



**PARK BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING
MEETING MINUTES**

MARCH 7, 2016

A Regular Park Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, March 7, 2016, at 7:08 pm, at the Park Board Office.

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Park Board Committee Meeting - February 22, 2016

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung

THAT the Park Board Committee minutes of the February 22, 2016, meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CHAIR'S REPORT

Commissioner Kirby-Yung highlighted the following events and the participation by Park Board Commissioners:

- open house to solicit input on the recommended designs for the South False Creek Seawall on February 2, 2016
- West Point Grey Community Centre Association Annual General Meeting on February 3, 2016
- Family Day celebration at VanDusen Botanical Garden on February 8, 2016
- Lunar New Year celebrations on February 10 and 14, 2016
- opposition expressed to the proposal to hold the 4/20 event at Sunset Beach or any Park Board park
- February 15, 2016 open house on the upgrading of the playground in Andy Livingstone Park
- The 21st annual BC Coastal Ocean Awards at the Vancouver Aquarium on February 16, 2016
- Flag Day Celebration luncheon at the Canadian Club of Vancouver on February 15, 2016
- recognition of Pink Shirt Day on February 22, 2016
- February 25, 2016 Vancouver International Wine Festival event

- February 25, 2016 Reconciliation in Action event at the Hastings Community Centre to celebrate the creation of new understandings between the diverse cultures in the Hastings neighbourhood and to deepen the awareness of First Nations presence in Vancouver
- celebration of the completion of the Stanley Park Causeway Improvement Project on February 26, 2016
- March 6, 2016 Head Up the Creek Regatta for para-rowers held by the False Creek Rowing Club
- ongoing discussions between the Park Board and the False Creek Rowing Club regarding the provision of better access to rowing facilities in False Creek.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. REPORT: 5th and Pine Pop-up Park - Concept Plan

Tiina Mack, Manager of Park Development, introduced Nick Page, Park Planning and Research, and Alexandre Man-Bourdon, Park Development.

Mr. Page led the review of the presentation and highlighted:

- the neighbourhood context and location of the pop-up park
- the project goals
- the elements of the draft concept plan that was presented to the public for comment
- the engagement process
- the revised concept plan developed in response to the input received during the public engagement
- sustainability features incorporated into the concept plan
- the proposed project schedule and budget.

Mr. Page, along with Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, Ms. Mack and Mr. Man-Bourdon, responded to questions from the Committee.

MOVED by Commissioner Wiebe

SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the modified concept plan for a temporary (“pop up”) neighbourhood park located on the southeast corner of West 5th Avenue and Pine Street.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. REPORT: Reconciliation Art Program - Corporate Sponsorship Funding

Shauna Wilton, Acting Director of Recreation, introduced Jil Weaving, Coordinator, Arts, Culture and Recreation Engagement. Ms. Weaving led the review of the presentation and highlighted:

- the criteria for approval of use of Corporate Sponsorship funds
- the Park Board’s Arts Policy

- progress on the Board’s direction to implement the 11 reconciliation strategies which address the principles contained in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s Calls to Action
- two reconciliation strategies require one time expenditures over and above the existing funding level in the operating budget:
 - \$15,000 for staff training on Indigenous issues and reconciliation
 - \$25,000 for a community-engaged reconciliation focused arts program.

Ms. Weaving, along with Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, and Ms. Wilton, responded to questions from the Committee. The Committee sought clarification on the participants and timing for the staff training and the adequacy of the funding being requested to provide the staff training.

The Committee heard from five speakers, all who spoke in support of the recommendation. One speaker advised of an Indigenous ceremony being planned for June 11, 2016 in Vancouver. Three speakers expressed concern that the funding requested for staff training is insufficient. One speaker recommended that the Park Board hire a full-time Aboriginal staff person to work with Ms. Weaving in the community-engaged reconciliation focused arts program. The speakers responded to questions from the Committee.

MOVED by Commissioner Evans
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board contribute \$40,000 from the Corporate Sponsorship Reserve for the implementation of two key Reconciliation strategies in response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada’s Calls to Action, including: staff training and the launch of the new Park Board Indigenous and non-Indigenous Community-Engaged Arts Program.

Amendment to the Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon
SECONDED by Commissioner Wiebe

THAT the Vancouver Park Board contribute \$50,000 from the Corporate Sponsorship Reserve for the implementation of two key Reconciliation strategies in response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada’s Calls to Action, including: staff and Commissioner training and the launch of the new Park Board Indigenous and non-Indigenous Community-Engaged Arts Program.

CARRIED
(Commissioners Coupar and Kirby-Yung opposed)

Question on the Main Motion, as amended.

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

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CARRIED

(Commissioner Kirby-Yung opposed)

Recess

The meeting recessed at 9:23 pm and reconvened at 9:30 pm.

3. REPORT: Special Events Calendar 2016 - Major Events

Octavio Silva, Manager of Business Development, introduced Dave Rieberger, Supervisor of Special Events. Mr. Silva led the review of a presentation providing an update on the special events scheduled to occur over the coming year. Mr. Silva, along with Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, responded to questions from the Committee.

Staff undertook to advise Commissioners of the dates of major special upcoming events as they arise in order that they are able to engage in the events.

The Committee heard from one speaker who expressed concern regarding the impact to local residents as a result of the expansion of the number of events in Stanley Park, particularly private and corporate events that do not have a public benefit. Concern was also expressed regarding alcohol consumption at the events.

4. REPORT: RBC Run for the Kids - Special Event

Octavio Silva, Manager of Business Development, introduced Matthew Wright, Events Officer, BC Children's Hospital Foundation. Mr. Silva led the review of a presentation regarding the request for approval to hold the RBC Run for the Kids special event on June 5, 2016. This event was previously known as the Child Run. The organizers are seeking approval to relocate the start/finish area of the fun run route, where a festival would occur, due to the redevelopment in the area.

Mr. Silva responded to questions from the Committee. The Committee requested the organizers take steps to minimize the impact of the festival to the neighbouring residential areas.

MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Commissioner Evans

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

The Committee heard from one speaker who provided information about the needs of the BC Children's Hospital. The speaker responded to questions from the Committee.

The Committee requested that staff report back following the special event.

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Evans

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve a request from BC Children's Hospital Foundation to use Riley Park and adjacent spaces at Nat Bailey Stadium and Queen Elizabeth Park to deliver the RBC Run for the Kids event on Sunday, June 5, 2016.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 10:03 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley
General Manager

Commissioner Casey Crawford
Chair