



**PARK BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING  
MEETING MINUTES**

**MAY 1, 2017**

A Regular Park Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, May 1, 2017, at 7:15 pm, at the Park Board Office.

**PRESENT:** Commissioner John Coupar  
Commissioner Casey Crawford, Chair  
Commissioner Catherine Evans, Vice-Chair  
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, Manager, Executive Office and Board Relations  
Jessica Kulchyski, Recorder  
Carol Lee, Meeting Clerk

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**1. Park Board Committee Meeting - April 10, 2017**

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar  
SECONDED by Commissioner Shum

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**1. REPORT: Canada 150+ - Parks and Recreation Activations**

Octavio Silva, Manager of Business Development, Park Board, and Marnie Rice, Cultural Planner, Canada 150+, led the review of a presentation on Canada's 150+ program and the Park Board's role in the events:

- Significance of the "Canada 150+" branding
- Vancouver's celebrations incorporate a deliberate strategy to view the milestone from an Indigenous lens
- Signature and affiliated events
- Associated Canada 150+ projects
- Other groups/organizations are also producing Canada 150 events that fall outside of the City's official Canada 150+ program
- Next steps.

Susie Hutchison, Manager of Recreation Services City-wide, Park Board, and Marie Lopez, Community Arts Programmer, Park Board, continued with the presentation, highlighting Canada 150+ Park Board events:

- Walk Vancouver
- Two youth-directed engagement projects
- Thunderbird Sharing Ceremony
- Wild Salmon Caravan.

Ms. Rice, along with Mr. Silva, Ms. Lopez and Ms. Hutchison, responded to questions from the Committee. There was discussion on the rationale for the parks selected to host the Canada 150+ events; suggestion to incorporate recognition of the Park Board in the Canada 150+ event signage; potential to create legacy projects online and in Park Board facilities from the Canada 150 celebration; and opportunity to showcase the war canoe project at False Creek.

Commissioner Mackinnon challenged all Commissioners to participate in Walk Vancouver through the summer.

#### **Agenda Varied**

By consensus, the agenda was varied to consider Item 3 prior to Item 2.

### **3. REPORT BACK: Park Naming Recommendations**

Doug Shearer, Planner III, Park Board, introduced Erin Embley, Planner II, Park Board.

Ms. Embley led the review of the naming process and the recommendations of the Park Naming Committee:

- Park Naming Committee structure, membership, objective and role
- Naming guidance
- Public engagement
- Recommendations
- Next steps.

Ms. Embley, along with Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, responded to questions from the Committee. There was discussion on the need to amend the Park Naming Process to address gaps regarding family involvement when there is consideration being given to naming a park posthumously for an individual, engagement of Indigenous peoples and the consideration of secondary name recommendations; concern regarding the recommended name of “Empire Field”, which reflects the colonial past, before involving Indigenous peoples in the Park Naming Process; potential for future renaming of parks to reflect the Indigenous significance; and use of signage to inform the public of the significance of the name attached to a park.

### **Main Motion**

MOVED by Commissioner Shum

SECONDED by Commissioner Wiebe

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Park Board approve the name “Empire Fields” for the playing fields located at the southeast corner of Hastings Park;
- B. THAT the Park Board approve the name “Slidey Slides” for the play space located adjacent to both Playland and the sports fields on the south side of Hastings Park (commonly known as Plateau Park);
- C. THAT the Park Board approve the name “Lilian To Park” for the park at Yukon Street and 17th Avenue;
- D. THAT the Park Board approve the name “Sun Hop Park” for the park at Main Street and 18th Avenue;
- E. THAT any further naming processes be suspended to allow Park Board staff, working with Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh staff to update the Park Naming Process to incorporate Indigenous place names in Vancouver Parks; and
- F. THAT Park Board staff report back on recommendations for amendments to the Park Naming Process to incorporate Indigenous place names and steps to resume the naming process.

### **Amendment to the Main Motion**

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon

SECONDED by Commissioner Evans

THAT Item B be amended to:

- B. THAT the Park Board approve the name “Puzzle Park” for the play space located adjacent to both Playland and the sports fields on the south side of Hastings Park (commonly known as Plateau Park).

