



**PARK BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING
MEETING MINUTES**

OCTOBER 24, 2016

A Regular Park Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, October 24, 2016, at 7:05 pm, at the Park Board Office.

PRESENT: Commissioner Casey Crawford, Chair
Commissioner John Coupar, Vice-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
Shauna Wilton, Deputy General Manager
Cheryl Chan, Business Support Lead/Manager Admin Services
Jessica Kulchyski, Recorder
Rae Ratslef, Meeting Clerk

ADOPTION OF MINUTES - Park Board Committee Meeting - October 3, 2016

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung

THAT the Park Board Committee minutes of the October 3, 2016 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CHAIR'S REPORT

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

- September 23, 2016: Tree Planting with Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations in Stanley Park
- September 25, 2016: Royal Visit
- September 25, 2016: AIDS Vancouver Celebrity Dim Sum
- September 27, 2016: Reconciliation in Action - Drive the Change
- September 30, 2016: Orange Shirt Day - Every Child Matters
- October 1, 2016: Fall Tree Sale
- October 1, 2016: BIG Draw Vancouver
- October 6, 2016: United Way Chilli Cook Off
- October 11, 2016: Ghost Train Media Opening Night
- October 11, 2016: Beyond Music Opening Reception
- October 12, 2016: New Park Opening at Yukon and 17th

- October 13, 2016, CH.I.L.D. Foundation Doormen's Dinner
- October 13, 2016: Vancouver Botanical Garden Association Appreciation Night
- October 14, 2016: United Nations Women Connect
- October 16, 2016: Chinese Freemasons Vancouver 128th Anniversary
- October 16, 2016: Survivors Totem Pole Witness Dinner
- October 17, 2016: East Fraser Lands New Park Tour and Open House.

AGENDA ITEMS

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

Darren Peterson, Manager, Citywide Services, Park Board, and Co-Chair, Trans* and Gender Variant Inclusion Steering Committee (TGVI Committee) and introduced Paul Czene, Recreation Coordinator, Access & Volunteer Services.

Mr. Peterson led the review of a presentation on the work of the TGVI Committee and highlighted:

- Overview of activities to date
- The TGVI Committee's mandate and composition
- Proposed changes to signage guidelines
- Awareness campaign feedback
- Staff survey relative to the poster effectiveness, bathroom signage and staff training
- Short and mid-term priorities
- The Committee's request for support to hire two part-time recreation staff to assist in developing a scalable training system, a trans* and gender variant community engagement system and a richer media experience.

Mr. Peterson responded to questions from the Committee. There was discussion regarding the primary tasks of the proposed staff additions; need for direct engagement with the trans* gender variant community; long term plans to invest access staff resources; and encouragement to reach out to the Cultural Advisory Committee relative to languages and cultural barriers.

The Committee heard from one speaker who expressed general support for the report and commented on two issues of concern. The speaker responded to questions from the Committee.

In response to a request for clarification, Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, confirmed that the report was intended to provide an update and status report, and to seek temporary funding for two positions. He also suggested that the speaker be invited to make a presentation to the TGVI Committee.

There was discussion regarding: signage challenges; importance of a long-term commitment to the TGVI Committee's work; need for clear policy direction; purpose of the requested funding; availability of funding to accommodate an ongoing position; and support for staff to provide further input on implementation of the TGVI Committee's recommendations.

MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Commissioner Evans

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board contribute \$50,000 from the Corporate Sponsorship Fund to support the staffing of two part-time recreation positions in 2017 to complete the implementation of recommendations from the report “Building a Path to Parks and Recreation for All”.

Amendment to the Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Weibe
SECONDED by Commissioner Shum

THAT the motion be amended by adding Item B:

- B. FURTHER THAT the staff of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation look to create an ongoing position for someone with trans* history to continue the work of the TGVI Steering Committee.

CARRIED
(Commissioners Coupar, Crawford and Kirby-Yung opposed)

Question on the Main Motion, as Amended

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board contribute \$50,000 from the Corporate Sponsorship Fund to support the staffing of two part-time recreation positions in 2017 to complete the implementation of recommendations from the report “Building a Path to Parks and Recreation for All”; and
- B. FURTHER THAT the staff of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation look to create an ongoing position for someone with trans* history to continue the work of the TGVI Steering Committee.

Commissioner Kirby-Yung requested the motion be separated into distinct propositions.

Question on Item A

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board contribute \$50,000 from the Corporate Sponsorship Fund to support the staffing of two part-time recreation positions in 2017 to complete the implementation of recommendations from the report “Building a Path to Parks and Recreation for All”; and

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Question on Item B

- B. FURTHER THAT the staff of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation look to create an ongoing position for someone with trans* history to continue the work of the TGVI Steering Committee.

CARRIED

(Commissioners Coupar, Crawford and Kirby-Yung opposed)

The Committee adjourned at 8:26 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley
General Manager

Commissioner Casey Crawford
Chair



**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
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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:

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| 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