



**PARK BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING
MEETING MINUTES**

MAY 15, 2017

A Regular Park Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, May 15, 2017, at 7:00 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 - May 1, 2017

MOVED by Commissioner Evans
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Wiebe highlighted the following events and the participation of Park Board Commissioners:

- April 12, 2017 Out for Breakfast fundraising event
- The Big Picnic on April 15, 2017 in Queen Elizabeth Park
- Official opening of the Vancouver Public Library's ná'á?mat ct Strathcona Branch on April 20, 2017
- Unveiling of Helena Gutteridge's commemorative plaque by Parks Canada on April 21, 2017
- April 22, 2017 Earth Day events at Everett Crowley Park
- Earth Day celebration with the Stanley Park Ecology Society on April 22, 2017
- Official opening of the Variety Challenger Baseball Field at Hillcrest Park on April 22, 2017
- April 24, 2017 Vancouver Heritage Award ceremony held at the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden, which was an award recipient for the restoration and conservation of the Jade Water Pavilion

- Official launch of Canada 150+ celebrations on April 26, 2017 at the Bill Reid Gallery
- Regular quarterly meeting with the City Manager on April 27, 2017
- April 29 - 30, 2017 Tree Sale at Hillcrest Centre where 2,900 of the 3,000 available trees were sold
- April 30, 2017 plant sale at VanDusen Botanical Garden
- Proclamation of Child Care and Early Learning Month on May 11, 2017
- May 3, 2017 Chinatown reunion banquet organized by the Vancouver Chinatown Foundation
- Jane's Walk on the seawall along False Creek on May 5, 2017 to raise awareness of changes to the shoreline of the False Creek basin over time and to explore sea level rise and its impacts
- Launch of Vancouver Bird Week at the Roundhouse Community Centre on May 6, 2017
- 10th annual Youth Week Vancouver Skateboard Competition on May 6, 2017
- May 7, 2017 BMO Vancouver races at Queen Elizabeth Park and Stanley Park
- Walk So Kids Can Talk charity event at David Lam Park on May 7, 2017
- Walking tour of the West End on May 8, 2017 organized by the West End Families in Action
- Move for Health Day at the Roundhouse Community Centre on May 10, 2017
- Celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Roundhouse Community Centre on May 13, 2017
- May 13, 2017 celebration ceremony for Chinatown's designation as a National Historic Site by Parks Canada
- Public engagement event for VanPlay, the year long public conversation about the future of Vancouver's parks and recreation, at David Lam Park on May 13, 2017
- May 14, 2017 Fairmont Mother's Day Run at Ceperley Park in Stanley Park.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. **REPORT: Honda Celebration of Light - Relocating Festival Area from Sunset Beach Park to Ceperley Meadow in Stanley Park**

Octavio Silva, Manager of Business Development, Park Board, led the review of a presentation on the proposed relocation of the Celebration of Light Festival area from Sunset Beach Park to Ceperley Meadow and highlighted:

- Background of the Honda Celebration of Light Fireworks Festival, festival area and Sunsetter Bistro
- Event proposal
- Benefits of relocating the festival area to Ceperley Meadow
- Preliminary site plan.

Mr. Silva responded to questions from the Committee. There was discussion on whether there is the potential to move the festival area to another location if the Ceperley Meadow location is not successful; disadvantages of the proposed relocation; confirmation that the activation of the festival area will not result in the closure of the park; and traffic and parking impacts.

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar

SECONDED by Commissioner Shum

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve an application from the Vancouver Fireworks Festival Society, organizers of the Honda Celebration of Light Fireworks Festival, to relocate their festival area from Sunset Beach Park to Ceperley Meadow in Stanley Park on July 29, August 2, and August 5, 2017, with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager of the Park Board; and
- B. FURTHER THAT the Board approve an application from the Fireworks Festival Society to obtain a Public Special Event Permit from the Liquor Control & Licensing Branch at the aforementioned location and dates, from 2:00pm to 9:00pm, with a maximum capacity of 5,000 people.

CARRIED

(Commissioners Mackinnon and Wiebe opposed)

2. REPORT: Downtown Skateboard Park - Interim Relocation Engagement Process

Tiina Mack, Manager of Park Development, Park Board, introduced Catarina Gomes, Lead Park Planner, Park Board, and Alex Man-Bourdon, Landscape Architect, Park Board.

Ms. Gomes and Mr. Man-Bourdon jointly led the review of a presentation on the proposed engagement process for the interim relocation of the Downtown Skateboard Park and highlighted:

- Northeast False Creek area plan
- Surveys conducted to understand the user profile, usage of the existing Skate Plaza and expectations
- Skateboarding facilities in Vancouver
- Criteria for interim location of the Downtown Skateboard Park
- Details of the project phases
- Phase 1 - Engagement and Concept Design is expected to result in a recommendation to be submitted to the Park Board for approval in early 2018.

Ms. Gomes, along with Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, and Mr. Man-Bourdon, responded to questions from the Committee. There was discussion on:

- The statement in the report that a new facility will be constructed in the redesigned Andy Livingstone Park is inaccurate
- Funding for engagement and design costs is provided by the City as part of the Georgia and Dunsmuir viaducts removal project
- Concern that the engagement and design presupposes the City's decision on the removal of the Georgia and Dunsmuir viaducts
- Concern regarding the enforcement of Park Board regulations in the existing Skate Plaza and use of the current facility by the homeless population
- Potential resident concerns about any proposed location of the Downtown Skateboard Park
- Intention for the interim facility to serve a broader group of users

- Request for information on the number of survey responses from Vancouver residents
- Expected cost of the project.

The Committee heard from two speakers who expressed support for the interim relocation of the Downtown Skateboard Park to ensure the continued provision of a safe space to skate in the downtown area. The speakers responded to questions from the Committee.

MOVED by Commissioner Wiebe
SECONDED by Commissioner Evans

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the engagement process proposed for the location and conceptual design of an interim street-style skateboard park to temporarily replace the Downtown Skateboard Park as described in this report; and
- B. FURTHER THAT staff report back to the Board on the findings of this engagement for approval of the location, prior to the development of the facility.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 8:28 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley
General Manager

Commissioner Casey Crawford
Chair