



**PARK BOARD COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

APRIL 27, 2015

A Regular Park Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, April 27, 2015, at 7:04 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
Thomas Soulliere, Director of Recreation
Bill Harding, Director of Parks
Gordon Barber, Manager of Revenue Services
Tiina Mack, Manager of Park Development
Jessica Kulchyski, Meeting Clerk

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the following Park Board Committee minutes be approved as circulated:

- (a) March 2, 2015, meeting
- (b) April 13, 2015, meeting

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AGENDA ITEMS

1. REPORT: Queen Elizabeth Park Zipline

Gordon Barber, Manager of Revenue Services, reviewed the report and responded to questions.

The Committee heard from five speakers; two of whom were representatives from Greenheart International who spoke in support; and three who spoke in opposition and expressed concerns regarding the commercialization of parks and disturbing quiet park space.

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Shum

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the temporary operation of a zipline in Queen Elizabeth Park during the summer of 2015 as a pilot project, under the conditions as outlined in the report dated April 18, 2015, titled "Queen Elizabeth Park Zipline".

(carried)

AMENDMENT MOVED by Commissioner Wiebe
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

THAT the Vancouver Park Board inform staff to return with a report that includes hours of operation, inclusiveness, and a community return structure, for a temporary operation of a zipline in Queen Elizabeth Park during the summer of 2015.

LOST

(Commissioners Coupar, Crawford, 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 the temporary operation of a zipline in Queen Elizabeth Park during the summer of 2015 as a pilot project, under the conditions as outlined in the report dated April 18, 2015, titled "Queen Elizabeth Park Zipline".

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At 8:20 pm, the Committee recessed for room set up for the next item and reconvened at 8:25 pm.

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2. REPORT: Mount Pleasant Skateboard Facility Location

Tiina Mack, Manager of Park Development, and Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, reviewed the report. Ms. Mack noted the Landscape Architect and Planning Analyst staff, as well as Kyle Dion, New Line Skate Parks, designer of the current facility, available for questions.

Staff responded to questions.

The Committee noted the large public turn-out for the meeting and that 55 requests to speak on the topic had been received. The Chair acknowledged that there was insufficient time remaining to hear from speakers, but that Board members had heard the community's concern regarding the proposed option to remove the existing skateboard facility from Mount Pleasant Park.

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDER by Commissioner Kirby-Yung

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board

THAT consideration of the Report [dated April 20, 2015 titled "Mount Pleasant Skateboard Facility Location"] and its recommendations be postponed to a future meeting to allow staff time to further monitor the situation and work with neighbors and skateboarders on alternative solutions to this issue; members of the public will be invited to speak at the future meeting.

(carried)

AMENDMENT MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon
SECONDED by Commissioner Wiebe

THAT the motion be amended such that:

- the vote on the motion be severed to vote on approval of locating an intermediate skilled skateboard facility in Jonathan Rogers Park, and to vote on
- THAT the Board postpone consideration of the Mount Pleasant Skateboard Facility to a future meeting to allow staff time to further monitor the situation and work with neighbors and skateboarders on alternative solutions to this issue; members of the public will be invited to speak at the future meeting.

(not put)

The General Manager responded to questions regarding the separating a motion, and postponing/deferring a motion.

The Chair ruled that the amendment was not in order because the motion was not severable.

AMENDMENT MOVED by Commissioner Evans
SECONDED by Commissioner Wiebe

THAT the motion be amended by adding a paragraph:

AND FURTHER THAT eight members of the public be able to speak this evening on the matter; to hear from four speaking in opposition and four in support.

LOST

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

The amendment having lost, the motion to refer was put and CARRIED, with Commissioners Mackinnon and Wiebe opposed.

FINAL MOTION AS ADOPTED

THAT consideration of the report and its recommendations be postponed to a future meeting to allow staff time to further monitor the situation and work with neighbors and skateboarders on alternative solutions to this issue; members of the public will be invited to speak at the future meeting.

The Committee adjourned at 9:32 pm.

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REGULAR BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 27, 2015

A Regular meeting of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation was held on Monday, April 27, 2015, at 9:50 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

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

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At 9:53 pm, it was

*MOVED by Commissioner Wiebe
SECONDED by Commissioner Evans*

THAT The Board meeting be extended past 10:00 pm to complete the business items.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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IN CAMERA

1. May 11, 2015 Meeting

MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Commissioner Shum

THAT the Board will go into a meeting on May 11, 2015, 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

1. Regular Board Meeting - April 13, 2015

MOVED by Commissioner Evans

SECONDED by Commissioner Wiebe

THAT the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on the April 13, 2015, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE REPORT

1. **Report of the Park Board Committee**
April 27, 2015

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

1. REPORT: Queen Elizabeth Park Zipline
2. REPORT: Mount Pleasant Skateboard Facility Location

MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung

SECONDED by Commissioner Crawford

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Park Board Committee at its meeting of April 27, 2015, as contained in items 1 and 2.

