



**PARK BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING  
MEETING MINUTES**

**NOVEMBER 14, 2016**

A Regular Park Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, November 14, 2016, at 7:10 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:** Shauna Wilton, Deputy General Manager  
Cheryl Chan, Business Support Lead/Manager Admin Services  
Jessica Kulchyski, Recorder  
Carol Lee, Meeting Clerk

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**1. Park Board Committee Meeting - October 24, 2016**

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar  
SECONDED by Commissioner Wiebe

THAT the Park Board Committee minutes of the October 24, 2016 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**1. REPORT BACK: South False Creek Seawall Upgrades - Final Design Plan**

Tiina Mack, Manager, Park Development, Park Board, introduced Joe McLeod, Landscape Designer, Park Board and representatives from the City of Vancouver Engineering Department:

- Paul Storer, Manager of Transportation Design
- David Rawsthorne, Civil Engineer.

Mr. McLeod led the review of a presentation on the final design of the South False Creek seawall upgrades and highlighted:

- Progress of the project since Park Board approval in May 2016
- Detailed design of Sutcliffe Park and Charleson Park
- Tree replacement
- Next steps.

Mr. McLeod responded to questions from the Committee. There was discussion regarding the demarcation of cyclist and pedestrian traffic to address safety concerns, the timeline for the removal and replacement of trees and whether there will be additional maintenance costs incurred by the Park Board as a result of the final design plan.

## **2. REPORT BACK: Marking National Flag of Canada Day 2017**

Tiina Mack, Manager, Park Development, Park Board, introduced Lehran Hache, Landscape Designer, Park Board.

Ms. Hache led the review of a presentation on proposed location for the installation of a flag pole in Queen Elizabeth Park to commemorate National Flag of Canada Day 2017 and highlighted:

- Background of the Bloedel Conservatory plaza
- Exploration of three options for the location of the flag pole
- Next steps.

Ms. Hache, along with Ms. Mack, responded to questions from the Committee. There was discussion regarding the respective impacts of Options A and B on activities at the plaza and a suggestion to approach Heritage Canada regarding partnering on the informational plaque to be installed with the flag pole.

The Committee heard from one speaker who spoke in support of the recommendation and offered the services of the Canadian Club of Vancouver in the planning of the unveiling of flag pole on February 15, 2017.

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar  
SECONDED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approves the installation of a flag pole in Queen Elizabeth Park, near the Bloedel Conservatory, to commemorate National Flag of Canada Day 2017, as described in the report, subject to successful engineering studies.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **3. REPORT BACK: Access to Park Board Services Without Fear Policy**

Donnie Rosa, Director of Recreation, Park Board, introduced Paul Czene, Recreation Coordinator, Access and Volunteer Services, Park Board.

Mr. Czene led the review of a presentation on a proposed “Access to Park Board Services Without Fear Policy” and highlighted:

- Goal of the proposed policy
- History and background of the development of the proposed policy
- Policy implementation.

Mr. Czene responded to questions from the Committee. There was discussion regarding whether current Park Board policies offer protection of personal privacy to the greatest extent possible and the need to raise public awareness of the existence of the policy.

The Committee heard from five speakers who spoke in favour of the recommendation. The Access without Fear Policy is seen as a huge step to enable long-term residents with uncertain immigration status to access services to participate in the fabric of life in the City of Vancouver and to break down barriers between people. A speaker noted that program fees often pose a barrier to services for many members of vulnerable populations. The speakers responded to questions from the Committee.

MOVED by Commissioner Evans  
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approves the “Access to Park Board Services Without Fear Policy” to support residents of Vancouver with uncertain or no immigration status who fear detention, psychological or physical harm, or deportation when accessing Park Board services.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 8:50 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley  
General Manager

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Commissioner Casey Crawford  
Chair