



**PARK BOARD COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

APRIL 13, 2015

A Regular Park Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, April 13, 2015, at 7:00 pm, at the Park Board Office.

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

**GENERAL MANAGER'S
OFFICE:** Malcolm Bromley, General Manager
Jonathan, Snoek, Acting Deputy General Manager
Cheryl Chan, Business Support Lead
Jessica Kulchyski, Meeting Clerk

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED by Commissioner Kirby Yung
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Park Board Committee minutes of the March 23, 2015, meeting be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CHAIR'S REPORT

Commissioner Coupar reported on the following recent special events:

- The announcement of the 2015 Honda Celebration of Light participating countries which are China, Brazil, and Canada.
- Transgender Awareness Campaign unveiled on March 26, 2015 at Hillcrest Community Centre.
- The media event launching the Stanley Park Easter Train that ran for 8 days from March to April.
- The Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival received the 2015 Garden Festival of the Year Tourism Award from the Canadian Garden Council. The award was announced during a tree-planting ceremony at VanDusen Botanical Garden.
- The launch of the Heron Cam that has a bird's eye view of the Stanley Park Heron Colony.
- The Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure announced funding for the proposed Stanley Park Causeway safety project.

- Widening Our World Award was presented to two McCleery Golf Course staff, Muncie Booth and Kim Cooper, for their work creating inclusive workplaces for adults with developmental disabilities.
- Vancouver's St. Patrick's Day Parade was held on March 15, 2015.
- The public celebration with Canadian tennis star, Vasek Pospisil, was held at the Kitsilano Beach Park tennis courts.
- The Davis Cup Draw was held on March 5 at UBC, and Canada defeated Japan in the first round tennis match.
- International Women's Day celebration recognized Vancouver's elite female athletes.
- International Day for the Elimination of Racism on March 21 where Commissioners participated in Raise Your Hands Against Racism.
- Sport BC's 49th Annual Awards Banquet honored the 2015 Athlete of the Year.
- HUB Cycling hosted an info session to discuss the group's priorities with Commissioners.
- 2015 Bridge to S.U.C.C.E.S.S Gala was held on March 28 to benefit social services for seniors, youth, women and families.
- Vancouver joined the First Annual Tartan Day celebration on April 6 to honor Scottish roots.
- Friendship Tree Celebration was held at City Hall on April 2 with a delegation and students from Japan, to mark the 50th anniversary of the Sister City Agreement between Vancouver and Yokohama.
- The 70th Anniversary of Dutch Liberation included a symbolic bicycle ride around the park to view the thousands of tulips planted in honor of the Netherlands being liberated from Germany in 1945.
- On the morning of April 8, 2105, the English Bay fuel spill was attended by Commissioner Coupar and the General Manger to assess the potential damage.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. CHEQUE PRESENTATION: Bright Nights in Stanley Park Burn Fund

On behalf of the Vancouver Park Board, Ken Maguire, Supervisor, Business Services, presented a cheque for \$138,486 to the BC Professional Fire Fighters' Burn Fund; its share of the Bright Nights in Stanley Park train admission revenues. Mr. Maguire noted 2015 was the 17th year the Park Board partnered with the Fund to organize the popular seasonal light show, and introduced the Fire Fighters present to accept the cheque on behalf of the Burn Fund Centre. Ray Buchan, Vice President, Fire Fighters' Burn Fund, gave a short presentation outlining the history of the Burn Fund and the record breaking proceeds raised this year.

2. REPORT: Healthy Local Food Field House Residencies - Norquay and Strathcona License Agreements

Lindsay Cole, Park Planner, reviewed the report and noted two partners of the project present: Marc Schutzbank, Fresh Roots, and Laura Lee Coles, Village Vancouver.

Ms. Cole, along with Jason Hsieh, Planning Assistant, responded to questions.

The Committee heard from the two partner representatives who spoke in support of the recommendations.

