



REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 22, 2016

The Regular Park Board meeting was held on Monday, February 22, 2016, at 8:55 pm, at the Park Board Office.

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

GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE: Malcolm Bromley, General Manager
Cheryl Chan, Business Support Lead/Manager Admin Services
Carol Lee Meeting Clerk
Jessica Kulchyski, Recorder

IN CAMERA

1. March 7, 2016 Meeting

MOVED by Commissioner Wiebe
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Board will go into a meeting on March 7, 2016, 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 - February 1, 2016

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Evans

THAT the Park Board minutes of the February 1, 2016, meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNICATIONS

The Board was advised that there were four letters of support received for the notice of motion titled "Serving Our Seniors". The letters had been emailed to the Commissioners and are included in the agenda binders for reference.

COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Report of the Park Board Committee - February 22, 2016

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

1. REPORT: Killarney Seniors Centre - Design Build Contract Award
2. REPORT: Northeast False Creek Advisory Group - Terms of Reference
3. REPORT BACK: 2015 Special Events Update

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon
SECONDED by Commissioner Shum

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Park Board Committee at its meeting of February 22, 2016, as contained in items 1 through 3.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

STAFF REPORTS

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, reported that an update on the public bicycle system would be provided at the February 23, 2016 Council meeting.

Other items of note are:

- the Standing Committee of City Council would review a report on the contract award for the contract award for the Design-Build of the Killarney Seniors Centre at its February 24, 2016 meeting
- Pink Shirt Day on February 24, 2016.

Mr. Bromley responded to questions regarding the public bicycling sharing program and staff was requested to provide a future briefing to the Board.

MOTIONS ON NOTICE

1. Park Board Ice Rink Strategy

Commissioner Shum introduced the motion and commented on the request of staff to conduct a supply/demand analysis of ice time in Vancouver, including consultation with user groups, to inform the Park Board Ice Rink Strategy. Commissioner Shum, along with Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, responded to questions from the Board.

MOVED by Commissioner Shum

SECONDED by Commissioner Crawford

WHEREAS:

1. Ice skating is an immensely popular activity that forms the basis of many winter sports, including figure skating, ice hockey, ringette, and speed skating;
2. Ice skating is an accessible and social activity that offers a diverse range of health and fitness benefits which include improved balance, strengthened leg muscles, improvements to joint flexibility, and boosting one's cardiovascular system;
3. Ice skating improves mental fitness as it requires a high level of concentration, strong memory skills, and keen spatial awareness;
4. The City of Vancouver, with a population of more than 600,000 residents, has eight public ice rinks under Park Board jurisdiction, only three of which are operated as year round ice rinks - Britannia Rink, Hillcrest Rink, and Sunset Rink;
5. Five of the City of Vancouver's ice rinks only operate on a seasonal basis - West End Rink, Kitsilano Rink, Kerrisdale Cyclone Taylor Arena, Trout Lake Rink, and Killarney Rink;
6. The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation has an Ice Allocation Policy, the objectives of which are to operate the ice services and facilities in an equitable, cost-effective and fiscally sustainable manner while balancing local services and needs with those of the City as a whole, while also seeking to meet current and future demands for organized and casual participants and providing rink users and stakeholders with the opportunity to influence policy implementation;
7. Ensuring the effective and efficient use of ice rink facilities under the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation Ice Allocation Policy is predicated upon the "limited supply of ice" available in the city for rink users, as stated in the policy;

8. The Ice Allocation Policy states that “to ensure a fair and equitable distribution of ice times, a proportion of a group’s entitlement will be at non-prime time (10% at minimum)” and that “Allocations beyond a sport’s entitlement will be at non-prime time”;
9. The Ice Allocation Policy states that Programs for younger children are to receive “priority over older youth and adults when allocating weekday early evening ice time”;
10. The Ice Allocation Policy states that the priority for ice allocation is: First Priority – Public Skating and Programs, Second Priority – Minor Sport/Children and Youth Programs, Third Priority – Adult Sport Groups, and Fourth Priority – Commercial Groups;
11. There is a “limited supply of ice” available to the residents of Vancouver and insufficient to meet the current and future needs of those wishing to access ice time for recreational and other sport and fitness purposes.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation commit to the development of an Ice Rink Strategy for Vancouver and direct staff to report back, by the Fall of 2016, with a report that includes, but is not limited to, information on the current ice rink supply in Vancouver, the current and future demand for ice time, the challenges faced by various ice rink users and user groups, the potential for new ice rinks that could increase the supply of ice in the city as well as the potential for twinning existing ice rinks, along with any other information that would help to inform a Park Board Ice Rink Strategy.

Motion to Refer

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon
SECONDED by Commissioner Wiebe

THAT the Park Board refer the motion to staff.

