



**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MEETING MINUTES**

NOVEMBER 16, 2015

The Regular Park Board meeting was held on Monday, November 16, 2015, at 10:18 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
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

IN CAMERA

1. December 14, 2015 Meeting

MOVED by Commissioner Crawford
SECONDED by Commissioner Wiebe

THAT the Board will go into a meeting on December 14, 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 - November 2, 2015

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon

SECONDED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung

THAT the Park Board minutes of the November 2, 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 - November 16, 2015

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

1. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: Harbour Green Park Restaurant Contact Award
2. REPORT BACK: Queen Elizabeth Park Zipline Pilot Outcomes
3. REPORT: Sunset Park Revised Concept Plan

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 November 16, 2015, as contained in items 1 and 3.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

STAFF REPORTS

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, reported that the Standing Committee on Planning, Transportation and Environment would review a report on the contract award for the renovations of Hillcrest Park and Riley Park at its November 17, 2015 meeting.

Other items of note are:

- the release of the City and Park Board's 2016 budget to the public on November 25, 2015
- a special Park Board meeting will be held on December 8, 2015 and a Council meeting on December 9, 2015, to hear from the public on the 2016 budget
- Bright Nights in Stanley Park, to be open from November 26, 2015 to January 2, 2016

MOTIONS

MOTIONS ON NOTICE

1. Vancouver Park Board Public Consultation Standards Policy

Commissioner Crawford introduced the motion and commented on the need to consider improvements in the quality and depth of the Park Board consultation processes and for a clearly articulated policy to be developed. Commissioner Crawford responded to questions from the Board.

MOVED by Commissioner Crawford
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

WHEREAS:

1. The citizens of Vancouver made it clear throughout the 2014 civic election that they were dissatisfied with the process of public consultation that had taken place on a variety of civic initiatives;
2. The current Park Board, in response to the public's desire for better and more meaningful consultation processes, has delivered a number of new initiatives to improve public involvement in decision-making processes, including providing live web-streaming of Park Board meetings and offering Community Dialogues;
3. There are further initiatives the Park Board could consider and implement to improve on public consultation processes;
4. There is a need to delineate, clarify, and communicate the expectations of public consultation processes and the contributions that citizens can make to those processes;
5. The elements of a satisfactory public consultation process should be publicly documented in advance of all public consultation processes to improve transparency and operational efficiency; and
6. Satisfactory public consultation processes must ensure that community outreach goes beyond what is merely adequate by recognizing the growing cultural diversity of our city and acknowledging the need to reach beyond traditional print media, social networks, and community posters;

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 these current 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. FURTHER THAT the 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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. False Creek North Park

The notice of motion provided by Commissioner Evans at the November 2, 2015 Park Board Meeting was not seconded.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

1. Refugee Support

Commissioner Mackinnon provided notice of the following motion:

- A. THAT The Vancouver Park Board work with the City of Vancouver, our Community Centre Association partners, and the Immigrant Settlement Services of BC to support refugees living in Vancouver; and
- B. FURTHER THAT staff report back to the Board on the measures taken to welcome and support refugees.

2. Getting Mileage from Park Board Vehicles

Commissioner Kirby-Yung provided notice of the following motion:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to commence a pilot initiative wrapping a number of Park Board vehicles to promote Park Board facilities and attractions as the marketing and communications budget allows; and
- B. THAT consideration be given to vehicles that are on the road frequently, such as pickup trucks, and to ones that are based out of different maintenance yards across the city; and

- C. FURTHER THAT such car wraps focus on Park Board branding to raise awareness of the services delivered to Vancouverites, as well as to profile special events and festivals such as VanDusen Festival of Lights or the Stanley Park Easter, Ghost, and Christmas Trains.

3. Park Board Support for the VPD's 529 Garage Bicycle Registry

Commissioner Shum provided notice of the following motion:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to work in partnership with the Vancouver Police Department, the City of Vancouver, and Community Centre Associations to promote the 529 Garage bicycle registration program through community centres and Park Board facilities, including any communication support that the Park Board can provide through social media, the Park Board website, signage, general communications, and through Park Board partners; and
- B. FURTHER THAT the Park Board direct staff to report back on potential and/or existing mechanisms for collecting data on bicycle thefts from Park Board facilities, parks, and community centres, including measures to identify bicycle theft "hot spots", and current strategies to address bicycle theft.

4. Responding to the Syrian Refugee Crisis

Commissioner Evans provided notice of the following motion:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to examine all currently unoccupied and uncommitted former caretaker suites for the purpose of determining whether any can be reasonably put to use as temporary accommodation for government sponsored refugees from Syria; and
- B. FURTHER THAT staff report back to the Board on possible options as soon as practicable.

