delegates were being called to the presenters' table, rather than two, as it reduces the amount of time for questions. The Chair advised it was to continue with format used in first day of the meeting for this topic.

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MOVED by Commissioner Jasper
SECONDED by Commissioner Sharma

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board

THAT the Vancouver Park Board endorse the 2015-2018 Parks, Open Spaces, and Recreation Capital Plan as outlined in the Park Board report dated September 24, 2014, entitled 2015-2018 Final Capital Plan". Total \$154.5M:

- Parks & Open Space: \$91.25 M
- Public Art: \$5 M
- Recreation Facilities: \$44.5 M
- Entertainment & Exhibition Facilities: \$13.75 M

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Commissioner Sharma
SECONDED by Commissioner Jasper

THAT the motion be amended by adding the following paragraph:

AND FURTHER THAT Sunset Park be named explicitly for allocation of Park
Renewal funds identified in Appendix A of the Capital Plan staff report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Commissioners Barnes and Blyth absent for the vote)

AMENDMENT MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner De Genova

THAT the motion be amended by adding the following paragraph:

THAT the Park Board set aside \$4.5 million from the 2015-2018 Capital Plan
Budget to plan and build a Mount Pleasant outdoor pool facility. The funding
source would be identified in the existing Capital Budget allocation.

LOST
(Commissioners Jasper, Loke and Sharma opposed)
(Commissioners Barnes and Blyth absent for the vote)

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*At 9:42 pm, during debate on the following amendment, the Chair advised that the Board
required unanimous consent to continue after 10:00 pm and asked whether there were any
objections to continue for another hour. There were no objections. The Committee agreed to
extend the meeting time by an hour.*

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The General Manager responded to further questions.

AMENDMENT MOVED by Commissioner De Genova
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the motion be amended by adding the following paragraph:

THAT the 2015 - 2018 Capital Plan reinstate a \$1.2 million dollar contribution
that was previously approved by Council, bringing the total funds to be
contributed by the City of Vancouver to the Southeast Vancouver Seniors
Centre project to \$3.7 million dollars.

LOST
(Commissioners Jasper, Loke and Sharma opposed)
(Commissioners Barnes and Blyth absent for the vote)

AMENDMENT MOVED by Commissioner De Genova
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the motion be amended by adding the following paragraph:

THAT the 2015 - 2018 Capital Plan specifically state and include funding for a new Marpole Community Centre to be delivered before the end of 2018.

LOST
(Commissioners Jasper, Loke and Sharma opposed)
(Commissioners Barnes and Blyth absent for the vote)

AMENDMENT MOVED by Commissioner De Genova
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the motion be amended by adding the following paragraph:

THAT the 2015-2018 Capital Plan include funding for an expansion of the dog park at the Olympic village located adjacent to Hinge Park.

LOST
(Commissioners Jasper, Loke and Sharma opposed)
(Commissioners Barnes and Blyth absent for the vote)

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The Chair advised Commissioner De Genova to cease questioning motives of other members. Commissioner De Genova challenged the ruling of the Chair.

The Chair then put the question:

SHALL the ruling of the Chair be sustained?

*CARRIED
(Commissioners Coupar and De Genova opposed)*

A two-thirds majority of those present is required to overrule the ruling of the Chair. Therefore, the ruling of the Chair was SUSTAINED.

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The Capital Plan motion as amended was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

FINAL MOTION AS AMENDED AND ADOPTED

THAT the Vancouver Park Board endorse the 2015-2018 Parks, Open Spaces, and Recreation Capital Plan as outlined in the Park Board report dated September 29, 2014, entitled "2015-2018 Final Capital Plan". Total \$154.5M:

- Parks & Open Space: \$91.25 M
- Public Art: \$5 M
- Recreation Facilities: \$44.5 M
- Entertainment & Exhibition Facilities: \$13.75 M

AND FURTHER THAT Sunset Park be named explicitly for allocation of Park Renewal funds identified in Appendix A of the above-mentioned Capital Plan staff report.

The Committee adjourned at 10:41 pm on September 30, 2014.

