



**PARK BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING  
MEETING MINUTES**

**MAY 25, 2015**

A Regular Park Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, May 25, 2015, at 7:01 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  
Cheryl Chan, Business Support Lead  
Margo Harper, Manager of Communications  
Pat Boomhower, Meeting Clerk  
Jessica Kulchyski, Meeting Minutes

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**1. Park Board Committee Meeting - May 11, 2015**

The Committee agreed to postpone minutes approval to the next meeting.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**1. REPORT: Tom Cone Memorial - Public Art - Jericho Beach Park**

jil weaving, Coordinator, Arts, Culture and Engagement, Park Board, reviewed the report, and noted the bench is a Long Term Gift and the funds were donated by the Music on Main Society. She responded to questions.

The Committee heard from four speakers who spoke in support and acknowledged the work done by Tom Cone.

MOVED by Commissioner Evans  
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board

THAT the Vancouver Park Board accept the donation of an integrated sculpture/bench commemorating the work of Vancouver's renowned playwright Tom Cone, the first recipient of the Mayor's Arts Award for Lifetime Achievement in Arts and Culture; to be located in Jericho Beach Park with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**2. REPORT: "Home and Away" Public Art - Empire Fields**

jil weaving, Coordinator, Arts, Culture and Engagement, Park Board, reviewed the report on the proposed "Home and Away" Public Art installation.

Ms. Weaving, along with: Karen Henry, Senior Cultural Planner, City of Vancouver; Bryan Newson, Public Art Program Manager, City of Vancouver; and Dave Hutch, Manager of Planning and Research, Park Board, responded to questions.

The Committee heard from one speaker who spoke in support.

MOVED by Commissioner Wiebe  
SECONDED by Commissioner Evans

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the installation of the sculpture "Home and Away", which celebrates both historic and future activities at Empire Fields and which was commissioned by the Public Art Program and designed for Empire Fields/Plateau Park; with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager.

(postponed)

Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, responded to a question.

POSTPONEMENT MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung  
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT approval of the installation of the sculpture "Home and Away" be deferred to a future Park Board meeting, September 2015 onward, after the July public engagement opportunity at Empire Fields/Plateau Park.

CARRIED  
(Commissioners Crawford, Evans, and Wiebe opposed)

The Committee adjourned at 8:54 pm.

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MEETING MINUTES

MAY 25, 2015

A Regular Park Board meeting was held on Monday, May 25, 2015, at 9:05 pm, at the Park Board Office.

**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:**

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- Jessica Kulchyski, Meeting Clerk

**IN CAMERA**

**1. June 8, 2015 Meeting**

MOVED by Commissioner Crawford

SECONDED by Commissioner Shum

THAT the Board will go into a meeting on June 8, 2015 which is closed to the public, pursuant to Section 165.2(1) of the *Vancouver Charter*, to discuss matters related to paragraphs:

- (a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the city or another position appointed by the City or Park Board;
- (g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the City or Park Board;
- (i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;
- (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

### **MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT**

MOVED by Commissioner Crawford  
SECONDED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung

THAT the Administrative Report [dated May 14, 2015, titled "Teahouse and Seasons in the Park Lease Modification"] be adopted on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

#### **1. Regular Board Meeting - May 11, 2015**

Postponed.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

The Clerk noted correspondence received from the City Clerk Office regarding the motion passed at City Council on May 12, 2015, titled "Protecting Vancouver's Recreational Water Quality", and advised those minutes are available online, and that correspondence received from the public (up to 4:00 pm in the GM Office) regarding the Motions on Notice was circulated.

### **COMMITTEE REPORT**

#### **1. Report of the Park Board Committee May 25, 2015**

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

1. REPORT: Tom Cone Memorial - Public Art - Jericho Beach Park
2. REPORT: "Home and Away" Public Art - Empire Fields

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 25, 2015, as contained in items 1 and 2.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, advised of the following items at Council meetings that week: the 2014 Housing and Homelessness Strategy Report Card and the 2015 first quarter Capital Budget Adjustments and Closeouts report. He thanked the Vancouver Police Department for their efforts with regard to the unfortunate accident that resulted in a death of a young man on May 24, 2015, in Stanley Park.

