



**PARK BOARD COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

JUNE 8, 2015

A Regular Park Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, June 8, 2015, at 7:09 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
Pat Boomhower, Meeting Clerk
Jessica Kulchyski, Recorder

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Park Board Committee Meeting - May 11, 2015

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Evans

THAT the Park Board Committee minutes of the May 11, 2015, meeting be adopted.

CARRIE UNANIMOUSLY

2. Park Board Committee Meeting - May 25, 2015

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Evans

THAT the Park Board Committee minutes of the May 25, 2015, meeting be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CHAIR'S REPORT

Commissioner Coupar reported on the following special events and activities:

- Reflections on Truth and Reconciliation panel and live broadcast of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Final Report Findings at held SFU Woodward's;
- FIFA Fan Zone opened to the public at Larwill Park for fans to celebrate the Women's World Cup;

- during their training in the city, the FIFA Team Australia christened Empire Fields and met the public during a meet-and-greet held at Trillium Park;
- the FIFA Women's World Cup trophy tour stopped at Creekside Community Centre on May 28th;
- the FIFA Live Your Goals Festival was held at Trillium Park, encouraging young girls to develop their soccer skills;
- the Indian Consulate commemorated the 101st anniversary of Komagata Maru's arrival in Burrard Inlet, featuring government representatives, academics and artists;
- Khalsa Diwan Society Sports Festival's 50th anniversary celebration took place in May at Memorial South Park;
- Roedde House Museum's 25th anniversary celebration and garden party;
- Gathering Place Community Centre's 20th anniversary celebration;
- Windbreaks were installed at outdoor pools on May 21st; and
- to keep young street trees hydrated during the summer, 500 of them received water bags in early June to encourage residents to fill them.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. REPORT: Jericho Sailing Centre Licence Renewal

Gordon Barber, Manager, Revenue Services, reviewed the report and noted the Jericho Sailing Centre has been a tenant in their location for 30 years and promotes aquatic recreation: sailing, kayaking, stand-up paddle board, and wind surfing.

Mr. Barber, along with Mike Cotter, General Manager, Jericho Sailing Centre, responded to questions.

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Evans

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the renewal of the licence with the Jericho Sailing Center Association for a ten year period commencing on October 1st, 2015; and

FURTHER THAT once the form of the agreement has been approved by the General Manager, Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation, and Director of Legal Services, City of Vancouver, that the General Manager be authorized to execute the document on behalf of the Board.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. REPORT: Friends of Jericho Art Centre Society Agreement Renewal

Gordon Barber, Manager, Revenue Services, reviewed the report and noted the Jericho Arts Centre provides opportunities for a range of artistic disciplines through use of its theater and programs. Mr. Barber responded to questions.

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board

THAT the Vancouver Park Board renews the agreement with The Friends of Jericho Arts Centre Society to lease the Jericho Arts Center for a five year period with an option to renew for a further five year period, under the terms and conditions described in this report; and

FURTHER THAT once the form of agreement has been approved by the General Manager, Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation, and the Director of Legal Services for the City of Vancouver, the General Manager be authorised to execute the document on behalf of the Board.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. REPORT: Vancouver Rowing Club Parking Lot Agreement Renewal

Gordon Barber, Manager, Revenue Services, reviewed the report and noted the Rowing Club has been a tenant since 1911 and provides 46 parking stalls to its members.

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

MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Commissioner Evans

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board

- A. THAT the Park Board renew the agreement with The Vancouver Rowing Club, the operating agreement under similar terms and conditions as the previous agreement, for a period of ten years with an option to renew for a further ten year period;
- B. FURTHER THAT the annual use fee is set at \$21,669.10 plus all applicable taxes for the balance of the first term and then with annual increases that reflect the rate of inflation for each of the remaining years of the term;
- C. AND FURTHER THAT once the form of all legal documentation has been approved by the General Manager, Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation, and Director of Legal Services for the City of Vancouver, that the General Manager be authorised to execute and deliver such documentation on behalf of the Board.

(carried)

AMENDMENT MOVED by Commissioner Wiebe
SECONDED by Commission Mackinnon

THAT A be amended by striking out the phrase "with an option to renew for a further 10 year period", in order to bring a report back to the Board.

LOST

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

The amendment having lost, the motion was put and CARRIED with Commissioner Wiebe opposed.

