



**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MEETING MINUTES**

MAY 15, 2017

The Regular Park Board meeting was held on Monday, May 15, 2017, at 8:41 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. June 5, 2017 Meeting

MOVED by Commissioner Evans
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Board will go into a meeting on June 5, 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;

- (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 - May 1, 2017

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon
SECONDED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung

THAT the Park Board minutes of the May 1, 2017 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNICATIONS

The Board was informed of correspondence received in the General Manager's Office on the topic of "Cetaceans at the Vancouver Aquarium from January 2017 to noon on May 15, 2017:

- 26,666 emails from individuals and email campaigns were received
- 14,695 of the emails received could clearly be identified as being opposed to cetaceans in captivity
- 12,866 of the emails received could clearly be identified as supporting the Vancouver Aquarium, however, 11,000 were reported by the Vancouver Aquarium and the number could not be confirmed as the emails were blocked by the City's servers
- The remaining 105 emails received could not be included in either of the foregoing categories.

A report on the correspondence has been distributed to Commissioners.

COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Report of the Park Board Committee - May 15, 2017

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

1. REPORT: Honda Celebration of Light - Relocating Festival Area from Sunset Beach to Ceperley Meadow in Stanley Park
2. REPORT: Downtown Skateboard Park - Interim Relocation Engagement Process.

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Park Board Committee at its meeting of May 15, 2017, as contained in items 1 through 2.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

STAFF REPORTS

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, reported on Park Board related items that would be considered at the May 16, 2017 City Council meeting:

- Vancouver Community Sports Hosting Grants - Summer 2017 Intake
- Improving User Access to False Creek.

STAFF REPORTS

1. Cetaceans in Vancouver Parks By-law Amendment

Shauna Wilton, Deputy General Manager, Park Board, led the review of a presentation on the proposed Cetaceans in Vancouver Parks By-law amendment:

- Previous meetings and decisions
- Proposed amendments.

Ms. Wilton, along with Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, responded to questions from the Board.

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. The Vancouver Park Board approve the repeal and replacement of the sections of the Parks Control by-law regarding the importation and display of live cetaceans in Vancouver parks as set out in Appendix A of this report; and
- B. The Director of Legal Services be instructed to immediately bring forward a by-law for enactment by the Board generally in accordance with Appendix A.

CARRIED
(Commissioner Shum opposed)

BY-LAWS

1. Parks Control By-law Amendment Regarding Cetaceans in Parks

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation allow the Parks Control By-law Amendment Regarding Cetaceans in Parks to be read a first time.

CARRIED
(Commissioner Shum opposed)

The Chair read aloud the Parks Control By-law - Amendment Regarding Cetaceans in the Park.

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon
SECONDED by Commissioner Crawford

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation allow the Parks Control By-law Amendment Regarding Cetaceans in Parks be read a second and third time and be adopted.

CARRIED
(Commissioner Shum opposed)

Recess

The meeting recessed at 9:21 pm and reconvened at 9:33 pm.

MOTIONS ON NOTICE

1. Tree Guardian Network

Commissioner Evans introduced the motion and commented on the need to engage citizens in the care of trees during prolonged summer droughts, such as the one that occurred in 2015. Commissioner Evans responded to questions from the Board. There was discussion on the potential for an educational component to be included in the program.

MOVED by Commissioner Evans
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

WHEREAS:

1. Climate change is already affecting weather patterns in Vancouver including causing prolonged summer droughts such as occurred during 2015;
2. Periods of prolonged drought can severely damage and even kill certain trees, particularly those that are shallow-rooted or young;

3. Resources beyond those available to the City and Park Board are needed to respond to prolonged drought conditions threatening the survival of these trees;
4. Many residents have demonstrated a concern for the health of the urban forest and would be willing to assist in the care of trees in times of urgent need;
5. Information sent to residents to advise them of best practices for watering trees during a drought could greatly reduce tree loss; and
6. Contributing to a collective effort that enhances the public realm builds connections between people and contributes to a sense of shared responsibility for the civic environment.

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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

1. Petition to Recognize International Women’s Day as a Statutory Holiday

Commissioner Mackinnon gave notice of motion on the following:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation endorse the above petition and have petitions available at community centres and other Park Board facilities for the public to sign.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board congratulated Commissioner Shum on her recent marriage.

ENQUIRIES

1. A Board member advised that he has submitted information on the condition of Andy Livingston Park to staff and expressed the hope that work on the park can be undertaken as soon as possible.
2. A Board member requested an update on the snow removal plan for parks and recreation centres. Howard Normann, Director of Park Operations, Park Board, reported that the Park Board and City Engineering Department staff are jointly developing a strategy to ensure snow and ice is removed more expeditiously in the future.

