



**PARK BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING  
MEETING MINUTES**

**OCTOBER 21, 2015**

A Regular Park Board Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, October 21, 2015, at 7:07 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  
Cheryl Chan, Business Support Lead/Manager Admin Services  
Carol Lee, Raincoast Ventures Ltd., Meeting Clerk  
Jessica Kulchyski, Recorder

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**1. Park Board Committee Meeting - September 28, 2015**

MOVED by Commissioner Wiebe  
SECONDED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung

THAT the Park Board Committee minutes of the September 28, 2015, meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

Commissioner Coupar advised that his report would include summer events and highlighted the following items:

- a senior's seminar held on October 7, 2015
- on October 4, 2015, Vancouver Arts Colloquium Society unveiled its Vancouver Place making event, celebrating an intergenerational creative project
- doors Open Vancouver took place on October 3, 2015, where the Park Board sold over 1,000 trees at deep discounts
- the construction of the Southeast Vancouver Seniors Centre was given the green light
- the Dunbar Village Business Association hosted its annual Harvest Festival on September 19, 2015
- the Nelson Park Community Garden has expanded to double the number of plots and gardeners
- the Vancouver Eastside 10K Run took place on September 19, 2015
- a fundraising gala, organized by the Thai Consulate-General, to support a school in Thailand was held on September 19, 2015

- the Chinese Benevolent Association of Vancouver and the Chinese Consul General celebrated the 66<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the People's Republic of China on September 16, 2015
- Queen Elizabeth Park's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on September 13, 2015, was attended by almost 20,000 people
- appreciation was expressed to the Park Board urban forestry crew for their assistance in removing fallen trees and branches from city streets and sidewalks after the August 29, 2015, storm
- the City of Vancouver and Sport BC celebrated one year out from the multi-sport Americas Masters Games, which will come to Vancouver on August 26, 2016
- the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual soapbox derby at the Ray-Cam Cooperative Centre took place on August 21, 2015
- The Park Board held a media photo event to show the installation of water bags on street trees on August 20, 2015
- the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the VanDusen Botanical Gardens took place on August 16, 2015
- the Active Engagement and Integration Project, supporting the settlement, adaptation and integration of skilled workers from South Korea and Taiwan into Canadian society, was launched by S.U.C.C.E.S.S.
- the Botany of Beer class was held at VanDusen Garden on August 12, 2015
- the Thai Cuisine in the Garden event was held on August 13, 2015
- the Vancouver Park Board night at the Canadians took place on August 10, 2015
- the annual Pride Parade took place on August 2, 2015
- sculptors' Society of BC Annual Exhibition was held on July 30, 2015 at the VanDusen Garden
- the July 30, 2015, zipline fundraising event raised almost \$5,000 for the BC Children's Hospital Foundation
- the Moberly Community Festival was held on August 8, 2015
- federal funding of \$500,000 was announced for the Stanley Park seawall upgrade, as part of the Government of Canada's Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program
- the Kerrisdale Lawn Bowls Club celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary on July 21, 2015
- the Walk with the Dragon event was held on July 19, 2015, with money raised going toward maintaining and enhancing S.U.C.C.E.S.S. services and programs for those in need in Metro Vancouver.

## AGENDA ITEMS

### 1. REPORT BACK: IRONMAN 5i50 Vancouver Triathlon - Special Event

Octavio Silva, Manager of Business Services, Park Board, reviewed the report back on the Ironman Triathlon Special Event and along with Dave Rieberger, Supervisor of Special Events, Park Board, responded to questions.

Letters of support provided by the Vancouver Hotel Destination Association (VHDA) and the Capilano Group were distributed to the Committee.

Susie Ernsting, IRONMAN, provided information on IRONMAN's initiatives with respect to gender equity and the details of the event organization and responded to questions and concerns raised by the Committee.

Michelle Collens, Manager, Sport Hosting Applications, City of Vancouver, spoke in support of the recommendation and responded to questions from the Committee.

Ty Speers, CEO, Tourism Vancouver, provided information on the benefits of hosting the IRONMAN 5i50 Vancouver Triathlon and responded to questions from the Committee.

The Committee heard from two triathletes, who were in support of the recommendation and responded to questions from the Committee.

MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung

SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board

THAT the Board approve a request from IRONMAN, organizers of the IRONMAN 5i50 Vancouver Triathlon, for the following:

- A. Use of the Harbour Green Dock from 5:00 am to 8:30 am on Sunday, July 10, 2016, to accommodate the swim portion of the event;
- B. Use of the west side of Harbour Green Park from 9:00 am on Friday, July 8, 2016 to 6:00 pm on Sunday, July 10, 2016, to accommodate the swim/bike transition area of the event; and
- C. A road closure in Stanley Park from 5:30 am to 10:30 am on Sunday, July 10, 2016, to accommodate the cycling portion of the event.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Commissioner Mackinnon requested a report back from staff following the conclusion of the event.

