



**PARK BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING
MEETING MINUTES**

JULY 20, 2015

A Regular Park Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, July 20, 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, Acting Manager of Administrative Services
Pat Boomhower, Meeting Clerk
Jessica Kulchyski, Recorder

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Park Board Committee Meeting - July 6, 2015

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung

THAT the Park Board Committee minutes of the July 6, 2015, meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CHAIR'S REPORT

Commissioner Coupar reported that Commissioners have been busy in the community and working hard to represent the Park Board. He highlighted their participation in the following activities and special events:

- An all-ages Sports Day at Hastings Park, celebrating the renewed Empire Fields and opening of the new Plateau Sports Park.
- Little League BC Provincial Championship opening ceremonies on July 18.
- Thailand Corner opening event at the Vancouver Public Library.
- Ground breaking ceremony for Challenger Field, BC's first baseball field designed for children with physical and cognitive challenges.
- Brock House Summer Fair and annual fundraiser.
- Miracle Mile statue unveiling at Empire Fields on July 10, honouring two athletes from the 1954 Empire Games.
- Queen Elizabeth Park Zipline opening on July 2.

- Greenest City 2020 half-way point celebration at the Roundhouse Community Arts & Recreation Centre held on June 30.
- The display *Celebrate the Garden: A Photo Retrospective* opened at VanDusen Garden on June 30.
- Water Street Trees media event on June 26 to encourage residents to help water young street trees.
- Places that Matter plaque presentation for West Hastings Street held on June 26.
- Clean Water Campaign launched at Vanier Park on June 19.
- Rio Tinto Alcan Dragon Boat Festival kick-off ceremony on June 19.
- 50th Anniversary of the Yokohama/Vancouver Sister Cities relationship, a tree planting ceremony on June 22 and a Welcome Reception held on June 24.
- 2nd International Physical Literacy Conference on June 13.
- In June, *Abreast In A Boat* celebrated 20 years of breast cancer survivors' Dragon Boat paddling teams.
- Healthy Aging Through the Arts showcase at Roundhouse Community Arts & Recreation Centre kicked off on June 9 for Seniors' Week.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. REPORT BACK: Creating Greater Community Engagement

Margo Harper, Manager of Communications, reviewed the administrative report on Creating Greater Community Engagement through Town Hall meetings held in the community. Ms. Harper and Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, responded to questions.

The Committee heard from two speakers in support.

MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Commissioner Wiebe

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board

THAT the Vancouver Park Board hold a Town Hall meeting in early October 2015, in a location yet to be determined, as a pilot for a series of community meetings to be held in different quadrants of the city; and

FURTHER THAT the October pilot be reviewed and public feedback sought to plan three additional Town Hall meetings in 2016.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 8:06 pm.

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MEETING MINUTES

JULY 20, 2015

A Regular Board meeting was held on Monday, July 20, 2015, at 8:15 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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ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Regular Board Meeting - June 22, 2015

MOVED by Commissioner Wiebe
SECONDED by Commissioner Shum

THAT the Park Board minutes of the June 22, 2015, meeting be adopted with an amendment to page 8, last line, to change the word "this" to "those of".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNICATIONS

The Clerk noted a copy of the motion passed at the City Council meeting held on June 23, 2015, titled "City of Vancouver Action on Truth and Reconciliation Commission Recommendations" was provided.

The Chair noted that a letter from the Mayor of Yokohama was received thanking the Board for their generosity and hospitality during her recent visit to Vancouver.

COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Report of the Park Board Committee July 20, 2015

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

1. REPORT BACK: Creating Greater Community Engagement

MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Commissioner Wiebe

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Park Board Committee at its meeting of July 20, 2015, as contained in item 1.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

STAFF REPORTS

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, advised of the Park Board related item at the City Council meeting that week included a report on the Q2 Capital Budget Adjustments and Closeouts for 2015. He also provided an update on Metro Vancouver's water restrictions and noted the level has been raised to Stage 3. The Board will be briefed on the next stage impacts, including for golf courses. It was also noted that a dedicated Recreation Planner is now on staff; the first position of its kind at the Park Board.

