



**PARK BOARD COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

MARCH 2, 2015

A Regular Park Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, March 2, 2015, at 7:00 pm, at the Park Board Office.

PRESENT: Commissioner Casey Crawford, Chair
Commissioner John Coupar
Commissioner Catherine Evans
Commissioner Sarah Kirby-Yung
Commissioner Stuart Mackinnon
Commissioner Erin Shum, Vice-Chair
Commissioner Michael Wiebe

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

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VARY THE AGENDA

During discussion on item 1 (2015 Budget), the Committee voted to deal with item 2 (2014-2015 Fees) prior to making a decision on item 1. For ease of reference, the minutes are recorded in agenda order.

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CHAIR'S REPORT

Commissioner Coupar reported on the following recent special events:

- Kits Skate celebrated adults aged 75 plus who regularly skate at the Kitsilano Rink;
- FIFA 100-Day Countdown event was held at Vancouver International Airport and the official photo "To a Greater Goal" took place at City Hall;
- Lunar New Year luncheon and celebration hosted by the City of Vancouver;
- The 42nd annual Vancouver Chinese New Year Parade held in the city's historic Chinatown;
- Victoria Drive Business Improvement Association (BIA) Lion Dance in celebration of the Chinese New Year;
- 2010 Winter Games Legacy celebration held at Creekside Community Recreation Centre marked the 5th anniversary of the Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games;
- Tree planting by the Park Board on West 29th Avenue to replace 17 trees that were reduced to stumps in the middle of the night by an unknown person; and
- *cesna?em, the city before the city* exhibit in which Musqueam First Nation, the Museum of Anthropology and the Museum of Vancouver partnered on a new exhibition

about heritage and indigenous history, and to raise awareness of the significance of *cesna?em* (pronounced ces-nam) for the Musqueam people and for Vancouver.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Postponed to the next meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Committee Chair advised members of correspondence in the their meeting binder related to the agenda items.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. REPORT: 2015 Operating and Capital Budget

Tim Sansom, Director, Financial Planning & Analysis, reviewed the report and the proposed 2015 Operating Budget and changes and the proposed Capital Budget. He also outlined the process involved in building the budget, key operating budget assumptions for 2015, service metrics and trends.

Mr. Sansom, along with Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, and Bill Harding, Director of Parks, and Thomas Soulliere, Director of Recreation, responded to questions.

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board

THAT, subject to Council approval, the Vancouver Park Board approve:

- A. The 2015 Park Board Operating Budget of \$60,774,400, comprised of \$113,382,600 in expenditures and \$52,608,200 in fee and program revenues.
- B. The 2015 Park Board Capital Budget of \$16.7 million, as detailed in pages 127 - 140 of the report titled "City of Vancouver's 2015 Budget".

AND FURTHER THAT, due to the increase in turf damage caused by the spread of the European Chafer Beetle, the Vancouver Park Board request Council approve a one-time increase of \$200,000 to the 2015 Park Board Operating budget for the development and implementation of a plan for Chafer Beetle control and turf repair.

(Decision was postponed until after Item 2)

The Chair acknowledged two former Park Board Commissioners present.

The Committee heard from two speakers who expressed concern about public consultation on the budgets, suggesting more public outreach be done before the operating budget goes to Council and more detail; One also raised a question on behalf of the Mount Pleasant Pool group about the outdoor pool \$50,000 line item.

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In regard to a point of enquiry raised by Commissioner Kirby-Yung about whether the report on the 2014-2015 Fees should be considered first, the General Manager and Clerk responded to the question on process.

At 8:17 pm, it was

*MOVED by Commissioner Evans
SECONDED by Commissioner Wiebe*

THAT the vote on the 2015 Operating and Capital Budget be postponed until after item 2 on the 2014-2015 Fees and Charges Changes has been considered.

*CARRIED
(Commissioners Crawford, Coupar, and Shum, opposed)*

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At 8:18 pm, the Committee considered Item 2. For ease of reference, the minutes are recorded in agenda order.

At 8:49 pm, the Committee finished Item 2 and returned to the pending motion for Item 1.

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The Committee agreed to separate the vote on the components of the motion.

*MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung*

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*CARRIED
(Commissioner Mackinnon and Wiebe opposed)*

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CARRIED

(Commissioner Mackinnon opposed)

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CARRIED

(Commissioners Evans and Mackinnon opposed)

FINAL MOTION AS ADOPTED

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At 8:18 pm, the Committee began Item 2.

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2. REPORT: 2014-2015 Fees and Charges Changes

Tim Sansom, Director, Financial Planning & Analysis, reviewed the report and presented the fees changes and the effect of the proposed changes on the Operating Budget.