CARRIED

(Commissioner Mackinnon opposed)

STAFF REPORTS

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, advised that Park Board related items at Council and Committee meetings this week included: a proclamation for Emergency Preparedness Week; the City's 2014 Statement of Financial Information for the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development; and an update on the City's Digital Strategy, the contract award for the City of Vancouver's public Wi-Fi; and the Annual Procurement Report for 2014.

PRESENTATION

1. **REPORT BACK: Creating Greater Community Engagement**

Margo Harper, Manager of Communications, Park Board, referenced an upcoming staff report, regarding ways to enhance community engagement, which will be available later in 2015. She noted that the Park Board has been actively engaging communities in a variety of ways; including the Commissioners attending community events, the Heron Cam launch, City Bird Week, increased social media activity, the "Parks and Recreation for All" campaign, and for

the first time this evening, live web-streaming of Board meetings. She also noted further engagement with communities will be provided through the Town Hall Hosting Plan to be rolled out in the fall.

MOTIONS

MOTIONS ON NOTICE

1. Vancouver Recreational Water Quality

MOVED by Commissioner Wiebe
SECONDED by Commissioner Evans

WHEREAS:

The City of Vancouver, through the Metro Vancouver Regional Waste Management Plan, has a strong and dedicated commitment to good recreational water management, including the commitment to reduction in sewage runoff;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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At this point in the proceedings, Commissioner Coupar stepped down as chair in order to participate in the discussion. Commissioner Kirby-Yung, as Vice-Chair, assumed the chair for the remainder of the discussion.

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2. Cherry Tree Groves

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Crawford

WHEREAS:

1. For more than sixty years, Vancouverites have enjoyed a love affair each spring with the soul-stirring flowering plum and cherry trees that line our streets and grace our parks; this year, The Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival was awarded Canada's Best Garden Festival;
2. In the 1930s, '40s and '50s, staff initiated a number of significant cherry tree plantings - provided primarily as gifts to the Vancouver Park Board: in the early 1930s, the mayors of both Kobe and Yokohama presented the Park Board with 500 Japanese cherry trees for planting at the Japanese cenotaph in Stanley Park, honouring Japanese Canadians who served in WWI; and so, as the impact of cherry tree plantings began to

reshape the city's landscape, Vancouverites were soon smitten by their fleeting beauty, their clouds of blossoms, as they heralded spring's arrival each year;

3. In 1958, three hundred more cherry trees were donated by the Japanese consul, Muneo Tanabe, reported in the newspaper as "an eternal memory of good friendship between our two nations". The ornamental cherries were planted along Cambie Boulevard, between 49th and 33rd Avenues, in Queen Elizabeth Park, and around the Japanese monument in Stanley Park;
4. By the time the Park Board completed its first comprehensive street tree inventory in 1990, nearly 36 percent of the 89,000 trees on city streets were represented by trees of the Prunus genus - the flowering plum and cherry trees; and
5. The latest inventory shows 143,760 trees in Vancouver's street tree inventory. Presently 21.86% are in the Prunus family;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. 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
- B. 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.

The Board agreed to separate the vote on the components of the motion (A and B).

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CARRIED
(Commissioners Mackinnon and Wiebe opposed)

- B. 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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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At 10:25pm Commissioner Coupar resumed as chair.

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NOTICE OF MOTIONS

1. Commemorative Trees and Shrubs

Commissioner Evans gave notice of the following motion.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT Park Board staff report back by September 2015 or sooner on options for establishing a commemorative tree and shrub planting program for the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation that:

- (a) Responds to the reasonable requests of residents of Vancouver;
- (b) Provides commemorative tree and shrub plantings at a reasonable cost; and
- (c) Advances the goals of the Urban Forest Strategy.

ENQUIRIES

- 1. A Board member asked when information on Jim Deva memorial which was approved in November 2014, would be available.
- 2. A Board member requested information on when motions are severable for the vote.
- 3. A Board member enquired about the report to Council on the contract award for City of Vancouver public Wi-Fi and asked whether it has come to the Board. The General Manager noted the Board has already provided direction regarding Wi-Fi.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Wiebe
SECONDED by Commissioner Shum

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board adjourned at 10:28 pm.

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