3. A Board member enquired regarding the progress of the Britannia Community Centre redevelopment master plan. Donnie Rosa, Director of Recreation, Park Board, advised that the Steering Committee is currently involved in community engagement and offered to provide a formal briefing in the future.
4. A Board member requested an update on the Sunset Senior's Centre. Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, advised that the investigation into the feasibility of the location is being led by the City's Real Estate and Facilities Management Department and that he would request Ms. Rosa to follow up.
5. A Board member enquired why the Brock House is not listed on the Vancouver.ca website as a senior's centre in order to promote senior's activities. Mr. Bromley advised that he would request Ms. Rosa to investigate and report back.
6. A Board member requested that the timeline of the Marpole-Oakridge Community Association consultation be shared with Commissioners. Mr. Bromley undertook to provide the information.
7. A Board member enquired if the General Manager is aware of concerns raised by skateboarders regarding the visibility limitations created by the sound barrier at the Mount Pleasant Skateboard Park and the requests for its removal. Mr. Bromley advised that he is aware of the concerns raised by the skateboarders and will ask Ms. Rosa to undertake an evaluation and to find a way to address the concerns without the removal of the sound barrier, which has proven to be an effective solution to the residents' concerns.
8. A Board member requested information on the timeline for reseeding Sunset Beach Park to repair the damage done by the 4/20 protest event. Mr. Norman advised that the work was completed on May 7, 2017 and that Sunset Beach Park will be reopened to the public when the new turf is re-established, likely three to four weeks after the seeding date.
9. A Board member enquired regarding the timing of the VanSplash strategy and the recommendation of a location for the outdoor pool. Mr. Bromley advised that he would request Tiina Mack, Manager of Park Development, Park Board, and Dave Hutch, Manager of Resource and Planning, Park Board, to provide the requested information.
10. A Board member requested an update on the official tree motion that was passed in May 2016. Mr. Bromley advised that he would follow up.
11. A Board member enquired regarding the relaunch of the Park Board's "Keep it Clean" campaign, including the reinstatement of the signage and messaging around the free pump outs at Park Board marinas. Mr. Bromley advised that Park Board and City staff are working on the continuation of the program, including the additional service of portable pumping. Margo Harper, Communications Manager, Park Board will be requested to review the communications strategy.
12. A Board member enquired regarding the role of Park Board Commissioners in the next phase of the Cambie Corridor plan. Mr. Bromley advised that he would request Mr. Hutch to schedule a Board briefing on the Cambie Corridor Phase 2.

Motion to Suspend Rules

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar

SECONDED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung

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

13. A Board member questioned whether the Park Board City-Wide Youth Council is still active. Ms. Rosa advised that she would investigate.
14. A Board member advised that the Britannia Community Centre conducts monthly community consultations online and encouraged all Commissioners to participate.
15. A Board member requested an update on the maintenance of the benches on the Black Cottonwood and Red Alder Trails in Champlain Heights. Mr. Normann undertook to have staff attend to this as soon as possible.
16. A Board member questioned if the Environmental Advisory Group that was created under the former Board continues to meet. Mr. Bromley stated that it does not currently meet and undertook to have Nick Page, Park Planner, Park Board, investigate the viability of resurrecting of the Environmental Advisory Group and to report back.
17. A Board member enquired about the process to address the conflict between children and dogs in the playground area at Hinge Park. Mr. Normann advised that the community would be engaged through a short survey to determine the preferred option of a permanent fence, no fence or a planted fence. The temporary fence will stay in place until there is a permanent solution in place.
18. A Board member enquired regarding the strategy for the waterfall shut-off in Charleson Park. Mr. Bromley undertook to have Mr. Page follow up and to provide a response.
19. A Board member enquired if the Park Board is considering the wrapping of utility boxes in parks. Mr. Normann advised that he would bring this forward.
20. A Board member questioned whether the Hillcrest Pool closure could coincide with the opening of Kitsilano Pool. Mr. Rosa advised that a review of all pool closures is underway to avoid longer closures in 2018. Information on pool openings for the summer program will be provided to Commissioners.
21. A Board Member enquired whether biodiversity could be incorporated into park designs. Mr. Bromley advised that he would request Ms. Mack and Mr. Page to develop a memorandum to provide information to the Board.
22. A Board Member suggested that the location of Park Board water fountains be included on Metro Vancouver's water fountain application. Mr. Bromley advised that he would request Ms. Harper to follow up.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 10:06 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley
General Manager

Commissioner Michael Wiebe
Chair