



**PARK BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING
MEETING MINUTES**

DECEMBER 12, 2016

A Regular Park Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, December 12, 2016, at 7:03 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
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 - November 28, 2016

MOVED by Commissioner Evans
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Park Board Committee minutes of the November 28, 2016 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CHAIR'S REPORTS

1. Monthly Report: Commissioners in the Community

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

- Media event on November 30, 2016 announcing the engagement of James Corner Field Operations to design the Creekside Park Extension in Northeast False Creek
- December 1, 2016 announcement that Vancouver and Victoria have been selected to host the 2019 International Ice Hockey Federation World Junior Championship
- Opening of the Festival of Lights at VanDusen Botanical Garden on December 1, 2016
- December 1, 2016 Odd Squad Fundraiser to support prevention outreach and programs for youth against drugs and gangs
- Lighting of Luna the Whale at Morton Park on December 3, 2016
- December 3, 2016 Santa's Breakfast hosted by the West End Community Centre

- Kerrisdale Community Centre Society’s annual Christmas party to thank staff and volunteers on December 7, 2016
- December 8, 2016 opening of the new event at the Bloedel Conservatory, Holiday Heights at Bloedel

2. Annual Report: 2016 Accomplishments

On behalf of the Board, Chair Kirby-Yung recognized the efforts of Park Board staff in the achievements of the past year.

Chair Kirby-Yung highlighted the progress in 2016 towards the four priority areas of the Vancouver Park Board’s Strategic Plan:

- **Parks and Recreation for All**
 - Opening of new parks at Yukon Street/17th Avenue and 5th Avenue/Pine Street
 - Completion of construction of two new playgrounds at McBride and Hastings Mill Parks
 - Playgrounds at Andy Livingstone and Creekside Parks are under construction
 - Opening of the new Paddling Centre in False Creek in April 2016 featuring storage buildings and floating docks plus entry/exit ramps to improve accessibility
 - Upgrading of two baseball diamonds in Hastings Community Centre Park with the main field named after long-time volunteer, Richard Saunders, and the rookie field named Volunteer Field
 - Conversion of one tennis court at Queen Elizabeth Park into a tennis/pickleball court to accommodate the growing popularity of pickleball
 - Approval of the contract for design and construction of the Killarney Seniors Centre
 - Approval to renew the Marpole-Oakridge Community Centre in its current location
 - Approval of the Access to Park Board Services Without Fear policy
 - Launch of the public engagement process for “People, Parks and Dogs: A Strategy for Sharing Vancouver’s Parks”
 - Launch of public engagement to inform VanSplash, the ten-year plan to deliver aquatic services
 - Partnering with the Lifesaving Society and Lifeguard Outreach Society to offer the Swim to Survive program to 600 Vancouver youth
 - Addition of the VanDusen Garden and Pitch and Putt courses to the Park Board’s ActiveNet registration system
 - Improvement of the City’s golf course online booking system and increased flexibility for tee time bookings
 - Award of the contract to develop the Parks and Recreation Master Plan to determine optimum city-wide service level outcomes
 - An eight-month facilitated consultation process with community centre associations to deliver a revitalized Joint Operating Agreement (JOA)
 - Approval to increase accessibility to public washrooms in the parks and recreation system
- **Leader in Greening**
 - Close to 6,000 trees were sold to City residents and 14,000 new trees were planted to grow Vancouver’s urban forest

- Work on the salt marsh at New Brighton Park to restore fish and wildlife habitat along the shores of Burrard Inlet
- Free workshops, talks and exhibition highlighting backyard birds as part of the annual bird week in May
- **Engaging People**
 - Installation of a 27-foot Survivors Totem Pole in Pigeon Park during a potlatch ceremony in November
 - Public consultation on the Concessions Renewal Strategy
 - Seeking suggestions from residents on the permanent names for 20 new parks
 - Installation of the new love lock sculpture, Love in the Rain, in Queen Elizabeth Park
 - Continued efforts to strengthen the relationship with Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh peoples
 - Hosting of several major sports events at Park Board facilities
- **Excellence in Resource Management**
 - The expanded Festival of Lights at VanDusen Botanical Garden enjoyed its most successful year in 2015
 - Upgrades at Langara Golf Course and Heather Civic Marina
 - Launch of a two-year pilot project of rental beach chairs and umbrellas at English Bay
 - Creation of a new Halloween event called VanDusen Glow in the Garden
 - The VanDusen Botanical Garden Visitor Centre became the first project in Vancouver to receive the Living Building Petal Certification.

Chair Kirby-Yung noted that, while there were many achievements at the Park Board in 2016, there was a significant loss. Park Arborist Jody Taylor was fatally injured while working in Connaught Park on March 31, 2016. On the National Day of Mourning in April 2016, the Board honoured Jody Taylor with a memorial tree and bench near the former Fish House Restaurant in Stanley Park.

The Committee adjourned at 7:33 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley
General Manager

Commissioner Casey Crawford
Chair