



## PARK BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 27, 2014

A Regular Park Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, October 27, 2014, at 7:01 pm, at the Park Board Office.

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

**ABSENT** Commissioner Trevor Loke, Chair (Sick Leave)

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

### CHAIR'S REPORT

Commissioner Jasper reported on: the NBA Cares event and FIT Clinic held at the Strathcona Community Centre on October 3, 2014, which included the Toronto Raptors unveiling the newly refurbished basketball court; and the Stanley Park Ecology Society AGM held at the West End Community Centre, with author-historian Jean Barman as keynote speaker on her book *Stanley Park's Secret*.

Commissioner Jasper also commented on the tragic events that occurred the previous week in Ottawa and Montreal, and requested a minute of silence for both soldiers who lost their life needlessly.

### AGENDA ITEMS

#### 1. REPORT: Enhancement Plan for Beaver Lake

Alan Duncan, Environmental Planner, introduced consultants Chris Lee, Project Lead, AquaTerra Environmental Ltd, and Katy Anon, Landscape Architect, and the Stanley Park Ecological Society (SPES) representatives Patricia Thomson, Executive Director, and Robin Worster present. Mr. Duncan reviewed the report and responded to questions.

The Committee heard from four speakers; three of whom spoke in support; and one who spoke in opposition and expressed concerns regarding cost, priorities list, natural water and water-lilies issues.

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper  
SECONDED by Commissioner Barnes

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board

THAT the Final Concept for the enhancement of Beaver Lake be adopted as set out in Appendix A titled "Ecological and Culturally Sensitive Enhancement Plan for Beaver Lake" (in the report dated October 20, 2014, titled "Enhancement Plan for Beaver Lake").

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**REPORT: Proposed Memorial Plaque in Falaise Park**

Thomas Soulliere, Director of Recreation Services, and jil weaving, Planner, Arts, Culture and Engagement, presented the report, and acknowledged community project members Colin McDouall, Mercedes Racoma and Diane Park who were present.

Ms. weaving read the proposed text for the memorial plaque and responded to questions.

MOVED by Commissioner Barnes  
SECONDED by Commissioner De Genova

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board

THAT the Vancouver Park Board accept the donation of a plaque in Falaise Park commemorating the soldiers who served in World War II and their families, with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 8:31pm.

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**REGULAR BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
MEETING MINUTES**

**OCTOBER 27, 2014**

A Regular Board meeting was held on Monday, October 27, 2014, at 8:37 pm, at the Park Board Office following the Park Board Committee meeting.

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

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Trevor Loke (Sick Leave)

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

**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 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 Barnes  
SECONDED by Commissioner Blyth

THAT the following minutes be approved:

- (a) Park Board Committee meeting held on September 15, 2014;
- (b) Regular Board meeting held on September 15, 2014;
- (c) Regular Board meeting held on September 30, 2014.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## COMMUNICATIONS

The Chair advised that a 1935 book, titled "Rambling Round Stanley Park" by Catherine Mae MacLennan, was donated to the Park Board. The book was circulated and will be placed with archives. A "Thank You letter" will be sent to Peggy MacGregor.

## GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

The General Manager advised that Park Board related items at the Council meeting held at the end of September 2014 were reports on "Regulating E-cigarettes" and the "Final 2015-2018 Capital Plan and Plebiscite Questions".

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **Report of the Park Board Committee**  
October 27, 2014

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

1. REPORT: Enhancement Plan for Beaver Lake
2. REPORT: Proposed Memorial Plaque in Falaise Park

MOVED by Commissioner Sharma  
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Park Board Committee at its meeting of October 27, 2014, as contained in items 1 and 2.

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 at its meeting on September 30, 2014, the Board referred this matter to the Regular Board meeting on October 27, 2014.

MOVED by Commissioner De Genova  
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

#### 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.

referred

REFERRAL MOVED by Commissioner De Genova  
SECONDED by Commissioner Blyth

THAT this motion be referred to staff.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 2. Ban on Neonicotinoid Pesticides in our Park System

Commissioner Sharma submitted the following motion on notice. Due to time constraints at its meeting on September 30, 2014, the Board referred this matter to the Regular Board meeting on October 27, 2014.

MOVED by Commissioner Sharma  
SECONDED by Commissioner Barnes

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.

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*During discussion, it was*

*MOVED by Commissioner Coupar  
SECONDED by Commissioner De Genova*

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

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Commissioner Blyth absent for the vote)*

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Bill Harding, Director of Parks, responded to questions.

REFERRAL MOVED by Comr. Coupar  
SECONDED by Commissioner De Genova

THAT this matter be referred to staff to obtain more information.

LOST  
(Commissioners Barnes, Jasper and Sharma opposed)  
(Commissioner Blythe absent for the vote)

The referral having LOST, the motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, with Commissioner Blyth absent for the vote.

#### NOTICE OF MOTIONS

1. Commissioner Barnes gave notice of motion titled "Regulating E-Cigarettes".
2. Commissioner Jasper gave notice of motion titled "Commemorating Jim Deva".

#### ENQUIRIES

1. A Board member enquired about maintenance of the daylighted stream at Falaise Park with respect to complaints received. The Board member will forward the information to the Director of Parks for follow up.
2. A Board member enquired about the estimated costs to return Oppenheimer Park to a useable state.
3. A Board member enquired about the PNE Board charitable status and how that would affect the Park Board and City and impact transactions.

4. A Board member noted the concerns raised by seniors regarding Ross Street Park. The GM advised park furniture has been installed.
5. A Board member noted the concerns raised by seniors about the lack of parking at Brock House for their upcoming craft fair. Park Board and Engineering Services are working on the issue.
6. A Board member asked about the follow up to the project with the Dutch Consulate. The Deputy General Manager provided an update.
7. A Board member requested a memo for an update on the Seniors Centre in the Killarney neighbourhood. The General Manager advised that staff were working on it.
8. A Board member asked about the signs and when the dog park fence would be locked at Emery Barnes Park, noting complaints about people in the park at 3am and barking dogs. The Director of Parks will investigate.

#### ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Barnes  
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Commissioner Blyth absent for the vote)

The Board adjourned at 9:00 pm.

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