



**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

Commissioner Casey Crawford
Chair



**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

Commissioner Michael Wiebe
Chair