#### **Agenda Varied**

By consensus, the Committee agreed to vary the agenda to consider Item 3 prior to Item 2.

### **3. REPORT: McBride Park Improvements**

Tiina Mack, Manager of Park Development, Park Board, introduced:

- Lehran Hache, Landscape Designer, Park Board
- Lon LaClaire, Acting Director, Transportation Division, City of Vancouver
- Jason Hsieh, Planning Assistant, Park Board.

Ms. Mack reviewed the report on the proposed improvements to McBride Park and along with Ms. Hache and Mr. LaClaire, responded to concerns from the Committee regarding the recommendation to terminate discussions about the possible closure of Waterloo Street through McBride Park and questions on additional issues from the Committee.

The Committee heard from four speakers who were in support of the closure of Waterloo Street through McBride Park and one speaker who was opposed. The Committee also heard from one speaker who expressed support for the community garden. The speakers responded to questions from the Committee.

The Chair advised that a petition with 133 signatures in support of the closure of Waterloo Street to expand and connect the park was received by the General Manager's Office and had been distributed to Commissioners.

MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung  
SECONDED by Commissioner Crawford

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the proposed replacement of the existing playground at McBride Park;
- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve a new community garden at McBride Park as described in this report; and
- C. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to terminate discussions about the possible closure of Waterloo Street between the eastern and western portions of McBride Park due to low public support.

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar  
SECONDED by Commissioner Wiebe

THAT the Committee suspend the Park Board rules to allow the meeting to continue beyond 10:00 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amendment

MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung  
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

THAT Item C be replaced with:

- C. THAT the Vancouver Park Board supports the closure of Waterloo Street between the eastern and western portions of McBride Park in order to extend the park and green space, subject to City of Vancouver-led comprehensive public consultation and a detailed traffic management plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amendment

MOVED by Commissioner Wiebe  
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

THAT Item B be replaced with:

- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve a new educational and community garden at McBride Park as described in this report; and

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Question was called on the Main Motion, as amended.

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the proposed replacement of the existing playground at McBride Park;
- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve a new educational and community garden at McBride Park as described in this report; and
- C. THAT the Vancouver Park Board supports the closure of Waterloo Street between the eastern and western portions of McBride Park in order to extend the park and green space, subject to City of Vancouver-led comprehensive public consultation and a detailed traffic management plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### **Agenda Varied**

The order of the agenda was now resumed.

#### **Recess**

The meeting recessed at 10:11 pm and reconvened at 10:20 pm.

## **2. REPORT BACK: Love Locks Sculpture Location and Development**

Tiina Mack, Manager of Park Development, Park Board, and Lehran Hache, Landscape Designer, Park Board, reviewed the report on the newly proposed locations for the love locks sculpture and responded to questions from the Committee. Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, responded to a question regarding the increased level of engagement with the three First Nations whose territories are located in Vancouver.

MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung  
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve Queen Elizabeth Park as the most suitable location for a 'Love Locks' sculpture in Vancouver.

CARRIED

(Commissioners Mackinnon and Wiebe opposed)

The Committee adjourned at 10:51 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley  
General Manager

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Commissioner Casey Crawford  
Chair



**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MEETING MINUTES**

**OCTOBER 21, 2015**

The Regular Park Board meeting was held on Wednesday, October 21, 2015, at 10:58 pm, at the Park Board Office.

**PRESENT:** Commissioner John Coupar, Chair  
Commissioner Casey Crawford  
Commissioner Catherine Evans  
Commissioner Sarah Kirby Yung, Vice-Chair  
Commissioner Stuart Mackinnon  
Commissioner Erin Shum  
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**IN CAMERA**

**1. November 2, 2015 Meeting**

MOVED by Commissioner Wiebe  
SECONDED by Commissioner Shum

THAT the Board will go into a meeting on November 2, 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**

## **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

### **1. Regular Board Meeting - September 28, 2015**

MOVED by Commissioner Evans

SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

THAT the Park Board minutes of the September 28, 2015, meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

The Board was advised that there are no communications of note.

## **COMMITTEE REPORT**

### **1. Report of the Park Board Committee - October 21, 2015**

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

1. REPORT BACK: IRONMAN 5i50 Vancouver Triathlon - Special Event
2. REPORT BACK: Love Locks Sculpture Location and Development
3. REPORT: McBride Park Improvements

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 October 21, 2015, as contained in Item 1.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Commissioner Wiebe

SECONDED by Commissioner Crawford

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Park Board Committee at its meeting of October 21, 2015, as contained in Item 3.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Commissioner Crawford

SECONDED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Park Board Committee at its meeting of October 21, 2015, as contained in Item 2.

