



**PARK BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING
MEETING MINUTES**

SEPTEMBER 14, 2015

A Regular Park Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, September 14, 2015, at 7:03 pm, at the Park Board Office.

PRESENT: Commissioner John Coupar
Commissioner Casey Crawford, Chair
Commissioner Catherine Evans
Commissioner Sarah Kirby-Yung
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
Susie Hutchison, Acting Director of Recreation
Margo Harper, Manager of Communications
Tim Sansom, Director of Financial Planning and Analysis
Cheryl Chan, Business Support Lead
Pat Boomhower, Meeting Clerk
Jessica Kulchyski, Recorder

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Park Board Committee Meeting - July 20, 2015

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Wiebe

THAT the Park Board Committee minutes of the July 20, 2015, meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AGENDA ITEMS

1. PRESENTATION: Windstorm 2015 Update

Howard Normann, Manager-Urban Forestry/Specialty Parks/Golf and Bill Harding, Director of Parks, presented on the effects of the windstorm that struck the lower mainland on August 29, 2015. The combination of the recent dry weather and 61 kilometre per hour winds destroyed almost 350 trees in Vancouver. Vancouver Park Board's Urban Forestry team received 1,218 service calls for issues such as broken trees/branches, inspections, pruning, and tree removal. The Urban Forestry team was commended for their dedication and hard work during the storm. Mr. Normann and Mr. Harding responded to questions.

2. REPORT: Fees & Charges - September 2015 Changes

Tim Sansom, Director, Financial Planning and Analysis, and Susie Hutchison, Acting Director of Recreation, reviewed the administrative report on changes to the 2015-2016 Fees and Charges - Recreation Services. Mr. Sansom and Ms. Hutchison along with Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, responded to questions.

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve changes to the 2015-2016 Fees and Charges for Recreation Services effective September 1, 2015, as summarized in the body of the report dated September 14, 2015, entitled "2015-2016 Fees and Charges - Recreation Services" and detailed in Appendix I.

CARRIED
(Commissioners Mackinnon, Shum, and Wiebe opposed)

The Committee adjourned at 8:02 pm.

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 14, 2015

The Regular Park Board meeting was held on Monday, September 14, 2015, at 8:23 pm, at the Park Board Office.

PRESENT: Commissioner John Coupar, Chair
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Commissioner Sarah Kirby Yung, Vice-Chair
Commissioner Stuart Mackinnon
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IN CAMERA

1. September 21, 2015 Meeting

MOVED by Commissioner Crawford
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Board will go into a meeting on September 21, 2015, which is closed to the public, pursuant to Section 165.2(1) of the *Vancouver Charter*, to discuss matters related to paragraphs:

- (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

2. September 28, 2015 Meeting

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon
SECONDED by Commissioner Evans

THAT the Board will go into a meeting on September 28, 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;
- (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 - July 20, 2015

MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Commissioner Evans

THAT the Park Board minutes of the July 20, 2015, meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNICATIONS

The Clerk advised that five emails in support of Commissioner Mackinnon's the motion on notice "Marker of Change - the Women's Monument in Thornton Park" were provided.

COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Report of the Park Board Committee
September 14, 2015

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

1. PRESENTATION: Windstorm 2015 Update
2. REPORT: 2015-16 Fees & Charges - Recreation Services

MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Park Board Committee at its meeting of September 14, 2015, as contained in items 1 through 2.

CARRIED

(Commissioner Mackinnon Opposed)

STAFF REPORTS

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Malcolm Bromley, General Manager reported on the Park Board related items at City Council including a report back on FIFA 2015 Women's World Cup Tournament, a motion on notice regarding humanitarian support for refugees, and a report recommending Fall 2015 sports hosting grants total \$15,000 in allocations. The General Manager praised Park Rangers for their action during the attempted abduction in Stanley Park. The Park Rangers played a significant role in identifying, apprehending and holding the alleged assailant.

MOTIONS ON NOTICE

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

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon

SECONDED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung

WHEREAS:

1. On December 6, 1989, fourteen women were murdered at L'Ecole Polytechnique in Montreal, Canada, by a man deliberately targeting women on campus. This event was one of the worst massacres in Canadian history. Canada-wide efforts were made from that day forward to change society's pattern of naming murderers rather than victims. The Women's Monument Project committee was formed, and collaborated with Capilano College and the Vancouver Park Board; and
2. The goal of the Women's Monument Project was to create a monument/public artwork that would permanently name the fourteen women, and be dedicated to all women murdered; and
3. *Marker of Change* in Thornton Park now exists to remember and honor women and girls who have been murdered, and to provide a permanent public space for activism against violence against women. It is a site for events, including public gatherings of all kinds and memorials throughout the year. Each year, special events and individual acts of remembrance take place on December 6th, Canada's National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women; and
4. Thornton Park was free of wildfowl until 2013, when a flock of Canadian geese that used to live beside the train station were displaced by the construction taking place in the area. As Thornton Park has no natural water source, the geese gather around the memorial to drink rain water that collects in the "pools of tears" on each granite bench of the *Marker of Change*. The resulting mess from goose feces on the benches and surrounding site makes the monument inhospitable to anyone wanting to visit or sit on the benches.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to find an effective, permanent solution that is appropriate for the maintenance of *Marker of Change*, the Women's Monument in Thornton Park, as well as for the welfare of the geese who gather in the park; and
- B. FURTHER THAT staff report back before December 6, 2015, with a long-term plan that incorporates the current best research and available resources to effectively and permanently address this problem.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