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REGULAR BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 30, 2014

A Regular Board meeting was held on Tuesday, September 30, 2014, at 10:41 pm, at the Park Board Office following the Park Board Committee meeting.

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Constance Barnes, Vice-Chair
Commissioner Sarah Blyth

GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE: Malcolm Bromley, General Manager
Kate O'Connell, Manager, Administrative Services
Pat Boomhower, Meeting Clerk

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Due to the hour, the Board agreed to postpone the following items to the next meeting: Minutes approval, Communications, General Manager's report, and the two Motions on Notice.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Report of the Park Board Committee
September 29 and 30, 2014

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

1. PRESENTATION: Healthy City Strategy
2. REPORT: Jericho Beach Park Pier Partnership
3. REPORT: Special Event Approval - Changes to Rock 'n' Roll Half Marathon
4. REPORT: 2015 - 2018 Final Capital Plan

MOVED by Commissioner Loke
SECONDED by Commissioner Sharma

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Park Board Committee at its meeting of September 29 and 30, 2014, as contained in items 1 through 4.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTIONS

Motions on Notice

1. Valentine's Train in Stanley Park

Commissioner De Genova submitted the following motion on notice. Due to time constraints, the Board agreed to postpone this matter to the October 27, 2014, meeting.

WHEREAS:

1. The Park Board offers a variety of options and opportunities for cultural events and celebrations in Vancouver Parks and Recreation Facilities.
2. Beginning in 1998, and continuing annually, the Park Board has partnered with the BC Professional Fire Fighter's Burn Fund to offer Bright Nights - a festival of lights in Stanley Park, beginning in December and continuing throughout the holiday season.
3. Revenue from Bright Nights benefits both the Park Board and the charitable organization of the BC Professional Fire Fighter's Burn Fund.
4. Beginning in 1999, and continuing annually, the Park Board has operated the Stanley Park Ghost Train, generating revenue that benefits the Park Board.
5. The Stanley Park Miniature Train has in the past five years also been opened for Easter and has included events such as Easter egg hunts.
6. During the summer, the Stanley Park Miniature Railway offers a Spirit Catcher Train and the Klahowya Village, providing educational and family oriented activities that showcase aboriginal culture.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to research and report back to the Board regarding the potential of a Valentine's Train at the Stanley Park Miniature Railway, one that would operate annually in the month of February.
- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to reach out to Park Board partnered restaurants to explore the possibility of offering packages including set-meals at restaurants, tickets to the train, and/or engaging a variety of vendors, including food trucks to be present at the event.
- C. THAT the report from staff explore and include the possibility of partnerships with existing partners, such as charitable organizations, and the possibility of utilizing some of the lighting and decorative features used at Bright Nights.

postponed

2. Ban on Neonicotinoid Pesticides in our Park System

Commissioner Sharma submitted the following motion on notice. Due to time constraints, the Board agreed to postpone this matter to the October 27, 2014, meeting.

WHEREAS:

1. Bumble bees, honey bees, butterflies, and other pollinators provide essential ecosystem services by pollinating crops, backyard gardens, fruit trees, and native plants;
2. Honeybee health is declining across North America and many of our native pollinators are susceptible to the same adverse effects of industrial agriculture, urbanization, disease, and pesticide use;
3. On March 31, 2014, the Park Board passed the "Pollinator Project" to support pollinators in our park system. The project has been successful in enhancing pollinator habitat in our park system.
4. Neonicotinoids, a category of commonly used pesticides, are scientifically found to be toxic to honey bees and some native bees including bumble bees;
5. In 1987, the Vancouver Park Board adopted an Integrated Pest Management Policy to systematically reduce the use of chemical pesticides, in favour of cultural, mechanical, and biological pest controls;
6. The Park Board regularly procures vegetation from third parties for use in our parks system and does not track whether neonicotinoids have been applied to procured vegetation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to implement a ban on neonicotinoids in our park and recreational system, including any vegetation procured from third-parties for use on any lands under the jurisdiction of the Park Board.

postponed

ENQUIRIES

Due to time constraints, a Board member's enquiry about a community issue will be emailed to the General Manager's office.

The Board adjourned at 10:44 pm.

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