



**PARK BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING  
MEETING MINUTES**

**APRIL 18, 2016**

A Regular Park Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, April 18, 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

**Agenda Varied**

By consensus, the order of the Agenda was varied to consider the tribute to Park Arborist Jody Taylor prior to the adoption of the minutes.

**1. PRESENTATION: Tribute to Park Board Arborist Jody Taylor (1973-2016)**

Park Board Chair Sarah Kirby-Yung noted that this is the first Park Board meeting since the tragic death of arborist Jody Taylor while on the job in Connaught Park on March 31, 2016. On behalf of the Board and all staff, Park Board Chair Kirby-Yung expressed the deepest condolences to the family and colleagues of Jody Taylor. She spoke briefly about the work that Mr. Taylor performed as an arborist on the urban forest team, caring for the trees in parks, natural areas and streets of Vancouver.

A photo slideshow created by Park Board staff in tribute to Jody Taylor was viewed. Park Board Chair Kirby-Yung called for the observation of a moment of silence in memory of Jody Taylor.

Park Board Chair Kirby-Yung then noted that April 28 was designated the National Day of Mourning to remember those who lost their lives on the job. This year, the Park Board would be honouring Jody Taylor with a park bench dedication and commemorative tree planting. This memorial ceremony is scheduled to start at 4:00pm on the lawn beside the former Fish House Restaurant. Mr. Taylor's family and friends were invited to attend.

Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, presented a canvas wrap collage of some of Jody Taylor's photographs to his 10 year old daughter. The urban forest crew who were working with Mr. Taylor on the day of his death presented a memory book to his mother.

An original Jack Shadbolt lithograph called "Spirit Imploding" was donated to the Park Board in Mr. Taylor's honour. The donor asked to remain anonymous, simply offering the gift from "a grateful Vancouver family". A place of honour to display the artwork will be identified.

### **Recess**

The meeting recessed at 7:29 pm and reconvened at 7:40 pm.

### **Agenda Varied**

The order of the Agenda was now resumed.

## **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

### **1. Park Board Committee Meeting - March 7, 2016**

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon

SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Park Board Committee minutes of the March 7, 2016, meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

### **2. PRESENTATION: Bright Nights in Stanley Park Burn Fund**

Joan Probert, Supervisor of Commercial Operations, Park Board, introduced Ray Boucher, Co-Chair, Bright Nights Committee and Lisa Lacamell, Executive Director, BC Professional Fire Fighters Association Burn Fund.

Ms. Probert led the Committee in the review of a presentation providing an update on the Bright Nights in Stanley Park Burn Fund and highlighted:

- Funds raised by Bright Nights in Stanley Park since its inception
- Use of the funds raised.

On behalf of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation, Park Board Chair Sarah Kirby-Yung presented a cheque in the amount of \$149,855 to the BC Professional Fire Fighters Association Burn Fund.

### **3. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: Creekside Paddling Centre Agreement**

Gordon Barber, Commercial Operations, Park Board, introduced Wes Uyeyama, Supervisor of Recreation Services, Park Board.

Mr. Barber led the review of a presentation providing an overview of the Creekside Paddling Centre License Agreement report and highlighted:

- Background of the Creekside Paddling Centre
- The Canadian International Dragon Boat Festival Society (CIDFS) and the British Columbia Mobility Opportunities Society (BCMOS) will be the primary and secondary users of the Creekside Paddling Centre, respectively
- Terms of the proposed license agreement.

Mr. Barber, along with Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, and Mr. Uyeyama, responded to questions from the Committee. The need for public access to non-motorized boating facilities was noted and Mr. Bromley advised that the Park Board is developing a strategy to address this issue.

The Committee heard from three speakers who spoke in favour of the recommendation. The speakers responded to questions from the Committee.

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon  
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve a 5-year License with one 5-year less a day extension term for the Canadian International Dragon Boat Festival Society and a 5-year License with the British Columbia Mobility Opportunities Society to operate at the Creekside Paddling Centre with the following conditions:

- A. THAT the rent structure, operating costs responsibilities, and usage be as outlined in this report;
- B. THAT all legal documentation is to be in a form which is satisfactory to the Director of Legal Services for the City of Vancouver and the General Manager of the Park Board;
- C. THAT the General Manager be authorized to execute and deliver such documentation on behalf of the Board; and
- D. THAT no legal rights shall arise and no consents, permission, or licenses are granted hereby and none shall arise or be granted hereafter unless and until all contemplated legal documentation has been executed and delivered by all parties.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### **4. REPORT: Economic Access Policy and Leisure Access Program Update**

Shawna Wilton, Acting Director of Recreation Services, Park Board, introduced Paul Czene, Recreation Coordinator, Park Board.

