



PARK BOARD COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 31, 2014

A Regular Park Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, March 31, 2014, at 7:05 pm, at the Park Board Office.

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

ABSENT Commissioner Sarah Blyth

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

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Prospect Point Café and Stanley Pavilion Lease Extension and Assignment

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Commissioner Coupar declared a conflict of interest due to anticipated business dealings with the proponent. At 7:06 pm Commissioner Coupar left the meeting and did not return until after the vote on Item 1.

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Gordon Barber, Manager, Revenue Services, reviewed the report and noted a request had been received from the Daniel Group to assign the two leases to the Capilano Group of Companies. He further noted that Board approval is required for re-assignment of a lease, and extension of the lease had been reviewed by the Procurement Group. Mr. Barber introduced John Stibbard, Vice-President, Operations, Capilano Suspension Bridge, and responded to questions.

The Committee heard from two speakers; one of whom spoke in support of preserving the historical aspects and having the Pavilion reflect the 1930s interior; and one who expressed concerns regarding policy for public assets with private business, lease rent and wages.

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*MOVED by Commissioner Jasper
SECONDED by Commissioner Loke*

THAT the rules be suspended to permit questions to staff following delegations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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MOVED by Commissioner Jasper
SECONDED by Commissioner De Genova

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the assignment of the leases for the Prospect Point Café and Stanley Park Pavilion from Daniel Frankel and the Daniel Group to the Capilano Group of Companies.
- B. THAT subject to C, D and E, the Vancouver Park Board approve the extension of the leases for Prospect Point for a term of twenty years from December 1, 2019 to November 30, 2039, and Stanley Park Pavilion by ten years from June 1, 2020 to May 31, 2030, as detailed in the report dated March 20, 2014, entitled "Prospect Point Café and Stanley Park Pavilion Lease Assignment and Extension".
- C. THAT the contract be on the terms and conditions outlined in this report and on such other terms and conditions as are approved by the General Manager of the Park Board in consultation with the Director of Legal Services for the City of Vancouver.
- D. THAT the General Manager be authorized to execute and deliver the contract on behalf of the Vancouver Park Board.
- E. THAT no legal rights shall arise and no consents, permissions or licenses are granted hereby and none shall arise or be granted hereafter unless and until all contemplated legal documentation has been executed and

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Commissioner Coupar absent for the vote)

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At 7:52 pm the Committee recessed, and reconvened at 7:54 pm with all members present, except for Commissioner Blyth who was absent.

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2. Cherry Grove Memorial - Update

Thomas Soulliere, Director, Recreation, and Jill Weaving, Coordinator, Arts, Culture and Environment, provided an update on the Cherry Grove Memorial in Devonian Park, and the consultation and next steps to install a plaque to commemorate the first AIDS memorial in the world, and responded to questions.

3. Vancouver Biennale 2014-2015 Program - Update

Thomas Soulliere, Director, Recreation, and Jill Weaving, Coordinator, Arts, Culture and Environment, provided an update on the Biennale program and introduced Vancouver Biennale representatives: Miriam Blume, Marketing, Ammar Mahimwalla, Artist Liaison, and Jem Demiralp, Social Media Coordinator.

The Committee heard from one speaker who expressed concern about the size and costs of the sculptures in the parks.

4. Vancouver International Sculpture Biennale

Thomas Soulliere, Director, Recreation, and Jill Weaving, Coordinator, Arts, Culture and Environment, reviewed the report regarding the extension of three sculptures of the Biennale program, and responded to questions.

The Committee heard from one speaker who expressed concern regarding the sculptures in parks that are not memorials.

MOVED by Commissioner Sharma
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board

THAT the Park Board approve three sculptures to remain in currently installed sites as part of the 2014-2015 Vancouver Biennale's temporary exhibition, as outlined in Appendix A in the report dated March 24, 2014, entitled "Vancouver International Sculpture Biennale":

- *Engagement* at English Bay Beach Park
- *217.5 Arcs X 13* at Sunset Beach Park
- *Freezing Water #7* at Vanier Park.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Proposed Kingcrest Park Community Garden

Lindsay Cole, Park Planner, reviewed the report, provided an update on current projects, and responded to questions.

The Committee heard from a representative of the Cedar Cottage Food Network Society who spoke in support of the proposal and described the capacity of the organization to take on the project and its current work with the community and food security programs.