Mr. Sansom, along with Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, responded to questions.

The Committee heard from one speaker who expressed concern about an increase to seniors' fees, transportation issues when going to destination parks, and requested that the Park Board examine how parks are served by Transit.

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Evans

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve changes to the 2014-2015 Fees and Charges as summarized in the body of the report dated February 20, 2015, titled "2014-2015 Fees and Charges Changes" and detailed in Appendix A of that report.

(carried)

During discussion on the following amendment, Thomas Soulliere, Director of Recreation, and Mr. Sansom responded to questions.

AMENDMENT MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon
SECONDED by Commissioner Wiebe

THAT two "age-based and family categories" on page one of the report be amended to change:

- The Preschool category to "5 years of age and under" (from 2 years & under); and
- The Child category to "6 to 12 years inclusive" (from 3 to 12 years inclusive).

LOST

(Commissioners Crawford, Coupar, Evans, Kirby-Yung and Shum opposed)

The amendment having lost, the main motion was put and CARRIED, with Commissioners Mackinnon and Weibe opposed.

FINAL MOTION AS ADOPTED

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve changes to the 2014-2015 Fees and Charges as summarized in the body of the report dated February 20, 2015, titled "2014-2015 Fees and Charges Changes" and detailed in Appendix A of that report.

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At 8:49 pm the Committee returned to the pending motion for Item 1. For ease of reference, the minutes are recorded in agenda order.

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The Committee adjourned at 9:08 pm.

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REGULAR BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 2, 2015

A Regular Board meeting was held on Monday, March 2, 2015, at 9:21 pm, at the Park Board Office following the Park Board Committee meeting.

PRESENT: Commissioner John Coupar, Chair
Commissioner Casey Crawford
Commissioner Catherine Evans
Commissioner Sarah Kirby-Yung, Vice-Chair
Commissioner Stuart Mackinnon
Commissioner Erin Shum
Commissioner Michael Wiebe

GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE: Malcolm Bromley, General Manager
Cheryl Chan, Business Support Lead
Pat Boomhower, Meeting Clerk

IN CAMERA

MOVED by Commissioner Crawford
SECONDED by Commissioner Shum

THAT the Board will go into a meeting on March 23, 2015 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 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 Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Commissioner Crawford

THAT the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on January 19, 2015, be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, advised that Council meetings that week included: a decision on the 2015 Operating and Capital Budgets; a proclamation for *International Women's Day*; and recognition of Pat Quinn's contributions to Vancouver and naming a segment of Abbott Street east of Rogers Arena, as "Pat Quinn Way". He also noted Council heard from the public at the special budget meeting on February 24, 2015, and that trees will be transplanted from the Arbutus Corridor to McCleery Golf Course by Park Board staff.

COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Report of the Park Board Committee March 2, 2015

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

1. REPORT: 2015 Operating and Capital Budget
2. REPORT: 2014-2015 Fees and Charges Changes

MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Commissioner Wiebe

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Park Board Committee at its meeting of March 2, 2015, as contained in items 1 and 2.

CARRIED
(Commissioner Mackinnon opposed)

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

1. Bluewater Oversight Committee

Commissioner Wiebe submitted the following motion. This was seconded by Commissioner Mackinnon.

WHEREAS the city has lots of water related strategies that need to be revisited;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation set up the BlueWater Oversight Committee to monitor all water related strategies in Vancouver.

2. Park Naming

Commissioner Mackinnon submitted the following motion. This was seconded by Commissioner Wiebe.

WHEREAS the park at the Trillium lands has not been named;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation convene a neighbourhood park naming as per Park Board policy.

ENQUIRIES

1. A Board member requested an update on facilities renewal in Marpole. The General Manager advised that staff is completing a response.
2. A Board member asked whether there will be a report on the future plans on the East Fraser Lands and Park Board's involvement in the process. Staff will follow up with the Manager of Park Development.
3. A Board member enquired about media reports on artificial turf. The Director of Recreation and General Manager provided an update. Vancouver Health Coastal is following up with the media reports.
4. A Board member enquired about the process regarding the recent requested change to the Park Board budget being presented to Council. The Chair advised that he and the General Manager will be attending the Council meeting and noted staff involvement in the process.
5. A Board member enquired about fencing needed at the new park at 5th Avenue and Fir Street before CP Rail begins to move cars and requested an immediate update. The Director of Parks will follow up on the matter.
6. A Board member enquired about a timeline for major briefings to the Board, such as John Hendry Park. The General Manager advised that a briefing can be arranged with the Manager of Parks Development.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Evans
SECONDED by Commissioner Wiebe

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board adjourned at 9:35 pm.

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