MOTIONS

MOTIONS ON NOTICE

1. Truth and Reconciliation Commission Recommendations Review

MOVED by Commissioner Evans
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

WHEREAS:

1. The Final Report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) was released on June 2, 2015, and included 94 recommendations for action by all levels of government;
2. The City of Vancouver was the first city in Canada to establish a Year of Reconciliation, starting on National Aboriginal Day 2013, and at the end of that year committed to create a City of Reconciliation;
3. The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation (the Park Board) is equally committed to reconciliation and finding a way forward with the First Nations and Aboriginal communities of Vancouver that demonstrates respect and partnership;
4. The Vancouver City Council passed a motion on June 23, 2015, directing its staff to provide recommendations on how to move forward on the actions recommended by the TRC, and requesting that the Vancouver School Board, Vancouver Police Department and Vancouver Public Library consider a similar review of the TRC recommendations;
5. At their meeting on June 29, 2015, the Urban Aboriginal Peoples Advisory Committee passed a motion specifically requesting that the Park Board also undertake a review of the TRC recommendations; and

6. The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation has embarked on several recent initiatives with the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh, including the visioning of the future of Stanley Park and has also supported projects to further understanding between communities through recreation; such as a number of aboriginal artist residencies, the Gen-7 initiative that encourages greater aboriginal youth and families usage of our community centres, and hosting a National Symposium which brought together aboriginal and non-aboriginal community-engaged artists from across the country.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT Staff report back to the Vancouver Park Board no later than September 30, 2015, with recommendations on how to move forward on the actions recommended by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) that are within the Park Board's jurisdiction and those of its partners.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Commissioner Crawford

THAT the motion be amended by striking out the phrase in the last line "and those of its partners".

CARRIED
(Commissioner Evans, Mackinnon, Wiebe opposed)

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

FINAL MOTION AS ADOPTED

WHEREAS:

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NOTICE OF MOTIONS

1. Marker of Change - the Women's Monument in Thornton Park.

Commissioner Mackinnon gave notice of the following motion.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to find an effective permanent solution that is appropriate for both the maintenance of the *Marker of Change* and the welfare of the geese; and
- B. THAT staff report back before December 6, 2015, with a long-term plan to effectively and permanently address this problem that incorporates the current, best researched, and available resources.

2. Park Naming Committee for Empire Fields/Plateau Sports Park.

Commissioner Kirby-Yung gave notice of the following motion.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation convene a Neighborhood Park Naming Committee as per Vancouver Park Board Policy.

3. Endorsing Vancouver's Living Wage Certification.

Commissioner Evans gave notice of the following motion.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation endorse the motion passed by Vancouver City Council on July 8, 2015, to have the City of Vancouver, including the Board of Parks and Recreation, certified as a living wage employer by the Living Wage for Families Campaign.

ENQUIRIES

1. A Board member enquired about the timeline for the completion of the Field House renovations.
2. A Board member requested an update on the motion that was passed in November, 2014, regarding further public consultation on the *Parks Control By-law* with regard to the keeping and breeding of cetaceans in parks.
3. A Board member enquired how work is progressing on the sound mitigation for Mount Pleasant Skateboard Park.
4. A Board member enquired about the current situation at the Vancouver Rowing Club and if the Park Board has plans to assist in any way. The General Manager replied that the Manager of Revenue Services is currently away but will follow up upon his return.
5. A Board member enquired if there were plans to have an opening at Hastings Park for street soccer. The General Manager replied he will follow up with staff.
6. A Board member enquired about the status of the water enquires and motions that have been put forward and would like a report back. The General Manager replied that an update memo is in progress.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Wiebe
SECONDED by Commissioner Shum

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board adjourned at 8:43 pm.

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