Mr. Czene led the review of a presentation providing an update on the Economic Access Policy and Leisure Access Program (LAP) and highlighted:

- Background of the Economic Access Policy and LAP
- Process changes that have been implemented to expedite LAP applications
- Amendments to the Economic Access Policy.

Mr. Czene, along with Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, and Ms. Wilton, responded to questions from the Committee. It was suggested that there be engagement with Community Centre Associations regarding the changes to the LAP.

MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung  
SECONDED by Commissioner Evans

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the proposed updates to the Economic Access Policy, as outlined in Appendix C of this report, to align with the current practices of the Leisure Access Program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **5. REPORT: New Brighton Salt Marsh - Preferred Concept**

Nick Page, Biologist/Park Planner, Park Board, led the review of a presentation regarding the preferred concept for the salt marsh at New Brighton Park and highlighted:

- Review of New Brighton Park
- Project description
- Partnership with the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority
- The concept plan and the salt marsh concept
- The development of the dog off-leash area option
- The public engagement process
- The project agreement, budget and schedule.

Mr. Page, along with Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, responded to questions from the Committee. Staff was requested to consider actions to mitigate the growth of invasive species in New Brighton Park.

MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung  
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the concept plan for the creation of an intertidal salt marsh, including related park improvements in New Brighton Park, developed in partnership with Vancouver Fraser Port Authority, as described in this report; and
- B. THAT a Project Agreement be finalized to the satisfaction of the General Manager of the Vancouver Park Board and the Director of Legal Services, and be executed prior the start of construction of the proposed park improvements.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon  
SECONDED by Commissioner Shum

THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation suspend the Park Board rules to extend the meeting to 11:00 pm.

DEFEATED  
(Commissioner Coupar opposed and Commissioner Kirby-Yung abstained)

The Committee was advised that a motion to extend a meeting must be unanimous in order to be carried.

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar  
SECONDED by Commissioner Evans

THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation suspend the Park Board rules to extend the meeting to 10:30 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 6. REPORT REFERENCE: Park Board Public Consultation - Current Practices

Dave Hutch, Manager of Planning and Research, Park Board, introduced Maria Stanborough, Planner II, Park Board.

Ms. Stanborough led the Committee in the review of a presentation regarding the Park Board's current public consultation practices and highlighted:

- Public consultation practices
- Park Board formats for public consultation
- Examples of consultation practices utilized during public consultation events in 2015
- Opportunities for improvement
- Next steps

Ms. Stanborough, along with Mr. Hutch and Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, responded to questions and comments from the Committee. Staff confirmed that they would be facilitating feedback and input on opportunities for improvement from Commissioners outside of the Committee meeting.

The Committee adjourned at 10:18 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley  
General Manager

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Commissioner Casey Crawford  
Chair



**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MEETING MINUTES**

**APRIL 18, 2016**

The Regular Park Board meeting was held on Monday, April 18, 2016, at 10:20 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  
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Carol Lee Meeting Clerk  
Jessica Kulchyski, Recorder

**IN CAMERA**

**1. May 2, 2016 Meeting**

MOVED by Commissioner Crawford  
SECONDED by Commissioner Evans

THAT the Board will go into a meeting on May 2, 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 - March 7, 2016**

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar  
SECONDED by Commissioner Shum

THAT the Park Board minutes of the March 7, 2016, 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 - April 18, 2016

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

1. PRESENTATION: Tribute to Park Board Arborist Jody Taylor (1973 - 2016)
2. PRESENTATION: Bright Nights in Stanley Park Burn Fund
3. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: Creekside Paddling Centre Agreement
4. REPORT: Economic Access Policy and Leisure Access Program Update
5. REPORT: New Brighton Salt Marsh - Preferred Concept
6. REPORT REFERENCE: Park Board Public Consultation - Current Practices.

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar

SECONDED by Commissioner Wiebe

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Park Board Committee at its meeting of April 18, 2016, as contained in items 1 through 6.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## STAFF REPORTS

### GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, advised that Park Board Chair Sarah Kirby-Yung would be introducing the report on the Biodiversity Strategy that will be presented by Nick Page, Park Planner, Park Board to City Council on April 19, 2016. The Rainwater Management Plan and Green Infrastructure Strategy will also be presented at the City Council meeting.

