



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 24, 2016

The Regular Park Board meeting was held on Monday, October 24, 2016, at 8:36 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
Shawna Wilton, Deputy General Manager
Cheryl Chan, Business Support Lead/Manager Admin Services
Jessica Kulchyski, Recorder
Rae Ratslef, Meeting Clerk

IN CAMERA

1. October 24, 2016 Meeting

A Board member expressed concern regarding public perception given the number of Board meetings held In Camera.

Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, informed that the Board deals with sensitive issues In Camera that are contractual, legal or land use in nature. The importance of releasing In Camera motions for the sake of transparency was noted.

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Crawford

THAT the Board will go into a meeting on October 24, 2016, which is closed to the public, pursuant to Section 165.2(1) of the *Vancouver Charter*, to discuss matters related to paragraph(s):

- (g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the city;
- (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
(Commissioner Weibe opposed)

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Regular Board Meeting - October 3, 2016

In response to a query, it was noted that the petition referenced in the October 3, 2016 minutes was not circulated to Board members due to privacy issues. A hard copy of the petition would be provided in the Commissioners' Room.

MOVED by Commissioner Crawford
SECONDED by Commissioner Shum

THAT the Park Board minutes of the October 3, 2016 meeting be adopted with amendment to page 2, "Communications" to indicate that a petition of approximately 1,600 signatures was presented at the meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Commissioner Coupar abstained)

COMMUNICATIONS

The Board was advised that there were no communications of note.

COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Report of the Park Board Committee - October 24, 2016

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

1. REPORT: TGVI Annual Report & Corporate Sponsorship Fund Request

MOVED by Commissioner MacKinnon
SECONDED by Commissioner Weibe

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Park Board Committee at its meeting of October 24, 2016, as contained in item 1.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, highlighted future events of interest:

- October 24-31, 2016: VanDusen Glow in the Garden from October 24 - 31, 2016
- Raising of the Survivors Totem Pole on November 5, 2016

Mr. Bromley noted that he had distributed a memorandum to Board members earlier in the day regarding sea level rise.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

1. 2017 Board Meeting Schedule

The Board considered the proposed 2017 meeting schedule. It was clarified that regular meetings are held on Monday nights whereas special meetings are often held on other nights of the week.

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Shum

THAT the Board approve the Committee and Regular Board meeting dates for 2017 as follows:

January 23	July 10 and 24
February 6 and 20	September 18
March 6 and 27	October 2 and 23
April 10	November 6 and 20
May 1 and 15	December 5 and 11.
June 5 and 26	

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

1. Building Inclusive Communities through Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Awareness

Commissioner Shum gave notice of motion on the following:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation direct staff to investigate the development of a training and education program for interacting with persons with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), to be delivered to Park Board staff, management and Board by fall 2017;
- B. THAT staff work with community organizations such as the Autism Society of British Columbia, Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee, our community partners, and senior levels of government to develop and fund such training;
- C. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the staff investigate the implementation of a pilot program by summer 2018, which could include adaptive programs, apprenticeships, and work experience, in partnership with the Autism Society of British Columbia, our community partners and the BC Provincial Government, with the goal of creating meaningful long-term work opportunities for people with ASD.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Wiebe requested that a leave of absence be granted from the November 14, 2016 Regular Park Board meeting.

MOVED by Commissioner Wiebe

SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

THAT the Vancouver Park Board grant a leave of absence to Commissioner Wiebe for the November 14, 2016 meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ENQUIRIES

1. A Board member enquired about the impacts of the recent windstorm. Howard Normann, Director of Park Operations, Park Board, advised that 295 damaged tree complaints were received; approximately 12 large trees came down on houses or apartment buildings; and staff was on full alert until 8:00 pm the prior Saturday.
2. A Board member enquired about the status of drainage issues at Hillcrest. Tiina Mack, Manager of Park Development, Park Board, undertook to forward the related information to the Board.
3. A Board member enquired about damage to the Alexandra Park Bandstand and missing signage. Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, advised that the signage may have been removed for repair, but would be replaced as soon as possible as it is an important tool for enforcement.
4. A Board member enquired about fireworks set off by a crew dismantling a Bard on the Beach tent, which disturbed nearby nesting eagles. Octavio Silva, Acting Director of Business Services, Park Board, advised that there was follow-up with the Bard on the Beach management team to ensure that this does not reoccur in the future.
5. A Board member enquired about the replacement of the Seven Sisters plaque in Stanley Park. Mr. Normann advised that the plaque is being refurbished and should be returned to the park within the next few weeks.
6. A Board member enquired about when there would be a presentation on the consultation in Marpole. Mr. Bromley advised that work is ongoing with the Major Projects Steering Committee and staff on this matter and that an update could be provided at the next meeting.
7. A Board member enquired about the Joint Operating Agreement (JOA) consultation process with Community Centre Association partners and special meetings planned in December 2016. Mr. Bromley advised of the intention to present a series of recommended dates for approval by the Board at the next meeting.
8. A Board member enquired about receiving a report on the policy for clearing temporary shelters erected in parks on nights when other shelters are full.

Mr. Bromley informed that any park clearing activities are combined with suggestions for alternate shelter locations. The issue is being revisited, with a key priority being keeping parks safe for use.

9. A Board member enquired about the new dragon boat facility and plans to rehabilitate the area. Mr. Normann advised that the large container on the property would be removed, likely by the end of the week, and confirmed that the area has been over-seeded and cleaned.
10. A Board member enquired about the concession contract and the Local Food Action Plan implementation timelines. Mr. Bromley advised that he would speak with staff on the implementation of the Plan. Additionally, work is ongoing with Mr. Silva to develop a concession strategy for presentation to the Board before year-end.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 9:02 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley
General Manager

Commissioner Sarah Kirby-Yung
Chair