**DEFEATED**

(Commissioners Evans and Mackinnon in favour)

### **Amendment to the Main Motion**

MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung  
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT Item F be amended to:

- F. THAT Park Board staff report back by fall 2017 on recommendations for amendments to the Park Naming Process to incorporate Indigenous place names and steps to resume the naming process.

CARRIED

(Commissioner Evans opposed)

### **Question on the Main Motion, as Amended**

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Park Board approve the name “Empire Fields” for the playing fields located at the southeast corner of Hastings Park;
- B. THAT the Park Board approve the name “Slidey Slides” for the play space located adjacent to both Playland and the sports fields on the south side of Hastings Park (commonly known as Plateau Park);
- C. THAT the Park Board approve the name “Lilian To Park” for the park at Yukon Street and 17th Avenue;
- D. THAT the Park Board approve the name “Sun Hop Park” for the park at Main Street and 18th Avenue;
- E. THAT any further naming processes be suspended to allow Park Board staff, working with Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh staff to update the Park Naming Process to incorporate Indigenous place names in Vancouver Parks; and
- F. THAT Park Board staff report back by fall 2017 on recommendations for amendments to the Park Naming Process to incorporate Indigenous place names and steps to resume the naming process.

Commissioner Mackinnon requested the motion be separated into distinct propositions.

### **Question on Item A**

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Park Board approve the name “Empire Fields” for the playing fields located at the southeast corner of Hastings Park.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **Question on Item B**

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- B. THAT the Park Board approve the name “Slidey Slides” for the play space located adjacent to both Playland and the sports fields on the south side of Hastings Park (commonly known as Plateau Park).

CARRIED

(Commissioner Mackinnon opposed)

### **Question on Item C**

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- C. THAT the Park Board approve the name “Lilian To Park” for the park at Yukon Street and 17th Avenue.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **Question on Item D**

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- D. THAT the Park Board approve the name “Sun Hop Park” for the park at Main Street and 18th Avenue.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **Question on Item E**

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- E. THAT any further naming processes be suspended to allow Park Board staff, working with Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh staff to update the Park Naming Process to incorporate Indigenous place names in Vancouver Parks.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **Question on Item F**

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- F. THAT Park Board staff report back by fall 2017 on recommendations for amendments to the Park Naming Process to incorporate Indigenous place names and steps to resume the naming process.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **Recess**

The meeting recessed at 8:40 pm and reconvened at 8:50 pm.

### **Agenda Varied**

The order of the agenda was resumed.

## **2. REPORT: Water Bike Rental Service at Vanier Park - Pilot Program Contract Award**

Octavio Silva, Manager of Business Development, Park Board, Introduced Shawn Kennedy, President & Founder, BC Water Bikes Ltd.

Mr. Silva led the review of a presentation on the proposed water bike rental service at Vanier Park:

- Background
- Proposed operating location
- Request for expressions of interest (RFEI) process
- Information on the preferred proponent
- Key proposal components.

Mr. Silva, along with Mr. Kennedy, responded to questions from the Committee. There was discussion on liability and insurance issues; confirmation that a report back would be provided after the initial two year period; importance of the proponent providing safety instructions to customers regarding changing tidal conditions; concern regarding the operation of water bikes in a congested area by inexperienced users; public access to Vanier Park; current activities that occur in the proposed operating location; and precautions to be taken to enable customers to contact emergency rescue services, if required.

The Committee heard from one speaker who expressed concern regarding the continued commercialization of Park Board lands and the importance of the Park Board developing a comprehensive policy on commercial activities. The speaker responded to questions from the Committee.

MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung

SECONDED by Commissioner Wiebe

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve a two-year pilot program for BC Water Bikes Ltd. to operate a water bike rental service at Vanier Park;
- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board authorize staff to negotiate, to the satisfaction of the Park Board's General Manager and the City's Director of Legal Services, and enter into a license agreement with BC Water Bikes Ltd. for an initial term of two (2) years, with the option to renew for an additional term of two (2) years; and

- C. THAT no legal rights or obligations shall arise and no consents, permissions, or licenses are granted hereby and none shall arise or be granted hereafter unless and until all contemplated legal documentation has been executed and delivered by all parties.

CARRIED  
(Commissioner Mackinnon opposed)

The Committee adjourned at 9:35 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley  
General Manager

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Commissioner Casey Crawford  
Chair