MOVER: Commissioner Kirby-Yung

SECONDER: Commissioner Coupar

WHEREAS:

1. The newly reopened Empire Fields and Plateau Sports Park at Hastings Park have not been formally named;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to convene a Park Naming Committee for Empire Fields/Plateau Sports Park, as per Park Board policy; and
- B. FURTHER THAT these recommendations are brought to the Park Board for their consideration and approval.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Endorsing Vancouver's Living Wage Certification

MOVER: Commissioner Evans

SECONDER: Commissioner Crawford

WHEREAS:

1. At least 20 percent of Greater Vancouver families with children are unable to earn an income sufficient to meet their basic needs, even if both parents are working full-time;
2. Average earnings in the region have not been increasing despite rising housing and living costs, resulting in greater inequality, child poverty and social costs;

3. A living wage strengthens families and communities by ensuring working families can enjoy basic economic security, participate fully in civic life and lift children from poverty;
4. A living wage for direct and indirect civic employees, including Park Board employees, was endorsed by all municipal parties in the last election, and has already been adopted by the City of New Westminster as well as a range of businesses and organizations.

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 Vancouver Park Board, certified as a living wage employer by the Living Wage for Families Campaign.

The General Manager responded to questions.

REFERRAL MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Commissioner Wiebe

THAT the motion be referred to staff.

CARRIED
(Commissioners Evans, Mackinnon, Wiebe Opposed)

NEW BUSINESS

1. *2015 Park Board Meeting Schedule Adjustment - Federal Election*

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon
SECONDED by Commissioner Shum

THAT the Park Board cancel the October 19, 2015, Park Board Committee and Regular Board meetings, due to the Federal Election in order to permit staff and Commissioners time to vote in the election, AND FURTHER THAT those meetings be re-scheduled for the evening of October 21, 2015

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ENQUIRIES

1. A Board member enquired as to when an update would be available on the 2015 Cetacean By-Law review. The General Manager replied that there was no update at this time but a briefing should be set up.
2. A Board member enquired about signage reminding citizens that open fires are not permitted in Vancouver Parks. The General Manager replied that staff will look into this issue.

3. A Board member enquired about damage to the Kamagata Maru Monument in Stanley Park and if staff has been made aware. The Acting Deputy General Manager replied that the situation has just been brought to his attention and that staff will be looking into it.
4. A Board member enquired about the status of the renovations as some groups have not been able to use the field houses. The General Manager replied that there is a schedule in place and a memo with the nine projects will go to the Board.
5. A Board member enquired about the status of the proposed October Town Hall meeting. The General Manager replied that staff are trying to navigate around the federal election but tentative dates have been selected. There was a positive response from partners looking to host the event.
6. A Board member enquired about the current financial situation of the Vancouver Rowing Club and if the Park Board is able to assist. The General Manager replied that as an active partner the Park Board has reached out to explore creative ways to make the Rowing Club more financially sustainable, however is unable to directly support them.
7. A Board member enquired about the water restriction impacts and if there will be proactive planning for the future. The General Manager replied that mitigation strategies are a part of future planning.
8. A Board member enquired about the status of public consultation on the proposed new park at Smithe Street and Richards Street. The General Manager replied that there is a process underway and a report will be provided to the Board.
9. A Board member enquired about the rescue of paddle boarders by Park Board lifeguards during the August 29 storm and if motorized boats would have helped. The General Manager replied that the internal incident report can be shared with Commissioners as well other options being looked into. Manager of Recreation Services to follow up.
10. A Board member enquired if the Local Food Policy is being looked at when contracts/renewals and RFP's are processed. The General Manager replied that the food policy team can provide an update to the Board.
11. A Board member enquired if there was a report on the deficiencies of the street soccer area of Empire Fields. The General Manager replied that the Manager of Park Development would give a report.
12. A Board member enquired if an updated Board Meeting schedule could be sent to Commissioners. The General Manager replied that a new schedule would be sent out in the coming days.
13. A Board member enquired about incident reporting from the Vancouver Police Department (VPD) to the Park Board. The VPD did not inform the Park Board when a serious incident occurred at one of its facilities. The General Manager replied that staff would follow up.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Wiebe
SECONDED by Commissioner Kirby-Young

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board adjourned at 8:28 pm.

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