



**PARK BOARD COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

**MAY 11, 2015**

A Regular Park Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, May 11, 2015, at 7:03 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  
Bill Harding, Director of Parks  
Octavio Silva, Manager of Business Development  
Margo Harper, Director of Communication  
Cheryl Chan, Business Support Lead  
Pat Boomhower, Meeting Clerk  
Jessica Kulchyski, Recorder

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**1. Park Board Committee - April 27, 2015**

MOVED by Commissioner Wiebe  
SECONDED by Commissioner Kirby Yung

THAT the Park Board Committee minutes of the April 27, 2015, meeting be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

Commissioner Coupar advised on the following special events and activities:

- The 1<sup>st</sup> annual Dr. Richard Stace-Smith Lecture at the Brock House Society seniors' activity centre.
- The 44<sup>th</sup> annual Vancouver International Marathon which went through Stanley Park.
- "Youth Week" kick-off and annual celebration held at Creekside Community Center and organized by the Youth Week Committee.
- The 9<sup>th</sup> annual Youth Week Skate Contest held at the Plaza Skatepark.
- The roster for the Canadian FIFA Women's World Cup soccer team was announced at Robson Square.
- Stanley Park Brewing donated \$20,000 from its sales of Windstorm Pale Ale to the Stanley Park Ecology Society for the removal of invasive plants in Stanley Park.

- The unveiling of the 14-foot bronze "Shore to Shore" memorial stature at the event commemorating Portuguese Joe Silvey and his Coast Salish wives, Khatinaht and Kwatleematt, and evening event at the Musqueam Cultural Centre.
- Kerrisdale Carnival Days held in April.
- The opening of "The Happy Show" at the Museum of Vancouver.
- The Vancouver Aquarium Patrons Dinner held in April.
- VanDusen Botanical Garden held its Annual General Meeting and Volunteer Awards at the Garden.
- "Bird Week" was launched at the VanDusen Garden on April 15, 2015, and kick-off event to Bird Week was held the Roundhouse Community Centre. At the Vancouver Public Library, the Peregrine Falcon was announced winner of the City Bird Competition.
- "Sakura Days" Japan Fair was held at VanDusen Garden mid-April, as a part of the Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival.
- Hastings Community Little League's opening day was April 11<sup>th</sup> at Falaise Park.

## AGENDA ITEMS

### 1. REPORT: New Brighton Park Saltmarsh Project - Design and Consultation Process

Nick Page, Park Planner, reviewed the report and outlined project goals, collaboration with the Port Metro Vancouver, and the design and public consultation process for a saltmarsh at New Brighton Park on Burrard Inlet. He responded to questions.

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon  
SECONDED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board

THAT the Vancouver Park Board support a design and public consultation process for the creation of a habitat enhancement project in New Brighton Park in cooperation with Port Metro Vancouver; and

FURTHER THAT staff report back to the Board following the public consultation and seek Board approval of the preferred concept plan before proceeding to detailed design.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### 2. REPORT: Special Event - Clean-up the Ocean Concert

Octavio Silva, Manager, Business Development, and Dave Rieberger, Supervisor, Events and Filming, reviewed the report and noted that the Upcycle the Gyres Society's special event application had been conditionally approved by the City's FEST Committee.

Staff responded to questions.

MOVED by Commissioner Evans  
SECONDED by Commissioner Shum

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve a request from Upcycle the Gyres Society, organizers of the Clean Up the Ocean initiative, for an 800 person concert at Prospect Point Picnic Area Field on July 4, 2015, from 1:00pm to 8:00pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 8:00 pm.

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REGULAR BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
MEETING MINUTES

MAY 11, 2015

A Regular Board meeting was held on Monday, May 11, 2015, at 8:07 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  
Pat Boomhower, Meeting Clerk  
Jessica Kulchyski, Recorder

\*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

**IN CAMERA**

**1. May 25, 2015 Meeting**

MOVED by Commissioner Wiebe  
SECONDED by Commissioner Crawford

THAT the Board will go into a meeting on May 25, 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  
(Commissioner Evans absent for the vote)

## ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Regular Board Meeting - April 27, 2015

MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung  
SECONDED by Commissioner Crawford

THAT the Park Board minutes of the April 27, 2015, meeting be adopted.

CARRIED  
(Commissioner Evans absent for the vote)

## COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Report of the Park Board Committee  
May 11, 2015

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

1. REPORT: New Brighton Park Saltmarsh Project - Design and Consultation Process
2. REPORT: Special Event - Clean-up the Ocean Concert

MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung  
SECONDED by Commissioner Shum

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Park Board Committee at its meeting of May 11, 2015, as contained in items 1 and 2.

