



## REGULAR BOARD MEETING MEETING MINUTES

MAY 1, 2017

The Regular Park Board meeting was held on Monday, May 1, 2017, at 9:39 pm, at the Park Board Office.

**PRESENT:** Commissioner John Coupar  
Commissioner Casey Crawford  
Commissioner Catherine Evans  
Commissioner Sarah Kirby-Yung  
Commissioner Stuart Mackinnon  
Commissioner Erin Shum, Vice-Chair  
Commissioner Michael Wiebe, Chair

**GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE:** Malcolm Bromley, General Manager  
Shauna Wilton, Deputy General Manager  
Cheryl Chan, Executive Office and Board Relations  
Jessica Kulchyski, Recorder  
Carol Lee, Meeting Clerk

### WELCOME

The Chair acknowledged that the meeting is taking place on the traditional territory of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations. The meeting is being held on the land respectfully and with honour to each other, the land and the communities that the Commissioners serve. The Chair invited Commissioners to join him in committing to actions of reconciliation in their deliberations and decisions.

### IN CAMERA

#### 1. May 15, 2017 Meeting

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar  
SECONDED by Commissioner Evans

THAT the Board will go into a meeting on May 15, 2017, which is closed to the public, pursuant to Section 165.2(1) of the *Vancouver Charter*, to discuss matters related to paragraphs:

- (g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the City or Park Board;
- (i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; and

- (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 UNANIMOUSLY

## **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

### **1. Regular Board Meeting - April 10, 2017**

MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung  
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

THAT the Park Board minutes of the April 10, 2017 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

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

## **COMMITTEE REPORT**

### **1. Report of the Park Board Committee - May 1, 2017**

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

1. REPORT: Canada 150+ - Parks and Recreation Activations
2. REPORT: Water Bike Rental Service at Vanier Park - Pilot Program Contract Award
3. REPORT BACK: Park Naming Recommendations.

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar  
SECONDED by Commissioner Shum

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Park Board Committee at its meeting of May 1, 2017, as contained in items 1 through 3.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **STAFF REPORTS**

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

Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, led the review of a presentation providing an overview and update on recent and upcoming activities within the Park Board, and highlighted:

- Park Development:
  - New Brighton Park salt marsh
  - Dr. Sun Yat Sen Gardens pond renewal
  - East Fraserland Park
- Park Research and Planning:
  - Development of a non-motorized boating strategy
  - Design of Ireland Canada monument at George Wainborn Park
  - Development of an urban forest strategy
  - Spring tree sale at Hillcrest Park on April 29 and 30, 2017 at which almost 3,000 trees were sold
  - Water conservation planning
- Recreation:
  - Implementation of new Community Centre Association (CCA) Joint Operating Agreement (JOA)
  - Marpole-Oakridge Community Centre renewal
  - Development of a CCA for the Creekside Community Recreation Centre
  - Development of a sustainable funding model for Strathcona Community Centre
- Commercial Operations:
  - Exploration of options to temporarily restrict access to parts of False Creek during the 2017 Dragon Boat Festival
  - Amendment to the Parks Board Control By-Law governing cetaceans in Vancouver Parks
- Communications:
  - Management of 420 protest event at Sunset Beach Park
  - Bird Week and campaign to select a permanent City Bird
  - Refresh of Stanley Park and Vancouver Parks maps
  - Statistics of Park Board media program.

