



**PARK BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING  
MEETING MINUTES**

**MAY 30, 2016**

A Regular Park Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, May 30, 2016, at 7:02 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  
Jessica Kulchyski, Recorder  
Carol Lee, Meeting Clerk  
Shawna Wilton, Deputy General Manager

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**1. Park Board Committee Meeting - May 16, 2016**

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar  
SECONDED by Commissioner Wiebe

THAT the Park Board Committee minutes of the May 16, 2016, meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

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

- Canadian production of Missing from Me at the Roundhouse Performance Centre on May 4, 2016 that brought a diverse group of youth from around the world together
- Stanley Park Lawn Bowling Club open house on May 7, 2016
- Trout Lake Farmer's Market summer season opening on May 7, 2016
- Wrap-up celebration of Youth Week at Creekside on May 7, 2016
- May 9, 2016 Urban Design Awards celebrating Vancouver's architecture and urban design
- Move for Health Day events in Yaletown and at the Hillcrest Community Centre to promote physical activity on May 10, 2016
- May 12, 2016 Definitely not a Gala Event to raise crucial awareness and funds for Vancouver's children living in poverty
- Vancouver Bird Week finale on May 14, 2016

- Celebration of the West End Community Centre's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary on May 14, 2016
- Celebration of the 129<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the CPR Engine 374 at the Roundhouse Community Centre on May 22, 2016
- The annual Salmonberry Days Community Fair at the Dunbar Community Centre on May 29, 2016
- World Partnership Walk to raise funds to fight global poverty on May 29, 2016.

## AGENDA ITEMS

### 1. REPORT: New Downtown Park at Smithe and Richards - Final Design Plan

Tiina Mack, Manager of Park Development, Park Board, introduced Joe McLeod, Landscape Architect, Park Board and Joost Baaker and Matthew Thomson from DIALOG BC Architecture Engineering Interior Design Planning Inc.

Mr. McLeod led the review of a presentation regarding the final design plan for the new downtown park at Smithe and Richards Streets and highlighted:

- Alignment with Park Board guidelines and strategies
- Context analysis and open space needs
- Public engagement process
- Conceptual design
- Feedback provided on the preferred design
- Park construction process
- Final design
- Next steps.

Mr. McLeod, along with Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, and Ms. Mack, responded to questions from the Committee. There was concern expressed regarding the safety of the height of the railings on the elevated walkway. It was suggested that staff explore the concept of community stewardship for the new park.

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar  
SECONDED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the final design plan for the new downtown park located at Smithe and Richards Streets as illustrated and described in the report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 8:10 pm.

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**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MEETING MINUTES**

**MAY 30, 2016**

The Regular Park Board meeting was held on Monday, May 30, 2016, at 8:20 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  
Cheryl Chan, Business Support Lead/Manager Admin Services  
Jessica Kulchyski, Recorder  
Carol Lee, Meeting Clerk  
Shawna Wilton, Deputy General Manager

**IN CAMERA**

**1. June 13, 2016 Meeting**

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar  
SECONDED by Commissioner Shum

THAT the Board will go into a meeting on June 13, 2016, which is closed to the public, pursuant to Section 165.2(1) of the *Vancouver Charter*, to discuss matters related to paragraphs:

- (a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the city or another position appointed by the city;
- (b) personal information about an identifiable individual who is being considered for an award or honour, or who has offered to provide a gift to the city on condition of anonymity;
- (g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the City or Park Board;
- (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**  
(Commissioner Evans absent from the vote; Commission Wiebe opposed)

## **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

### **1. Regular Board Meeting - May 16, 2016**

MOVED by Commissioner Crawford  
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

THAT the Park Board minutes of the May 16, 2016, meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

The Board was advised that there were four emails received regarding the notice of motion regarding expediting new outdoor pools, three of which were in support and one opposed. The email correspondence has been inserted into the Commissioners' agenda binders.

## **COMMITTEE REPORT**

### **1. Report of the Park Board Committee - May 30, 2016**

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

1. REPORT: New Downtown Park at Smithe and Richards - Final Design Plan

MOVED by Commissioner Evans  
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Park Board Committee at its meeting of May 30, 2016, as contained in item 1.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, reported that a number of Park Board events are scheduled for May 31, 2016:

- A media event is being planned to announce the new downtown park at the Smithe and Richards site
- A concession strategy focus group meeting at the Park Board office
- The first consultation dialogue session with the community centre associations.

Mr. Bromley announced that Shawna Wilton has been hired as the new Deputy General Manager, Park Board.

## **BY-LAWS**

### **1. Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy By-Law**

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon  
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation allow the new Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy By-law to be read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar  
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation allow the new Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy By-law be read a second and third time and be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **MOTIONS ON NOTICE**

### **1. Expediting New Outdoor Pools**

Commissioner Coupar introduced the motion and commented on the need to expedite the construction of new outdoor pools to address the unmet demands of the citizens of Vancouver. Commissioner Coupar, along with Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, responded to questions from the Board. Mr. Bromley confirmed that reallocation of existing capital funding would require the approval of the Board.