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper
SECONDED by Commissioner Sharma

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board

THAT the Board approve the new community garden in Kingcrest Park, with all details to the satisfaction of the General Manager; and

FURTHER THAT staff grant a 5-year license agreement with the Cedar Cottage Food Network Society to operate the community garden, with all terms consistent with the Community Garden Policy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 8:53 pm.

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REGULAR BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 31, 2014

A Regular Board meeting was held on Monday, March 31, 2014, at 9:01 pm, at the Park Board Office following the Park Board Committee meeting.

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Sarah Blyth

GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE: Huub Langeveld, Deputy General Manager
Thomas Soulliere, Director of Recreation Services
Pat Boomhower, Meeting Clerk

*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

IN CAMERA

MOVED by Commissioner Barnes
SECONDED by Commissioner Loke

THAT the Board will go into a meeting on April 14 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
(Commissioner Coupar opposed)
(Commissioner De Genova absent for the vote)

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Park Board - March 10, 2014

MOVED by Commissioner Barnes
SECONDED by Commissioner Loke

THAT the Minutes of the Park Board meetings of March 10, 2014, be approved.

- a) Park Board Committee - March 10, 2014
- b) Regular Board Meeting - March 10, 2014

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Commissioner De Genova absent for the vote)

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Huib Langeveld, Deputy General Manager, advised that Park Board related items at Council this week include the Marpole Community Plan, Vancouver Sport Hosting Grants, Arts and Cultural Project Grants, and Community and Social Grants. Also noted was the recent *Recreation & Parks BC* magazine article on The Arts & Health Project, and the Trans and Gender Variant Inclusion Working Group community meeting at Coal Harbour Community Centre.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Report of the Park Board Committee
March 31, 2014

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

1. REPORT: Prospect Point Café and Stanley Pavilion Lease Extension and Assignment
2. UPDATE: Cherry Grove Memorial
3. UPDATE: Vancouver Biennale 2014-2015 Program
4. REPORT: Vancouver International Sculpture Biennale
5. REPORT: Proposed Kingcrest Park Community Garden

MOVED by Commissioner Sharma
SECONDED by Commissioner Barnes

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Park Board Committee at its meeting of March 31, 2014, as contained in items 1 through 5.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTIONS

Motions on Notice

1. Protecting Green Space

MOVED by Commissioner Loke

SECONDED by Commissioner Barnes

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Vancouver Park Board direct staff to:

- A. Work with Vancouver City Council and the Vancouver School Board to develop a strategy of no net loss of public green space in the city of Vancouver;
- B. Continue to increase public green space guided by the Greenest City Action Plan target, but also through other opportunities as they arise;
- C. Recommend a strategy, as part of the next Annual Greenest City Action Plan Update, to ensure biodiversity targets are set as part of the Greenest City Action Plan.

amended

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar

SECONDED by Commissioner De Genova

THAT the motion be amended by striking the phrase "no net loss of" in A and inserting the word "increasing".

LOST

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

MOVED by Commissioner De Genova

SECONDED by Commissioner Loke

THAT the motion be amended by inserting the phrase "and the PB's long standing goal to provide a ratio of 2.75 acres of green space per 1000 residents, and" in B following the word "target".

CARRIED

(Commissioner Barnes opposed)

MOVED by Commissioner Loke

SECONDED by Commissioner Sharma

THAT the motion be amended by adding the following as D and E:

- D. THAT the strategy include ways to improve quality of green space, and to include within that strategy adding additional green space.
- E. THAT the strategy include public space that is not necessarily defined as green, but adds public benefit.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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MOVED by Commissioner Jasper
SECONDED by Commissioner Loke

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Bill Harding, Director of Parks, Huub Langeveld, Deputy General Manager, and Lindsay Cole, Park Planner, responded to questions.

The motion as amended was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

FINAL MOTION AS AMENDED

- A. Work with Vancouver City Council and the Vancouver School Board to develop a strategy of no net loss of public green space in the city of Vancouver;
- B. Continue to increase public green space guided by the Greenest City Action Plan target, and the Park Board's long-standing goal to provide a ratio of 2.75 acres of green space per 1000 residents, and also through other opportunities as they arise;
- C. Recommend a strategy, as part of the next Annual Greenest City Action Plan Update, to ensure biodiversity targets are set as part of the Greenest City Action Plan.
- D. THAT the strategy include ways to improve quality of green space, and to include within that strategy adding additional green space.
- E. THAT the strategy include public space that is not necessarily defined as green, but adds public benefit.