### **Motion to Suspend Rules**

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon  
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation suspend the Park Board rules to allow the meeting to continue beyond 10:00 pm.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Bromley responded to questions from the Committee including enquiries regarding:

- The successful water bike rental operation was in existence in 2016 for tour groups. There is a need to develop a non-motorized boating strategy to inform future decisions on the use of the waterways and shorelines, capital investments and resourcing.
- Status of the May 2, 2016 resolution regarding water conservation and referral to staff to consider reopening the reservoir at VanDusen Botanical Garden. Mr. Bromley advised that staff will be requested to incorporate this request into the development of a water conservation plan and undertook to report back.
- The non-motorized boating strategy must recognize that most sailboats and powerboats that are docked in the Burrard or Heather civic marinas motor out into Burrard Inlet.
- Request that the refresh of the Stanley Park and Vancouver Parks maps include the locations of public art pieces and horticultural display gardens.
- Progress of the creation of the Park Foundation. Mr. Bromley advised that the name of the foundation has been registered, legal documents have been finalized and Shauna Wilton, Deputy General Manager, Park Board, will be providing an action plan for the Board's consideration in September 2017.
- Request for a timeline regarding the Marpole-Oakridge Community Centre rebuild. Donna-Lynn Rosa, Director of Recreation, Park Board, advised that engagement has been undertaken with the CCA and that community engagement will occur in the next month. Mr. Bromley advised that the process is being expedited.
- Potential for future adjustments to the calculation of community amenity contributions to accommodate the impact of sea level rise on parks, particularly the East Fraserland Park. Mr. Bromley reported that the quantity and quality of useable parkland will be considered in the future development of parks.
- Progress of the recommendation of the location of the outdoor swimming pool in the VanSplash Strategy, given the Board's commitment to identify a location by the 2017 summer period. Mr. Bromley advised that he will investigate with staff and report back.
- Request for information in the next General Manager's Report on the status of the Concession Strategy, naming of an official tree, and whether there has been any thought given to re-emphasizing the Keep in Clean Campaign in light of the City's recent policy regarding the clean up of False Creek and the implementation of free pump-outs at Park Board marinas.
- Involvement of the Park Board in the development of the City's False Creek Waterways report.
- Process for identifying potential CCA members for the Creekside Community Recreation Centre. Mr. Bromley requested that the names of interested individuals be forwarded to his office.

## NOTICE OF MOTIONS

### 1. Tree Guardian Network

Commissioner Evans gave notice of motion of the following:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Park Board staff, using appropriate social media channels, invite residents of Vancouver to join an on-line network of “tree guardians” willing to water City-owned trees facing drought conditions in their neighbourhoods and that this network be launched during the summer of 2017.

## ENQUIRIES

1. A Board member requested an update on the development of the Home and Away public art piece. Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, undertook to follow up with staff regarding the timing of the delivery and to report back.
2. A Board member requested an update regarding the BC Buddhist Festival. Mr. Bromley undertook to have staff investigate and report back.
3. A Board member enquired regarding the appropriate individuals within the Park Board to which a request from the LGBTQ2+ community for the use of a park for an event should be directed. Mr. Bromley invited the Commissioner to send the request to his office for direction to the appropriate staff.
4. A Board member requested an update on the planning and consultation process for the retrofit of the spray park into a wading pool at the Kitsilano Community Centre. Mr. Bromley advised that he would follow up with staff and report back.
5. A Board member enquired regarding the status of the installation of seniors exercise equipment at South Memorial Park. Mr. Bromley undertook to have staff investigate and report back on the estimated time of arrival of the equipment.
6. A Board member enquired regarding the progress of a resolution that was passed unanimously by the Park Board on July 2012 regarding the protection of Vancouver Parks and green spaces. Mr. Bromley advised that he has been actively engaged with the City’s Legal Department regarding the relationship between the City and the Park Board. Progress has stalled recently due to the focus on the CCA JOA and the Vancouver Aquarium, but will recommence shortly.
7. A Board member noted that brochures on the Bloedel Conservatory and VanDusen Botanical Garden would soon be available on BC Ferries and complimented the staff on the new brochures.
8. A Board member enquired if the Park Board is aware of the Liberal candidate’s announcement of funding for a new track at Killarney Park. Mr. Bromley advised that he is aware of the interest in the track, however the Park Board is undertaking its own process to identify and recommend the best location for a track for the Board’s consideration.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 10:09 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley  
General Manager

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Commissioner Michael Wiebe  
Chair