Amendment to the Motion to Refer

MOVED by Commissioner Evans
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

THAT the Park Board refer the motion to staff to report back on the supply/demand statistics of ice time in the fall of 2016 with a further report back on the entire ice rink strategy in the context of the overall Recreation Plan being developed by the Park Board.

LOST

(Commissioners Evans, Mackinnon and Wiebe in support)

Question on the Motion to Refer

THAT the Park Board refer the motion to staff.

LOST

(Commissioner Mackinnon in support)

Amendment to the Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Wiebe

SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

THAT the motion be amended to:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation direct staff to report back, by the Fall of 2016, with a report that includes, but is not limited to, information on the current ice rink supply in Vancouver, the current and future demand for ice time, the challenges faced by various ice rink users and user groups, the potential for new ice rinks that could increase the supply of ice in the city as well as the potential for twinning existing ice rinks, along with any other information that would help to inform a Park Board Ice Rink Strategy.

LOST

(Commissioners Evans, Mackinnon and Wiebe in support)

Question on the Main Motion

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation commit to the development of an Ice Rink Strategy for Vancouver and direct staff to report back, by the Fall of 2016, with a report that includes, but is not limited to, information on the current ice rink supply in Vancouver, the current and future demand for ice time, the challenges faced by various ice rink users and user groups, the potential for new ice rinks that could increase the supply of ice in the city as well as the potential for twinning existing ice rinks, along with any other information that would help to inform a Park Board Ice Rink Strategy.

CARRIED

(Commissioner Mackinnon opposed and Commissioner Evans abstained)

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon

SECONDED by Commissioner Shum

THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation suspend the Park Board rules to allow the meeting to continue beyond 10:00 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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At 9:44 pm, Commissioner Kirby-Yung stepped down as Chair in order to introduce the ensuing motion and to participate in the discussion. Commissioner Shum, as Vice-Chair, assumed the chair.

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2. Serving Our Seniors

Commissioner Kirby-Yung introduced the motion and commented on the growing senior demographic in the City and the need to develop a comprehensive strategy that addresses how seniors can be best served and supported by Park Board facilities, services, and programs. Commissioner Kirby-Yung responded to questions from the Board.

MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

WHEREAS:

1. The Vancouver Park Board has a mandate to provide recreational services that are inclusive and welcoming to all;
2. Seniors are a growing demographic in the city of Vancouver;
3. By 2041, Vancouver's population aged 65-74 is expected to increase by 79% and the population age 75 plus by 105%;
4. The Park Board has been taking steps towards expanding services to seniors including the build of a new Killarney Seniors Centre; however, of the 23 community centres in the city only two have a seniors centre;
5. The Park Board hosted a Community Dialogue engagement session in October 2015, on how best to support seniors with recreation facilities, programs, and services;
6. There is an upswing in seniors using pool and fitness facilities; demand is evident for specialized classes such as range of motion, adapted, or gentle exercise;
7. The Vancouver Park Board previously adopted a Youth Strategy which has resulted in several positive outcomes including: community-based youth workers who provide additional support and resources to youth aged 8 to 18 years while dealing with the broad range of developmental issues facing today's young people; inclusion of local youth input in program activities development in consultation with staff and youth volunteers in order to develop the capacity of youth by engaging them in active community participation; initiation of a City Wide Youth Council (CWYC); and a Vancouver Youth Week that is intended to build a stronger connection between young people and their communities;

8. There is a need for the Vancouver Park Board to adapt facility design, services and programs in concert with the changing demography of Vancouver.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation direct staff to develop a comprehensive strategy that addresses how seniors can be best served and supported by Park Board facilities, services, and programs across the city;
- B. THAT the strategy give broad consideration to different cultural groups;
- C. THAT the Park Board engage broad-based community stakeholders in the development of the strategy, such as seniors' associations, community centre associations, Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee, and Seniors' Advisory Committee;
- D. THAT the Park Board explore partnership opportunities that may be beneficial (such as with TransLink given that access and mobility can be key challenges); and
- E. THAT staff present a recommended strategy to the Board by the end of 2016.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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At 10:11 pm, Commissioner Kirby-Yung resumed as Chair.

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3. Park Board Recognition of Dal Richard's Life and Legacy

Commissioner Coupar introduced the motion and commented on the recommendation that the Park Board recognize Dal Richard's contributions to the City. Commissioner Coupar responded to questions from the Board.