CARRIED

(Commissioners Mackinnon and Wiebe opposed)

## STAFF REPORTS

### GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, reported on Park Board related items at the October 20, 2015 Vancouver City Council meeting:

- Removal of the Georgia and Dunsmuir Viaducts
- Minor amendment Pacific National Exhibition By-law regarding the remuneration and expenses of Directors
- Motion on Notice regarding the celebration plans for the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Expo 86.

Mr. Bromley further advised that a celebration of life is being planned for Deputy General Manager, Huub Langeveld.

## MOTIONS

### MOTIONS ON NOTICE

The Chair announced that the movers of the Motions on Notice had consented to deferred consideration of the motions to the November 2, 2015 Park Board meeting.

#### 1. **Serving up a Fresh Concession Strategy**

MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung  
SECONDED by Commissioner Wiebe

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation direct staff to explore other concession operating models and report back to the Board by the end of February 2016; and
- B. FURTHER THAT such initiative be broad in scope, giving consideration to: diverse business models; the repurposing of existing locations, possibly with modular facilities that could include new benefits such as movability, inclusion of eco-friendly water dispensaries, washrooms; and the introduction of new locations/concepts.

#### 2. **Water Conservation Strategy**

MOVED by Commissioner Wiebe  
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation direct staff to report back to the Board on the costs and benefits of various measures that can be taken to mitigate against future droughts by reducing water use and conserving grey water; and
- B. FURTHER THAT the report be completed in time for measures to be included in the 2016 Park Board budget if necessary.



### **3. Providing More Parking for Bicycles & Vehicles Downtown**

MOVED by Commissioner Shum

SECONDED by Commissioner Wiebe

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT staff report back to the Vancouver Park Board, prior to public consultation, on the new Smithe and Richards park site, on the revenue generation, capital costs, and the park impacts associated with constructing and operating an underground vehicle and bicycle parking facility beneath the Smithe and Richards park location; and
- B. FURTHER THAT staff report on possible funding arrangements and partnerships available to the Park Board to construct and operate an underground vehicle and bicycle pay parking facility at the Smithe and Richards park site, including those that require no capital cost to the Park Board or to the City of Vancouver.

*Note from clerk: Commissioner Shum submitted a revised version on this motion for discussion at the next meeting.*

### **NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

#### **1. Public Consultations Standards Policy**

Commissioner Crawford gave notice of motion on the following:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to prepare a presentation for Commissioners on current Park Board public consultation practices with a view to receiving input and direction from the Board on opportunities and ways to improve on current Park Board public consultation practices and processes;
- B. THAT following the staff presentation to the Board, and with due consideration to the input received from Commissioners, staff be directed to develop a Park Board Public Consultation Standards Policy for citizen input on Park Board projects and initiatives;
- C. THAT this Park Board Public Consultation Standards Policy be inclusive of any civic initiative that involves Park Board facilities and/or properties under the jurisdiction of the Park Board, regardless of, and independent of, whether such civic initiatives and public consultation processes are being coordinated by the Park Board or another partner organization; and
- D. FURTHER THAT staff be directed to deliver the presentation on existing public consultation practices to the Board, as noted in Part A above, by February 28, 2016, with a subsequent report back to the Board with recommendations for a new and comprehensive Park Board Public Consultation Standards Policy by the end of 2016.

## ENQUIRIES

1. A Board member reported that needles were found at Andy Livingston Park and requested an update on the maintenance at the park.
2. A Board member requested that the Park Board be informed of any impacts to the Cottonwood Community Garden and Strathcona Park, in the event that a decision is made to remove the Georgia and Dunsmuir Viaducts.
3. With regard to a previous motion passed, a Board member requested an update on the installation of a plaque in Stanley Park to commemorate AIDS victims.
4. A Board member recommended that a letter of congratulations be sent to the Prime Minister designate, with a reminder of the park investments required in Vancouver. Mr. Bromley advised that a letter would be drafted for the Chair's signature.
5. A Board member enquired about concerns expressed by the public regarding the Cyclocross race held in Vanier Park. Mr. Bromley reported that there was some damage to the turf and he is working with organizers to find a more suitable location to hold the event in the future.
6. With regard to a previous motion passed, a Board member noted the need to ensure that transgender signage is installed at community centres and sports facilities in a timely manner.

## ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Evans  
SECONDED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 11:08 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley  
General Manager

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Commissioner John Coupar  
Chair