



## REGULAR BOARD MEETING MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 19, 2017

The Regular Park Board meeting was held on Monday, June 19, 2017, at 8:04 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  
Rae Ratslef, Meeting Clerk

### WELCOME

Chair Wiebe 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. July 10, 2017 Meeting

MOVED by Commissioner Evans  
SECONDED by Commissioner Shum

THAT the Board will go into a meeting on July 10, 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 - June 5, 2017**

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar  
SECONDED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung

THAT the Park Board minutes of the June 5, 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 - Monday June 19, 2017**

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

1. REPORT: Gathering of Canoes - Pulling Together Canoe Journey - 150+ Event
2. REPORT: Walk for Reconciliation - Canada 150+ Event
3. REPORT: Kisses for Bees - Temporary Pollinator Installation at Cathedral Square Park.

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon  
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Park Board Committee at its meeting of June 19, 2017, as contained in items 1 through 3.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, updated the Board on the comprehensive efforts being taken to enhance safety and cleanliness at Andy Livingstone Park, which include:

- onsite Park Ranger & Park Operations staff from 7am-11pm, 7 days/week

- regular safety sweeps throughout the day to remove hazards (discarded needles)
- overnight patrols by Security staff
- increased VPD patrols in the park and surrounding area
- ongoing collaboration with community groups and stakeholders

## STAFF REPORTS

### 1. REPORT BACK: VanSplash Aquatic Strategy - Report Reference

Dave Hutch, Manager of Planning and Research, Park Board, and Katy Amon, Planner II, Park Board, jointly led the review of a presentation on the VanSplash Aquatic Strategy and highlighted:

- Existing system
- Strategy objectives
- Process and schedule
- Emerging Themes
- Non-traditional aquatics
- Recommendations for indoor pools:
  - Replace Templeton and Britannia with one community pool
  - Replace Kerrisdale with a community pool
  - Replace Vancouver Aquatic Centre (VAC) with a wellness-oriented destination pool on the same site
  - Demolish Lord Byng, construct a new city-wide (destination) pool (VAC @ Connaught) with a sport training focus
  - Continue to pursue a partnership with the YMCA South Vancouver
- Recommendations for outdoor pools:
  - Continue to invest in existing pools to keep them as gems within Vancouver
  - Review and upgrade change rooms and concession stands/food services
  - Consider upgrades to provide shade, and potentially chair and umbrella rentals
  - Consider integrating hot tubs at New Brighton, Kitsilano and Second Beach
  - Proposed outdoor leisure pool and hot tub co-located with Killarney Indoor Pool as a quick start project
  - Proposed outdoor component at Britannia - likely a spray park/outdoor hot tub
  - Proposed new site for an outdoor natural pool along the southern shoreline
  - Explore opportunities for a harbour deck in a prominent location
- Recommendations for wading pools:
  - Continue to phase out all wading pools, converting to spray parks or closing them
  - Where possible, design spray parks in a way that water can be recycled for park use
- Interim criteria for destination and neighbourhood spray park locations
- Recommendations for beaches:
  - Provide additional opportunities for shade
  - Enhance data collection to better understand beach use and potential improvements

- Install temporary urban beaches to increase equity of beach experience at key locations in the City
- Explore options for temporary water play (wibits)
- Swimming in Trout Lake and False Creek
- Next steps including public engagement in September 2017 and recommendations to the Board in December 2017.

Mr. Hutch and Ms. Amon, along with Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, and Melissa Higgs, Principal, HCMA Architecture + Design, responded to questions from the Board. There was discussion on:

- Potential for reprogramming space to ensure there is no loss of park use as a result of VAC @ Connaught
- Concerns about entering into a private partnership for a public pool
- Rationale for an outdoor pool at Killarney
- Benefit of co-locating some sites
- Feasibility of permitting pop-up-pools for an international event
- Council motion about swimming at CRAB Park
- Funding in the current capital plan for shoreline and coastal processes
- Plans for a network of spray park
- Need for recommendations to address the needs in the southwest area of the City
- Coordination between VanSplash and VanPlay
- Feasibility of allowing swimming in False Creek in 2018
- Whether the fountain at the Bloedel Conservatory could be repurposed to provide an outdoor water opportunity
- Need for discussion with Vancouver Coastal Health on requirements and available funding
- Support for exploring opportunities for synergies between agencies in terms of a cost benefit analysis
- Potential to relocate floating pools (the tanks) depending on availability of service connections to land
- Potential to move forward quickly with a Harbour Deck project.