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Crawford

WHEREAS:

1. The recent passing of Dal Richards has prompted an outpouring of community reflection on his life and legacy, not only for his legendary career as a musician and his acclaimed good works on behalf of the community, but also as an indisputable Vancouver icon;
2. On January 19, 2016, Vancouver City Council passed a unanimous motion to identify a place or civic asset to be named in recognition of Dal Richards and his lifetime of contributions to Vancouver, including the possibility of naming a

street as well as a current or future entertainment-oriented public space in his honour;

3. The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation is grateful for many contributions Dal Richards made to the vibrancy and richness of our city and for the inspiration and support he provided to the city's youth to become involved in music;
4. Dal Richards received many honours during his lifetime including the Order of Canada (1994), the Order of British Columbia (2003), the Freedom of the City of Vancouver (2005), the highest award given by the City, and as an inductee into the BC Entertainment Hall of Fame (1992) with a star on the Star Walk on Granville Street.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation direct staff to identify and report back on Park Board assets that could represent opportunities to recognize Dal Richards' lifetime of contributions to Vancouver, working with the input of his family and any other appropriate stakeholders.

Amendment to the Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon
SECONDED by Commissioner Wiebe

THAT the motion be amended to:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation direct staff to identify and report back on Park Board assets that could represent opportunities to recognize Dal Richards' lifetime of contributions to Vancouver, working with the input of his family, the Vancouver Civic Asset Naming Committee, and any other appropriate stakeholders.

LOST

(Commissioners Evans, Mackinnon and Wiebe in support)

Question on the Main Motion

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation direct staff to identify and report back on Park Board assets that could represent opportunities to recognize Dal Richards' lifetime of contributions to Vancouver, working with the input of his family and any other appropriate stakeholders.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Marking National Flag of Canada Day 2017

Commissioner Coupar introduced the motion and responded to questions from the Board. Staff was requested to consider the cost of the permanent flag pole as part of the feasibility report.

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Crawford

WHEREAS:

1. In 2017, Canada will mark the [150th anniversary of Confederation](#),
2. The Bloedel Conservatory was conceived in 1966 as a project to mark Canada's Centennial celebrations in 1967;
3. The Bloedel Conservatory is listed on the Canadian Register of [Historic Places](#) (CRHP) and was formally recognized on December 15, 1993;
4. The Bloedel Conservatory is designated as a heritage building in the City of Vancouver, listed on the [City's Heritage Registry](#) in the "A" category for buildings of Primary Significance that represent the best examples of a style or type of building or which may be associated with a person or event of significance;
5. In 1996, February 15 was declared [National Flag of Canada Day](#) and has been observed every year since;
6. The [Bloedel Conservatory](#) is the lush, domed tropical paradise at the top of Queen Elizabeth Park – the highest point in the city of Vancouver.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Park Board staff be directed to report back to the Board with a report on the feasibility of locating a permanent flag pole on or next to the Bloedel Conservatory dome to mark the 150th anniversary of Confederation on National Flag of Canada Day on February 15, 2017, including a plan for a permanent marker and celebration on that day.

CARRIED

(Commissioner Mackinnon opposed)

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At 10:36 pm, Commissioner Kirby-Yung stepped down as Chair in order to introduce the ensuing motion and to participate in the discussion. Commissioner Shum, as Vice-Chair, assumed the chair.

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5. Creekside Park Delivery

Commissioner Kirby-Yung introduced the motion and commented that, at the time that notice of the motion was provided, she was unaware that the Board would be considering the establishment of the Northeast False Creek Park Design Advisory Group at the same meeting. Commissioner Kirby-Yung responded to questions from the Board.

MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

WHEREAS:

1. In 1988, Concord Pacific purchased the False Creek North Lands (FCN Lands) formerly owned by the Province, with a portion of the FCN Lands identified as future park land areas;
2. The False Creek North Official Development Plan (FCNODP), approved 26 years ago in 1990, identified four waterfront neighbourhoods in the FCN Lands that would be developed in a phased approach, with amenities for each neighbourhood delivered, including the neighbourhood park, as each neighbourhood was developed;
3. Three of the four neighbourhoods envisioned in the False Creek North Official Development Plan (FCNODP) have been completed including those surrounding David Lam Park, George Wainborn Park, and most recently, Coopers' Park;
4. Creekside Park is the fourth and final major park planned as part of the False Creek North Official Development Plan (1990), and the timing of its delivery is tied to various agreements between the Province of BC and Concord Pacific and/or the City;
5. The residents of Northeast False Creek and the Chinatown area have had the prospect of a new park held out to them for many years and there is a critical shortage of green space available to many of the residents living in these communities;
6. The False Creek Residents Association has called for the City of Vancouver and Concord Pacific to fulfill the decades-old contractual obligation to complete Creekside Park and the Seawall, and residents have conducted a green light campaign to highlight their frustration over the lack of progress to date;
7. On October 27, 2015, Vancouver City Council approved a plan to remove the Georgia and Dunsmuir Viaducts, along with a related Conceptual Plan, to guide area planning for the remaining areas of the False Creek North Official Development Plan and two City blocks east of Quebec Street;
8. The Viaduct removal plan presented to Council in October 2015 states that replacing the Georgia and Dunsmuir viaducts with an at-grade street network will enable delivery of a larger park and address community desires to see the expedited delivery of the Creekside Park Extension;
9. The Viaduct removal plan approved by Vancouver City Council on October 27, 2015, includes direction to City staff to work with the Vancouver Park Board and interested citizens on planning for new waterfront parks and open space of no less than 13.75 acres, as well as options for expedited delivery of the new parks and open space;

