



**BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

DECEMBER 8, 2015

A Special Park Board meeting was held on Tuesday, December 8, 2015, at 7:00 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, Meeting Clerk
Jessica Kulchyski, Recorder

1. REPORT: 2016 Fees and Charges - Revenue Services and Parks

Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, introduced Tim Sansom, Director of Financial Planning and Analysis, Park Board, and Jonathan Snoek, Acting Deputy General Manager, Park Board.

Mr. Bromley advised that a balanced budget is being recommended to the Board. The budget that is approved by the Board will be presented to City Council on December 9, 2015, and will be voted upon by City Council on December 15, 2015.

Mr. Sansom led the review of a presentation on the proposed 2016 fees and charges. Mr. Bromley commented that changes in fees and charges fall under the sole jurisdiction of the Board and explained the rationale for the fees and charges being presented separately from the 2016 Operating and Capital Budget.

Mr. Sansom, along with Mr. Bromley and Mr. Snoek, responded to questions from the Board. There was discussion on the review of the current process of approving changes to fees and charges for Revenue Services separately from Recreation Services fees and the variation in parking fees charged throughout Park Board facilities.

Board members noted that even modest increases have significant impacts on low-income individuals and their ability to access Park Board services and programs.

MOVED by Commissioner Crawford
SECONDED by Commissioner Evans

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve changes to the 2016 Fees and Charges for Revenue Services and Parks effective January 1, 2016, as summarized in the body of this report and detailed in Appendix A.

CARRIED
(Commissioner Shum opposed)

2. REPORT: 2016 Operating and Capital Budget

Tim Sansom, Director of Financial Planning and Analysis, Park Board, led the review of a presentation on the proposed 2016 Operating and Capital Budget. Jonathan Snoek, Acting Deputy General Manager, Park Board, and Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, provided clarification during the presentation on the proposed 2016 budget.

Mr. Sansom, along with Mr. Bromley and Mr. Snoek, responded to questions and comments from the Board regarding:

- confirmation that the City will provide funding for labour increases that are negotiated during 2016;
- Board priorities for new spending initiatives;
- recognition by the City regarding the need to increase litter pick-up in parks;
- ongoing negotiation of the financial relationship between the Board and the community centre associations with respect to ActiveNet;
- whether the number of trees being planted can be maintained sufficiently in order to ensure that they thrive;
- suggestion that budget development and approval be deferred in those years when labour negotiations occur to ensure certainty in the operating budget;
- recommendation that consideration be given to utilizing products other than crumb rubber in the synthetic turf replacement, in light of the potential health concerns;
- need to clarify that the note regarding funding for the Marpole Community Centre planning/redevelopment references the need to define the scope of the redevelopment and the size of the facility, and not the uncertainty of funding;
- concern with the declining trend in the percentage of the City budget allocated to the core funding of the Park Board;
- whether there is a risk of Park Board solid waste being rejected as a result of the amount of organics contained in the waste.

The Board requested that staff provide a report from REFM regarding the plans to maintain and repair the assets that they manage on behalf of the Park Board. Staff also undertook to provide additional information on the assessment of the use of the Park Board kitchens and their ability to support the City's food strategies.

The Board heard from one speaker who spoke in favour of the proposed 2016 Operating and Capital Budget and expressed appreciation for the inclusion of sports facilities in the budget report.

The Board commented on the need for a process to be implemented to increase involvement of the Board in future planning so that Board initiatives and priorities are reflected in the development of future operating and capital budgets.

MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Commissioner Crawford

THAT, subject to City Council approval, the Vancouver Park Board approve:

- A. The 2016 Park Board Operating Budget of \$61,123,039, comprised of \$115,018,124 in expenditures and \$53,895,085 in fee and program revenues; and
- B. The 2016 Park Board Capital Budget of \$19.0 million, as detailed in pages 15-16 of this report, and within pages 172-190 of the report titled "City of Vancouver's 2016 Budget and Five-Year Financial Plan".

CARRIED
(Commissioner Mackinnon opposed)

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Crawford
SECONDED by Commissioner Shum

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board adjourned at 8:42 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley
General Manager

Commissioner John Coupar
Chair