2. The Pollinator Project

The Chair advised that four requests to speak on the following motion had been received, and that the item is time sensitive. Commissioner Sharma reported she had been in contact with those wishing to speak to the motion and they were in favour. She also noted the project is in partnership with three organizations.

Bill Harding, Director of Parks, responded to questions.

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 affects of industrial agriculture, urbanisation, disease, and pesticide use.
3. Many parks in Vancouver are inhospitable to pollinators because of predominance of frequently maintained turf areas, lack of native plants, and loss of overwintering habitats.
4. The Park Board's Local Food Action Plan includes actions supporting pollinators and community gardens provide important pollinator habitat.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. Staff be directed to develop strategies for supporting pollinators in priority Vancouver parks and streets as part of the Biodiversity Strategy and Urban Forest Strategy.
- B. Staff be directed to work with stewardship groups, community gardeners, and others to raise public awareness about the value of pollinators, facilitate habitat enhancement projects, and assess and monitor pollinator populations.
- C. Staff be directed to work with the VanDusen Botanical Garden Association, Environmental Youth Alliance, Hives for Humanity and other groups to develop a brand for promoting pollinators across the city in spring 2014.
- D. Staff be directed to begin to test methods in 2014 for enhancing pollinators in parks such as creating unmowed meadows, planting flowering trees and shrubs, using more native plants in park planting, and restoring overwintering habitats.
- E. Staff be directed to work with other City departments to enhance pollinators in streets and development sites.
- F. Staff be directed to provide an update to the Board in spring 2015.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Postal Delivery Change Impacts on Vancouver Residents

Commissioner Barnes advised there were requests to speak on the following motion.

MOVED by Commissioner Barnes
SECONDED by Commissioner Loke

WHEREAS:

1. Canada Post has announced to cease home delivery to single family dwellings in Vancouver;
2. Many citizens of Vancouver including seniors and persons with disabilities will be greatly affected/impacted by this change;
3. Issues of concern for the City of Vancouver related to the placement of the new community mail boxes may include but not be limited to: access for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities, the location of the boxes, traffic, parking, land use policy, street lighting, littering, snow and ice clearance, theft and vandalism;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Chair write a letter to the Mayor indicating the Park Board's concerns with Canada Post's plan; and
- B. THAT the Board refuses to allow the installation of community mailboxes on parkland and green spaces under the jurisdiction of the Board.
- C. THAT staff report back to Commissioners on potential options to mitigate the impacts of this new Canada Post Policy, in order to ensure the most positive outcome possible for the residents of Vancouver.
- D. THAT staff report back to Commissioners on what form of consultation process the Vancouver Park Board/City of Vancouver can expect with Canada Post.

referred

REFERRAL MOVED by Commissioner Barnes
SECONDED by Commissioner Loke

THAT this motion be referred to the Park Board Committee meeting on April 14, 2014, in order to hear from speakers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

1. 2018 International Ornithological Congress

The Chair advised of a draft letter of support for Vancouver's bid to host the 2018 International Ornithological Congress.

Commissioner Barnes provided background on the Congress, and Vancouver being recognized for having many migratory birds.

MOVED by Commissioner Barnes
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Vancouver Park Board send the letter to Tourism Vancouver in support of the 2018 International Ornithological Congress, as presented on March 31, 2014.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Commissioner Loke gave notice of motion titled "Public WiFi".

Commissioner Sharma gave notice of motion titled "Supporting BC's Network of Parks: Opposition to the Provincial Park Amendment Act".

ENQUIRIES

1. A Board member requested staff to advise whether the Park Board has had any business, social or financial dealings, including providing in-kind goods or services, with the Portland Hotel Society or any of its affiliates or subsidiaries.
2. A Board member asked whether the Park Board is taking any action to protect art in parks, considering the recent vandalism of the lion statues in Stanley Park.
3. A Board member enquired about when signage will be placed for the bicycle path by the fire engine before high season.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Loke
SECONDED by Commissioner Barnes

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board adjourned at 10:02 pm.

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