The Chair also advised of a Public Hearing that week with regard to a rezoning application to build two 6-storey buildings at Cambie Street and 33rd Avenue, at the entrance of Queen Elizabeth Park.

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

### 1. Teahouse and Seasons in the Park Lease Modification

- A. THAT the rent for the Teahouse for the term January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2019 be set at 4% for the first \$2,000,000 of gross revenue (including liquor and patio) and 6% of gross revenue beyond \$2,000,000;
- B. THAT the rent for Seasons in the Park for the term March 1, 2015 - February 26, 2020 be set at 4% for the first \$4,500,000 of gross revenue (including liquor and patio) and 6% for gross revenues beyond \$4,500,000;
- C. THAT an additional three year option be given to the Sequoia Company of Restaurants Inc. for the Teahouse under conditions as outlined in the report dated May 14, 2015, titled "Teahouse and Seasons in the Park Lease Modification";
- D. 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 delivered by all parties;
- E. THAT once the form of all legal documentation has been approved by the General Manager of the Park Board and the Director of Legal Services for the City of Vancouver, that the General Manager of the Park Board be authorized to execute and deliver such documentation on behalf of the Vancouver Park Board.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

## MOTIONS

### MOTIONS ON NOTICE

#### 1. Poetry in Parks

MOVED by Commissioner Evans

SECONDED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung

WHEREAS:

1. There is a deep and long-standing tradition in Vancouver of appreciation for the literary arts, including poetry;
2. Many poems speak to peoples' understanding and experience of nature, such as found in Vancouver's parks;

3. During the summer of 2014, the Vancouver Public Library (VPL) and the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation (VPB) collaborated to bring pop-up libraries to select locations in Vancouver Parks;
4. The VPL is supportive of working with VPB to pilot a "Poetry in Parks" program;

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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 2. Motions with Requests to Speak

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon  
SECONDED by Commissioner Wiebe

WHEREAS:

1. The public has a right to comment on the decisions being considered by the Commissioners of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation;
2. The practice at Vancouver City Council is that if anyone wishes to speak to a motion, it is placed on the Committee agenda allowing input by the public;
3. It has been common practice until at least 2011 that members of the public could speak to motions before the Commissioners of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation;

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.

(lost)

The General Manager and Meeting Clerk responded to questions.

Following debate, the motion was put and LOST, with Commissioners Crawford, Coupar, Kirby-Yung and Shum opposed.

## NOTICE OF MOTIONS

### 1. Resident and Recreational Boaters Good Neighbour Campaign

Commissioner Kirby-Yung gave notice of the following motion.

#### THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve design and implementation of a social responsibility campaign aimed at raising awareness of improper disposal actions on water quality; and
2. THAT consideration be given a multi-pronged campaign including social media, signage at Park Board marinas and other key locations, info distribution by staff giving anchorage permits and media relations, that includes info on proper discharge locations and procedures; and
3. THAT the plan be implemented as quickly as possible in advance of the busy summer recreational season.

## ENQUIRIES

1. A Board member enquired about the return date for the report on the Mt. Pleasant skateboard facility location. The General Manager advised there was no date at this time however staff are actively engaging in further public consultation as per the Board's directive.
2. A Board member enquired on the status of the proposed park location at Smithe and Richards Streets. The General Manager provided an update and noted a written report will be distributed shortly.
3. Two Board members enquired about the Stanley Park Causeway: whether construction would commence in the summer of 2015; if there was any restoration work or compensation due to the widening of the Causeway; and requested Board updates. The General Manager noted that these issues are the focus of his discussions with Ministry staff, and that he would look into the construction dates.
4. A Board member asked who is responsible for the maintenance of portable toilets on park property. The General Manager advised that this is a contracted service and requested that any locations needing attention be passed along so Park Operations staff can follow-up.
5. A Board member enquired about adding the universal access symbol to the Seawall portion of the 2015 Stanley Park Map. The General Manager will share this with Communications staff and noted an electronic version of the map is being created and will include the access symbol.
6. A Board member requested an update on the status of the Blue Flag feasibility study. The General Manager advised that he would check with staff on the status.

7. A Board member asked for an update on a previous request for clarification on when a motion can be severed. General Manager advised that a response has been drafted and will be sent out soon.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Commissioner Wiebe  
SECONDED by Commissioner Crawford

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board adjourned at 10:04 pm.

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