4. REPORT: West Coast Railway Association Agreement Renewal

Gordon Barber, Manager, Revenue Services, reviewed the report and noted the West Coast Railway Association works with the Park Board and Roundhouse Community Centre to provide public access to the historic Engine 374. Mr. Barber responded to questions.

MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the renewal of the agreement with the West Coast Railway Association at the Roundhouse Community Arts and Recreation Centre for a ten year period; and

FURTHER THAT once the form of agreement has been approved by the General Manager, Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation, and Director of Legal Services, City of Vancouver, that the General Manager be authorized to execute the document on behalf of the Board.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. REPORT: Vancouver Parks Foundation

Jonathan Snoek, Acting Deputy General Manager, reviewed a report and highlighted opportunities to increase community giving and entrepreneurial development to help fund growing needs of parks and recreation.

Mr. Snoek, along with Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, and Josie Riebe, Manager of Fundraising and Development, responded to questions.

The Committee heard from one speaker who expressed concerns regarding how the foundation would be set up and the distribution of funds.

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board

THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to develop a plan to establish a Vancouver Parks Foundation; and

FURTHER THAT staff report back to the Board within five (5) months with a plan for implementation in 2016.

CARRIED
(Commissioner Wiebe opposed)

The Committee adjourned at 8:31 pm.

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REGULAR BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 8, 2015

A Regular Board meeting was held on Monday, June 8 2015, at 8:36 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
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*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

IN CAMERA

1. June 22, 2015 Meeting

MOVED by Commissioner Crawford
SECONDED by Commissioner Shum

THAT the Board will go into a meeting on June 22, 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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Regular Board Meeting - May 11, 2015

MOVED by Commissioner Wiebe
SECONDED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung

THAT the Park Board minutes of the May 11, 2015, meeting be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Regular Board Meeting - May 25, 2015

MOVED by Commissioner Wiebe
SECONDED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung

THAT the Park Board minutes of the May 25, 2015, meeting be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Report of the Park Board Committee June 8, 2015

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

1. REPORT: Jericho Sailing Centre Licence Renewal
2. REPORT: Friends of Jericho Art Centre Society Agreement Renewal
3. REPORT: Vancouver Rowing Club Parking Lot Agreement Renewal
4. REPORT: West Coast Railway Association Agreement Renewal
5. REPORT: Vancouver Parks Foundation

MOVED by Commissioner Wiebe
SECONDED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Park Board Committee at its meeting of June 8, 2015, as contained in items 1 through 5.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Commissioner Evans absent for the vote)

STAFF REPORTS

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, advised that Park Board related items at Council meetings that week included: a report on the City's Heritage Action Plan which also covers trees; a motion proposing 1000 new bike spaces, secure locking, and storage in the Downtown area; a report on the Hastings Park/Pacific National Exhibition Governance Review and By-law Update; Community Arts grants for 2015; a grant application toward funding the Killarney

Community Centre Energy Conservation Upgrade project; and a report of Community Benefits from Development.

The General Manager also reported that due to the heat wave in Vancouver, the Park Board is reviewing the timetable for opening of pools and water play facilities, and all Community Centres are designated "Cooling Centres" and will provide shelter from the heat.

MOTIONS

MOTIONS ON NOTICE

1. Resident and Recreational Boaters Good Neighbour Campaign

MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung

SECONDED by Commissioner Wiebe

WHEREAS:

1. The Park Board passed a Motion on April 27, 2015 to work towards improving Recreational Water Quality;
2. Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) is erecting beach advisory signs in and around False Creek due to e-coli levels in the area, and intends to leave them up for the balance of the upcoming summer season;
3. Residents can help reduce impacts by not dumping chemicals in catch basins or down storm drains, cleaning up dog waste, and disposing of waste properly at regulated facilities;
4. Boaters can help reduce impacts by ensuring vessel waste is discharged at available pump-out stations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. 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
- B. 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
- C. FURTHER THAT the plan be implemented as quickly as possible in advance of the busy summer recreational season.

(amended)

AMENDMENT MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon
SECONDED by Commissioner Wiebe

THAT A be amended by striking the word "approve" and inserting the phrase "receive information from other organizations, such as the Georgia Strait Alliance to",
to read:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board receive information from other organizations, such as the Georgia Strait Alliance, to design and implement a social responsibility campaign aimed at raising awareness of improper disposal actions on water quality; and

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AMENDMENT MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon
SECONDED by Commissioner Wiebe

THAT C be amended by striking out the phrase "implemented as quickly as possible in advance of the busy summer recreational season", and inserting the phrase "brought back to the Board with costing as soon as possible."