5. Accessible Parks Strategy - Site Map

Commissioner Wiebe provided notice of the following motion:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to partner with the City of Vancouver's Digital Strategy team to create online site maps that clearly illustrate the accessibility of all Vancouver parks and facilities by June 2018.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Security Plan for Vancouver Parks

Commissioner Coupar noted that there is a time-sensitive matter that requires that attention of the Board and introduced the motion.

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At this point in the proceedings, Commissioner Coupar stepped down as Chair in order to participate in the discussion. Commissioner Kirby-Yung, as Vice-Chair, assumed the chair for the remainder of the discussion.

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Commissioner Coupar responded to questions from the Board.

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Shum

WHEREAS:

1. There have been several serious security related incidents over the last few years in Stanley Park, including deliberate fires being set and most recently, the theft of Bright Nights extension cords and other critical electrical components; and
2. These incidents greatly impact the public and park users;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to develop a comprehensive security plan for all major parks, in cooperation with the Vancouver Police Department and City of Vancouver Corporate Security;
- B. THAT this security plan consider all reasonable measures including the installation of security cameras, limiting access to sensitive areas, and increased patrols and surveillance;
- C. THAT staff report back on the long-term plan, including cost estimates, by April 30, 2016; and
- D. FURTHER THAT immediate, short-term actions be taken to protect the upcoming Stanley Park "Bright Nights", VanDusen "Festival of Lights", and Bloedel Conservatory "Enchanted Nights" events.

Amendment

MOVED by Commissioner Wiebe
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

THAT Item A be replaced with:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to develop a comprehensive security plan, in cooperation with the Park Board partners, Community Centre Associations, the Vancouver Police Department and City of Vancouver Corporate Security;

CARRIED

(Commissioners Evans and Coupar opposed)

Question on the Main Motion, as amended:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to develop a comprehensive security plan, in cooperation with the Park Board partners, Community Centre Associations, the Vancouver Police Department and City of Vancouver Corporate Security;
- B. THAT this security plan consider all reasonable measures including the installation of security cameras, limiting access to sensitive areas, and increased patrols and surveillance;
- C. THAT staff report back on the long-term plan, including cost estimates, by April 30, 2016; and
- D. FURTHER THAT immediate, short-term actions be taken to protect the upcoming Stanley Park “Bright Nights”, VanDusen “Festival of Lights”, and Bloedel Conservatory “Enchanted Nights” events.

Commission Evans requested the motion be separated into distinct propositions.

Question on Item A

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to develop a comprehensive security plan, in cooperation with the Park Board partners, Community Centre Associations, the Vancouver Police Department and City of Vancouver Corporate Security.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Question on Item B

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this security plan consider all reasonable measures including the installation of security cameras, limiting access to sensitive areas, and increased patrols and surveillance.

CARRIED

(Commissioners Evans and Mackinnon opposed)

Question on Item C

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff report back on the long-term plan, including cost estimates, by April 30, 2016.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Question on Item D

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER THAT immediate, short-term actions be taken to protect the upcoming Stanley Park “Bright Nights”, VanDusen “Festival of Lights”, and Bloedel Conservatory “Enchanted Nights” events.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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At 10:59 pm Commissioner Coupar resumed as Chair.

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ENQUIRIES

1. A Board member enquired if Park Board staff had contacted the health authorities with respect to the health concerns surrounding artificial turf. Mr. Bromley advised that he had received information from Vancouver Coast Health and no concerns were reported; he will ensure Board members are provided with copies of all information.
2. A Board member enquired if there were any updates on the Killarney Seniors Centre to report. Mr. Bromley advised there was nothing new to report on the new seniors centre; the latest progress report provided is still current.
3. A Board member enquired if a report on keeping cetaceans in captivity would be brought to the Park Board in the 2015 calendar year as requested by a previous Board. Mr. Bromley responded that this is not anticipated due to unresolved legal matters, but a legal briefing for the Board will be scheduled early in 2016.
4. A Board member requested confirmation of the frequency of water quality testing conducted through the fall and winter months in False Creek; concerns have been raised due to turbidity caused by heavy rains & run-off.
5. A Board member requested that staff clarify the calculations regarding the size of the Northeast False Creek Park and indicate if there were gains or losses from the previous plan.
6. A Board member requested that staff enquire about the timing for completion of the new Northeast False Creek Park.
7. A Board member requested an overall briefing on the impact of the removal of the Georgia Viaduct on Northeast False Creek Park.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Wiebe
SECONDED by Commissioner Shum

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board adjourned at 11:08 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley
General Manager

Commissioner John Coupar
Chair