CARRIED  
(Commissioner Evans absent for the vote)

## STAFF REPORTS

### GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, advised of Park Board related items at Council meetings that week included: two reports on transportation monitoring and active transportation projects; a motion on notice regarding protecting recreational water quality; a contract award for the supply of various light duty vehicles, and a Proclamation for "Childcare and Early Learning Month". He also reported on the Leisure Directions West Executive Exchange that he participated in the previous week.

Mr. Bromley acknowledged Park Planner, Nick Page's work in helping with the recent English Bay oil spill, and thanked the Vancouver Fire & Rescue Services and Vancouver Police Department for their efforts in dealing with a fire near Siwash Rock and roads in Stanley Park last week.

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*At 8:13 pm all members were present.*

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## PRESENTATIONS

### 1. REPORT REFERENCE: Women's World Cup 2015

Octavio Silva, Manager, Business Development, and Michelle Collens, Manager, Vancouver Sports Hosting, presented an overview of the FIFA Women's World Cup 2015, the Legacy events and timelines, financial contributions, the plans for training fields, Vancouver Fan Zone, and broadcast centres, and outlined key Host City obligations and the Park Board's role.

Staff responded to questions.

## MOTIONS

### MOTIONS ON NOTICE

#### 1. Commemorative Trees and Shrubs

MOVED by Commissioner Evans

SECONDED by Commissioner Wiebe

#### WHEREAS:

1. The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation receives many requests each year from Vancouver residents wishing to commemorate a life event or other significant occasion by planting a tree or shrub in a public park;
2. Commemorative tree and shrub plantings are a common practice in many other municipalities and provide a long lasting tribute at a more affordable cost than a bench or picnic table; and
3. The Urban Forest Strategy seeks to increase the numbers of trees planted in the City of Vancouver;

#### 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.

(amended)

AMENDMENT MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung

SECONDED by Commissioner Shum

THAT the motion be amended to add the following phrase as (d):  
"Is revenue positive or neutral to the Park Board."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The General Manager responded to questions.

AMENDMENT MOVED by Commissioner Shum  
SECONDED by Commissioner Wiebe

THAT (a) be amended to add "including non-commercial organizations and charities.

CARRIED  
(Commissioners Kirby-Yung and Mackinnon opposed)

The amendments having carried, the motion as amended was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

FINAL MOTION AS ADOPTED

WHEREAS:

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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, including non-commercial organizations and charities;
- b) Provides commemorative tree and shrub plantings at a reasonable cost;
- c) Advances the goals of the Urban Forest Strategy; and
- d) Is revenue positive or neutral to the Park Board.

#### NOTICE OF MOTIONS

##### 1. Poetry in Parks

Commissioner Evans gave notice of the following motion:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Vancouver Parks and Recreation staff work with staff from the Vancouver Public Library on a pilot program to bring poetry to Vancouver's parks in 2015 and to explore longer term options for a broader Poetry in Parks program to be launched in 2016.

## 2. Skateboard Facility in Jonathan Rogers Park

Commissioner Mackinnon gave notice of the following motion:

THAT the Board approve locating a more advanced skill level skateboarding facility in Jonathan Rogers Park.

## 3. Motions with Requests to Speak

Commissioner Mackinnon gave notice of the following motion:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT if any member(s) of the public wish to speak to a motion coming before the Commissioners of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation that the motion be moved to Committee to allow public input and comment.

### ENQUIRIES

1. A Board member enquired about the status of the November 2014 motion (from the previous term) directing staff to conduct further public consultation on cetaceans in captivity. The General Manager advised that no action has been taken to date.
2. A Board member enquired about the RFP for a new restaurant in Harbour Green Park and wanted to know if this could be revisited. The General Manager advised staff would follow-up.
3. A Board member enquired about the training Park Board lifeguards receive regarding water quality. The General Manager will forward the request to Aquatic Services staff.
4. Two Board members enquired about drinking fountain maintenance and how best to report problems, and noted the fountain on the north side of Bloedel. The General Manager advised that the Director of Parks would report back.
5. A Board member enquired about participation in the 2015 Tourism Challenge. The General Manager advised staff will follow-up.
6. A Board member enquired as to whether there was any new information on the plans to relocate the Marpole Oakridge Community Centre to Granville. The General Manager advised there was nothing new to report.

### ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Wiebe  
SECONDED by Commissioner Shum

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board adjourned at 9:20 pm.

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