LOST

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

The second amendment having lost, the motion as amended was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

FINAL MOTION AS AMENDED

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board receive information from other organizations, such as the Georgia Strait Alliance, to design and implement a social responsibility campaign aimed at raising awareness of improper disposal actions on water quality; and
- B. 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
- C. FURTHER THAT the plan be implemented as quickly as possible in advance of the busy summer recreational season.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Governance of Hastings Park and elected Park Board representation on the PNE Board of Directors**

Commissioner Shum introduced a motion related to a report being considered by City Council at its Standing Committee meeting on June 10, 2015. The Chair outlined the history and advised of copies of the report titled "Hastings Park/Pacific National Exhibition Governance Review and By-Law Update" available.

MOVED by Commissioner Shum
SECONDED by Commissioner Crawford

WHEREAS:

1. The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation and its Commissioners are committed to the protection, stewardship and expansion of parks, gardens, and green spaces in the City of Vancouver, for the benefit of all citizens;
2. Vancouver City Council will be receiving a staff report entitled "Hastings Park/Pacific National Exhibition Governance Review and By-Law Update" at Council's Jun 10, 2015, Standing Committee on City Finance and Services. The report asks City Council to approve updated By-laws for the Pacific National Exhibition (PNE) that will serve to eliminate elected Park Board representation from the PNE Board of Directors and preclude elected Park Board oversight of Hastings Park;
3. The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation passed a unanimous motion at the Board's Monday, May 27, 2013 meeting calling for Hastings Park to be governed directly by the Park Board, as outlined in the Hastings Park Governance review, considering it to be the best option for achieving transparency and accountability in decision-making and increasing public access to the park's green spaces and recreational uses.
4. Hastings Park is historically the Park Board's second park, dating back to 1889 (just two years after Stanley Park was established), and was originally intended to be a premier destination park in the northeast corner of the city. Over many decades, the Park Board has been dedicated to re-establishing Hastings Park as a park site by adding green space including the Sanctuary, the Italian Garden, Plateau Park, and improving greenway connections throughout the site;
5. The lack of elected Park Board oversight for one of our city's largest parks represents a huge step backward and raises concerns about possible changes in direction at Hastings Park that could shift away from re-establishing Hastings Park as a premier destination park in the city;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation direct the Chair, on behalf of the Board, to write to Mayor Gregor Robertson and Vancouver City Council expressing the Park Board's deepest opposition to the elimination of an elected Park Board official from the composition of the PNE Board of Directors.
- B. THAT the Commissioners of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation recommit to the view, previously articulated unanimously by Park Board Commissioners at the Board's Monday, May 27, 2013 meeting, that Park Board governance of Hastings Park is the best option for achieving transparency and accountability in decision-making and increasing public access to the park's green spaces and recreational uses, and that this view be conveyed in writing to Mayor Robertson and Council.

(amended)

The General Manager responded to questions and clarified the process for notifying Council of the Board's decision.

AMENDMENT MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon
SECONDED by Commissioner Evans

THAT the motion be amended by striking out paragraph B and replacing with:

THAT in this letter, the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation recommit to the view, previously articulated unanimously by Park Board Commissioners at the Board's May 27, 2013 meeting, that Park Board governance of Hastings Park is the best option for achieving transparency and accountability in decision-making and increasing public access to the park's green spaces and recreational uses.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The amendment having carried, the motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

FINAL MOTION AS AMENDED

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ENQUIRIES

1. A Board member enquired about the current status of the Water Feasibility Study. The General Manager advised that this is being worked on by staff and a note would be sent to the Commissioner with a projected timeline.
2. A Board member asked whether Communications staff were able to exhibit the great work gardening staff are doing on the medians throughout Vancouver. The General Manager replied.
3. A Board member enquired about license requirements if someone is using a park as their studio. The General Manager advised that approval is required and there is a process.
4. A Board member enquired about the number of water bags around young street trees. The Chair noted 500 were placed in the first round.
5. A Board member requested an update on the management of chafer beetles. The General Manager will ask the Director of Parks to follow up with an update.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Crawford

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board adjourned at 9:48 pm.

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