MOVED by Commissioner Evans
SECONDED by Commissioner Wiebe

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve, with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager and Director of Legal Services, the following two Healthy, Local Food Residency License agreements:

- A. A license agreement with Fresh Roots Urban Farm Society, effective May 1, 2015 to December 31, 2017, for the Norquay field house Healthy Local Food Residency.
- B. A license agreement with Village Vancouver Transition Society from May 1, 2015 to December 31, 2017, for the Strathcona field house Healthy Local Food Residency.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. REPORT: Urban Agriculture Proposals - Barclay Heritage Square and Kensington Community Centre

Lindsay Cole, Park Planner, Park Board, reviewed the report and noted Amy Saini, Manager of Programs and HR, Friends for Life Society, was present.

Ms. Cole responded to questions.

The Committee heard from the Vancouver Friends for Life Society representative who spoke in support of the recommendation.

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve, with all details to the satisfaction of the General Manager, the following urban agriculture proposals:

- A. A new collaborative garden at Barclay Heritage Square, and

FURTHER THAT staff enter a 5-year license agreement with Vancouver Friends for Life Society to operate the garden with all terms consistent with the Urban Agriculture Policy.
- B. A new collaborative garden on the roof of Kensington Community Centre.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 8:00 pm.

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REGULAR BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 13, 2015

A Regular Board meeting was held on Monday, April 13, 2015, at 8:08 pm, at the Park Board Office following the Park Board Committee meeting.

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

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IN CAMERA

1. Park Board (In Camera) - April 27, 2015

MOVED by Commissioner Shum
SECONDED by Commissioner Crawford

THAT the Board will go into a meeting on April 27, 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:

- (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if Council or the Park Board considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of 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 UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon
SECONDED by Commissioner Crawford

THAT the Park Board minutes of the March 2 and March 23, 2015, meetings be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNICATIONS

The Clerk advised that email was sent out with correspondence received regarding Commissioner Wiebe's motion on notice.

COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Report of the Park Board Committee - Monday, April 13, 2015

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

1. CHEQUE PRESENTATION: Bright Nights in Stanley Park Burn Fund
2. REPORT: Healthy Local Food Field House Residences - Norquay and Strathcona License Agreements
3. REPORT: Urban Agriculture Proposals - Barclay Heritage Square and Kensington Community Centre

MOVED by Commissioner Shum

SECONDED by Commissioner Crawford

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Park Board Committee at its meeting of April 13, 2015, as contained in items 1, 2 and 3.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, advised that the Council meetings that week included a report on the Oil Spill in English Bay to be presented by the City Manager, and a presentation on the FIFA World Cup Hosting Plan, as well the 2014 Annual Financial Report and recommendations for the 2015 Cultural, Community Services, Social and Innovation Grants.

MOTIONS

MOTION ON NOTICE

1. Zero Waste Water Bottle Policy

MOVED by Commissioner Wiebe

SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

WHEREAS:

1. In recognition that March 22nd is UN World Water Day, which has a focus on making healthy drinking water available for all;
2. The City of Vancouver and the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation have a commitment to zero waste under the City's Greenest City Action Plan;

3. Until November 30, 2016, the Vancouver Park Board has a Supply Agreement with Coca-Cola, which includes the exclusive supply of still bottled water at all Park Board facilities;
4. Initiatives to increase on-site water fountain/fill stations have been completed with positive results at local universities and communities; and
5. The Metro Vancouver "Tap Map" mobile app shows gaps in our inventory of public water stations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. The Vancouver Park Board direct staff to develop a policy for Board consideration for the phase out of the sale of bottled water at all Park Board facilities, while respecting the current still water contract.
- B. The Vancouver Park Board direct staff to investigate increasing water fountains and filling stations at Park Board facilities and parks.

amended

REFERRAL MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon
SECONDED by Commissioner Evans

THAT the motion be referred to future Committee meeting.