The Park Board's 2015 Annual Financial Report will be considered at the April 20, 2016 Standing Committee on City Finance and Services.

Mr. Bromley recognized staff for their efforts in organizing the highly successful Park Board Tree Week from April 2 to 10, 2016.

## MOTIONS ON NOTICE

### 1. Arbutus Greenway

The Chair announced that Commissioner Evans had consented to defer consideration of the motion to the May 2, 2016 Park Board meeting.

## NOTICE OF MOTIONS

### 1. Access to Park Board Services Without Fear

Commissioner Evans gave notice of the following motion:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation affirms that it is committed to respond to the diverse needs of people arriving and living in Vancouver, inviting their participation and engagement in the facilities and services under the jurisdiction of the Board of Parks and Recreation and providing welcoming and safe access to these facilities and services; and
- B. And that staff report back as soon as practicable to the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation with recommendations for a policy consistent with the spirit and objectives of the "Access to City Services without Fear for Residents with Uncertain or No Immigration Status Policy."

### 2. Water Conservation Measure

Commissioner Mackinnon gave notice of the following motion:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation ask the City of Vancouver to re-activate the VanDusen reservoir;
- B. AND FURTHER to work with the City to allow this captured water to be used to irrigate the VanDusen botanical collection at times of restricted use of water.

### 3. Zero Waste - Organic Infill Artificial Turf Fields

Commissioner Wiebe gave notice of the following motion:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation implement the use of organic materials instead of crumb rubber, on all new and replacement artificial turf fields in Vancouver effective immediately.

## ENQUIRIES

1. In response to an enquiry from a Board Member with respect to dissemination of information on disaster hubs, Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board advised that some preliminary information had been provided to Commissioners. Mr. Bromley undertook to follow-up with further detailed information.
2. A Board Member requested details of the accident on the Stanley Park causeway that damaged approximately six posts and railing on the southwest section of the new guardrail. Mr. Bromley advised that he would follow up with the Vancouver Police Department to obtain details.



3. A Board Member questioned the current status of the 2014 Master Plan for Trout Lake and John Hendry Park.
4. A Board Member relayed an enquiry from community groups regarding the source of corporate sponsorship funds. Mr. Bromley agreed to provide a report.
5. A Board Member requested an update of the location and schedule for resurfacing tennis courts and whether there will be an opportunity for pickle ball lines to be painted on resurfaced tennis courts. Mr. Bromley advised that he would report back on the tennis court upgrade schedule and locations and would investigate the request to add lines for the increasingly popular activity of pickle ball.
6. A Board Member questioned the process for the decision to discontinue the Remarkable Women series that had been initiated by the Park Board. Mr. Bromley commented that the decision was made without his knowledge and he will be investigating the matter.
7. A Board Member suggested that stakeholders be invited to a walk-through of the new street soccer pitch located at Hastings Park. Mr. Bromley agreed to schedule this event.
8. A Board Member enquired with respect to the timing for reactivation of water fountains. Howard Normann, Director of Park Operations, Park Board, advised that this work is in progress and that he will report back on the expected date of completion.
9. A Board Member requested a report on the governance of Pigeon Park and the issues with access to water for cleaning Pigeon Park prior to the weekly street festivals. Mr. Bromley confirmed that Pigeon Park is a Park Board facility and offered to discuss the details of the water access issues with the Board Member.
10. A Board Member noted the recent loss of a valuable Park Board staff member to a City department. Mr. Bromley confirmed that the Park Board does hire and foster highly skilled employees who are much in demand throughout the City and while it is tough to lose them, he is proud of their accomplishments and wishes them well in their careers.
11. A Board Member enquired whether the Park Board was informed of the recent oil spill in False Creek. Mr. Bromley advised that the Park Board was informed by the City Manager's office of the diesel discharge. Park Board staff were advised that City staff were conducting shoreline inspections and there was no danger to the shoreline or beaches. Park Board staff were notified immediately of the discharge and were involved in the investigation.
12. In response to an enquiry from a Board Member, Mr. Normann provided an overview of the status of the WorkSafeBC investigations into the March 31, 2016 workplace fatality.
13. A Board Member requested an update on the timing for the consultation process on the Marpole Community Centre renewal. Mr. Bromley indicated a briefing on the topic would be scheduled shortly.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar  
SECONDED by Commissioner Evans

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board adjourned at 10:34 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley  
General Manager

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Commissioner Sarah Kirby-Yung  
Chair