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar  
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

WHEREAS:

1. Vancouver's parks, recreation, and cultural assets are prized by Vancouverites and visitors alike as some of the finest in the world;
2. Vancouver has one of the mildest climates in the country, a climate that is highly conducive to outdoor recreation facilities such as outdoor pools;
3. Compared to other major Canadian cities, Vancouver is dramatically underserved in terms of outdoor pool facilities, having the fewest number of outdoor pools of all major Canadian cities;
4. Montreal (population 3,824,211) has 74 outdoor pools, Toronto (population 2,791,140) has 57 outdoor pools, Winnipeg (population 699,346) has 10 outdoor pools, Ottawa (population 856,650) has 9 outdoor pools, Calgary (population

1,195,194) has 7 outdoor pools, Edmonton (population 835,000) has 5 outdoor pools, and Vancouver (population 680,000) has only 3 outdoor pools;

5. Demand for the services that Vancouver's pool facilities provide, such as swimming lessons, currently exceeds the supply of pool facilities; and
6. New outdoor pools would help to alleviate the shortage of facility space for such activities as swimming lessons and would also help to meet other important recreational needs for the city's residents.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation direct staff to explore quick start strategies, including the reallocation of existing capital funding, to expedite the construction of new outdoor pools in the City of Vancouver.

CARRIED

(Commissioner Evans opposed)

## **2. Barrier-Free BC**

Commissioner Mackinnon introduced the motion and commented on the need for the Vancouver Park Board to formally support the Barrier-Free BC movement to ensure that all citizens are able to fully participate in their communities.

The Board consented unanimously to suspend the rules to allow Rob Sleath, Barrier-Free BC, to address the Board on the motion. Mr. Sleath spoke in support of the motion and responded to questions from the Board.

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon

SECONDED by Commissioner Crawford

WHEREAS:

1. British Columbians with disabilities encounter a variety of physical, sensory, and technological barriers, as well as ones related to communication, education, employment, attitudes, and many others on a daily basis;
2. The Federal Government of Canada is working toward the goal of enacting a "Canadians with Disabilities Act" that will require goods, services, and facilities which come under their jurisdiction to be accessible to all persons with disabilities;
3. A Canadians with Disabilities Act will only apply to goods, services, and facilities made available through Federal Ministries and federally funded programs with no ability to apply a similar requirement on goods, services or facilities made available through provincial governments or provincially regulated businesses;
4. On June 16, 2014, the Government of British Columbia launched a non-mandatory and non-legislated initiative entitled "Accessibility 2024", with the goal of making BC the most progressive province in Canada for people with disabilities by the year 2024; and

5. The Vancouver Park Board has been a leader in providing accessible and inclusive programming and facilities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Park Board formally support the Barrier-Free BC movement that calls upon BC's Legislative Assembly to enact a strong and effective British Columbians with Disabilities Act.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## NOTICE OF MOTIONS

### 1. Seeking Alternatives to Wading Pool Decommissioning

Commissioner Shum gave notice of motion on the following.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation direct staff to identify a wading pool location suitable for a pilot project to retrofit the pool with a salt water sanitization system and a custom safety cover and liner; and

FURTHER THAT this wading pool retrofit pilot project be operational for the summer 2017 wading pool season, with funds to be reallocated from existing capital funds earmarked for decommissioning wading pools.

### 2. Marpole-Oakridge Community Centre Renewal

Commissioner Kirby-Yung gave notice of motion on the following.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation move forward with consultation and planning for the renewal of the Marpole-Oakridge Community Centre on the existing site located at Oak Street and 59<sup>th</sup> Avenue at Oak Park;
- B. THAT in the planning process for the new Marpole-Oakridge Community Centre, the Park Board consider co-location or inclusion of a complementary service or services such as expansion of existing daycare, a seniors centre, synthetic field, lit track, rink or a pool as determined through the public consultation process;
- C. THAT the consultation and planning process for the Marpole-Oakridge Community Centre renewal be undertaken by the Park Board as soon as possible, and utilizing the allocated consultation funding in the 2016 Park Board budget; and
- D. THAT a timeline be completed and shared with the community and the goal of conducting consultation in 2016, design planning in 2017 and groundbreaking for a new Marpole-Oakridge Community Centre in 2018.

## ENQUIRIES

1. A Board member enquired regarding the loss of long standing community events as a result of the implementation of the new online booking process. Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, undertook to investigate the issue.
2. A Board member requested an update on the previous request for public lockers to be installed at beaches in the summer of 2016. Mr. Bromley advised that he would follow up on this matter.
3. A Board member suggested that public communication be issued regarding the status of the fountain in Lost Lagoon.
4. A Board member enquired about the change of the location of the portable washroom in Mount Pleasant Park. Mr. Bromley advised that staff would investigate.
5. A Board member enquired regarding the bronze plaque on the Harry Jerome statue. Mr. Bromley advised that a temporary plaque has been installed while a new bronze plaque is being cast.
6. A Board member questioned if new palm trees had been planted at Sunset Beach and the role of palm trees in the urban strategy. Mr. Bromley noted that they may have been relocated but would follow-up with staff.
7. A Board member expressed concern regarding the cuts to the cleaning services at the Kerrisdale Community Centre following the transfer of responsibility for the service to the City. The General Manager advised that the Park Board is responsible for the maintenance of community centres and that he would investigate the matter.
8. A Board member suggested that bronze plaques be replaced with another material to deter metal thieves. Mr. Bromley reported that the use of alternative materials and different ways of affixing plaques are being considered.
9. A Board member questioned whether the Boaters Good Neighbour Campaign would be re-launched in 2016 to improve recreational water quality. Mr. Bromley undertook to follow-up on the matter.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 9:35 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley  
General Manager

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Commissioner Sarah Kirby-Yung  
Chair