LOST

(Commissioner Crawford, Coupar, Kirby-Yung, Shum opposed)

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

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LOST

(Commissioner Crawford, Coupar, Kirby-Yung, Shum opposed)

- B. The Vancouver Park Board direct staff to investigate increasing water fountains and filling stations at Park Board facilities and parks.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FINAL MOTION AS ADOPTED

WHEREAS:

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4. Initiatives to increase on-site water fountain/fill stations have been completed with positive results at local universities and communities; and
5. The Metro Vancouver "Tap Map" mobile app shows gaps in our inventory of public water stations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Vancouver Park Board direct staff to investigate increasing water fountains and filling stations at Park Board facilities and parks.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

1. Increase Cherry Tree Groves

Commissioner Coupar gave notice of the following motion:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to identify locations suitable for the planting of new cherry tree groves (*Prunus* genus) within destination parks and gardens, which may include, but not be limited to, VanDusen Botanical Gardens, Queen Elizabeth Park, and Stanley Park, as well as on prominent boulevards and streetscapes across the city where mass flowerings in the spring will help to support the social, cultural, and tourism potential of the City, while also supporting the spirit and intention of Vancouver's world-renowned and award-winning Cherry Blossom Festival, winner of Canada's Best Garden Festival Award; and

FURTHER THAT staff report back with proposed locations and numerical targets that align with Vancouver's Urban Forest Strategy, ensuring the most benefits to the city in terms of beauty, resiliency to disease, and canopy cover.

2. Vancouver Recreational Water Quality

Commissioner Wiebe gave notice of the following motion:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Vancouver Park Board direct staff to work with interested governmental agencies and departments, non-governmental organizations, and individuals to achieve a goal of zero beach and recreational water closures in the City of Vancouver.

NEW BUSINESS

1. MOTION: Park Board Emergency Response and Preparedness

MOVER: Commissioner Kirby-Yung

SECONDER: Commissioner Coupar

WHEREAS:

1. On April 8th, 2015, a ship stationed in English Bay began leaking fuel;
2. The Vancouver Park Board's mission is to provide, preserve and advocate for parks and recreation services to benefit all people, communities and the environment;
3. Vancouver's parks and beaches include diverse wildlife habitats and recreational water activities, and the Vancouver Park Board recognizes the serious and significant concerns of residents regarding the recent fuel spill impacts on both; and
4. Federal and Provincial authorities, as well as the City of Vancouver, will review this incident and identify opportunities to improve oil spill prevention and response;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Staff be directed to review the Vancouver Park Board's role in responding to the fuel spill in English Bay on April 8, 2015, and recommend any changes to the Park Board's Emergency Response and Preparedness Plan that relate to public communication, the storage and deployment of emergency equipment, and the deployment of Park Board staff, facilities, and resources.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ENQUIRIES

1. A Board member advised staff that an enquiry previously made regarding Fraser lands property has been resolved.
2. A Board member asked how is the public being engaged in shoreline clean-up. The General Manager responded, noting a report will be presented to Council on this.
3. A Board member enquired about emergency planning in Park Board facilities in regards to refuge areas, particularly in community centres. The General Manager advised that the Director of Recreation has been working with the Emergency Management office and staff will obtain an update.
4. A Board member enquired about the status of information requested during the Park Operations Services Review presentation regarding full-time permanent positions from 2007 - 2015. The General Manager advised that staff are collecting data and will report back.

5. With regard to a previous motion passed, a Board member requested a status update on finding a permanent home for Love Locks.
6. A Board member noted that the temporary fence erected beside the CP Rail lines in the park at 6th Avenue and Fir Street requires safety improvements. The Director of Parks advised that staff attend to the matter.
7. A Board member enquired about the condition of the Knight Street medians and bridge area with concern that the green space does not reflect the spring clean-up campaign.
8. A Board member requested a briefing to provide clarification on the relationship between the City and Park Board with respect to Hastings Park/PNE/Empire Bowl.
9. A Board member requested information on the Park Board's relationship with the Vancouver School Board, and any partnership possibilities regarding field maintenance.
10. A Board member enquired about a previous motion brought forward regarding bringing meetings out to the community to create greater public engagement. The General Manager confirmed there will be a report back at the next Board meeting.

The Board adjourned at 9:20 pm.

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