10. The Viaduct removal plan presented to Council in October 2015 states that the removal of the viaducts, and a more efficient street network (combination of Pacific and Expo Boulevards, closure of a portion of Union and Carrall Streets), will result in a potential park increase of 13% (approx. 3 acres);
11. The Northeast False Creek Conceptual Plan outlines new parks and open spaces that City staff believe can be achieved in the area, including approximately 2.7 acres on the Plaza of Nations site and a minimum of 13.75 acres in the new Creekside Park Extension, Carrall Street conversion to park, and Dunsmuir elevated park;
12. Under Phase 3 of the Northeast False Creek development plan, the Creekside Park Extension is slated for construction between 2018 and 2024 following Phase 1 (detailed planning, design, and necessary agreements to advance removal of the viaducts and development of the remaining NEFC lands), which is slated for 2015 to 2017, and Phase 2 (construction of the new street network, including the new Georgia Street ramp, seaside greenway along False Creek, and Andy Livingstone improvements), which is slated for 2018 to 2020;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation write to the Mayor and Council to urge that some or all of the Creekside Park Extension be delivered on an expedited basis in order to alleviate the critical shortage of available green space for residents in the Northeast False Creek area; and
- B. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation direct staff to prepare a communication plan outlining the timeline and process for the Creekside Park Extension development and the details of the public consultation process that will take place in advance of the delivery of the new park.

Amendment to the Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Evans
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

THAT Item A be amended to:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation write to the Mayor and Council endorsing the removal of the viaducts and urging that some or all of the Creekside Park Extension be delivered on an expedited basis in order to alleviate the critical shortage of available green space for residents in the Northeast False Creek area; and

LOST

(Commissioners Evans, Mackinnon and Wiebe in support)

MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation suspend the Park Board rules to allow the meeting to extend to 11:30 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Question on the Main Motion

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation write to the Mayor and Council to urge that some or all of the Creekside Park Extension be delivered on an expedited basis in order to alleviate the critical shortage of available green space for residents in the Northeast False Creek area; and
- B. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation direct staff to prepare a communication plan outlining the timeline and process for the Creekside Park Extension development and the details of the public consultation process that will take place in advance of the delivery of the new park.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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At 11:03 pm Commissioner Kirby-Yung resumed as Chair.

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NOTICE OF MOTIONS

1. Zero Waste - Diversion Stations

Commissioner Wiebe gave notice of motion on the following motion:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation work with the City of Vancouver's Sanitation Operations, Real Estate and Facilities Management, all Community Centre Associations, and third-party businesses to create a diversion strategy that looks at best practices which include: Metro Vancouver, the Vancouver Aquarium, and Granville Island to ensure that the Board of Parks and Recreation becomes a green leader in diversion and education.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Evans reported that the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) has named Vancouver Public Library as the winner of the 2016 BibLibre International Library Marketing Award, honouring the work of the staff work and putting the Vancouver Public Library in the company of innovative libraries around the world, including in Europe, Asia and the United States.

ENQUIRIES

1. A Board member requested that staff work with the City Engineering Department to establish a regular schedule for waste collection from parks.
2. A Board member enquired if a Park board staff member will be taking over Lindsey Cole's role as liaison for Vancouver Food Policy Council. Further, if there will be a Park Boars staff member joining the Vancouver Food Policy Council.
3. A Board member suggested that the schedule for park bench cleaning be coordinated with other cleaning activities of the City Engineering Department.
4. A Board member requested that staff investigate the maintenance of the plantings on the Heather Street land bridge.
5. Staff was requested to provide Information on the impact on parks in the vicinity of Port Metro Vancouver's Centerm expansion. Mr. Bromley advised that information had been provided by email to Commissioners.
6. A Board Member enquired about the status of the Waterloo Park street closure. Mr. Bromley reported that the request had been sent to the City Engineering Department and no action had been taken to date. Mr. Bromley undertook to follow up.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon
SECONDED by Commissioner Shum

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board adjourned at 11:11 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley
General Manager

Commissioner Sarah Kirby-Yung
Chair