### **Motion to Suspend Rules**

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar  
SECONDED by Commissioner Shum

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

CARRIED  
(Commissioner Mackinnon absent from the vote)

## 2. REPORT BACK: City-wide DCL Review - Park Board Implications - Report Reference

Dave Hutch, Manager of Planning and Research, Park Board, and Steve Jackson, Manager of Financial Planning and Analysis, Park Board, jointly led the review of a presentation on the potential impacts of the City of Vancouver's development cost levy (DCL) review and highlighted:

- Development cost levies (DCLs) are charged on development to pay for new infrastructure and facilities to maintain current service levels
- Projects completed using DCLs
- Growth recovery tools
- Park Board use of DCLs for park acquisition and development
- Population growth areas
- Master planning process for Vancouver Parks
- Interim high-level 10 year capital projection for park acquisition and development is \$551 million
- Key elements of DCL update
- Projected funding to the Park Board of \$36 million annually for the next 10 years, based on current assumptions
- Key variables:
  - Approval of rate increase
  - Actual development volume delivery
  - Timing of land acquisitions and land value appreciation.

Mr. Hutch and Mr. Jackson, along with Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, responded to questions from the Board. There was discussion on:

- City's numbers will be finalized and posted publically on July 19, 2017 and considered at the July 26, 2017 Council meeting;
- Concern regarding the timeframe for public input
- Expectation that the funding from DCLs will be insufficient to meet the projected need of \$551 million for acquisitions and development
- Potential to receive additional funding through capital plans and the election process
- Difficulty of acquiring park lands given increasing costs
- Requirement for a change to the *Vancouver Charter* to allow for expanded use of DCLs.

Commissioner Kirby-Yung introduced a motion for the Board's consideration relative to DCLs and responded to questions from the Board.

There was discussion on:

- Role of the Park Board to preserve and protect parks and the importance of being able to acquire new parks
- Acknowledgement that other areas than parks, e.g. childcare, are in crises due to lack of funds
- Lack of clarity around process
- Need to better understand the implications of the proposed changes.

MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung  
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation direct staff to work with the City of Vancouver to identify options and solutions for maintaining investment in park acquisition and development; and
- B. THAT staff report back to the Board on available options prior to the July 2017 City Council meeting when Council will consider the development cost levy recommendation.

CARRIED  
(Commissioner Mackinnon absent from the vote)

#### MOTIONS ON NOTICE

##### 1. Recognition of Grace McCarthy

Commissioner Coupar introduced the motion and commented on the significant legacy of former Park Board Commissioner Grace McCarthy. There was discussion on: process for identifying a suitable space; recognition of Ms. McCarthy's contributions during her lifetime.

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar  
SECONDED by Commissioner Shum

WHEREAS:

1. Grace McCarthy was a former Park Board Commissioner, a BC cabinet minister, a trail-blazer for women and children and an extraordinary champion of her beloved home province;
2. Grace McCarthy was elected to the Vancouver Park Board in 1960 after building a successful business as a florist. Among her notable achievements was the beginning of the Stanley Park Christmas train tradition. In 1964, she arranged the lighting of the train area with BC Hydro for 16 days during the holiday season;
3. Grace McCarthy served on Park Board for six years, and became the first female Vice Chair in 1966, serving with the first female Park Board Chair, Margaret Jack. That same year she ran and was elected as a Provincial MLA and named to the cabinet where she served the people of BC for decades, both in and out of government. During that time, she successfully persuaded the federal government to introduce a law that allowed unmarried women to apply for mortgages without a male guarantor;
4. Grace McCarthy as a Park Commissioner was also at the forefront of the campaign to build the Bloedel Conservatory. As a former florist she had a great appreciation for horticulture and worked tirelessly to ensure the Conservatory

was built as a project of the Canadian Centennial. Later as an MLA McCarthy worked to ensure the provincial government delivered on a \$1M dollar pledge to VanDusen Gardens;

5. From the Stanley Park Christmas train, Bloedel Conservatory, VanDusen Botanical Garden to Expo '86, Skytrain and the lights on the Lion's Gate Bridge, the legacies of Grace McCarthy are everywhere; and
6. In retirement, Grace McCarthy started the CH.I.L.D Foundation, which has raised millions in research funds for children suffering from Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis and liver disorders.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Park Board direct staff to work with Grace McCarthy's family to develop an outdoor space that recognizes and tells the story of Grace's tremendous contribution to the Park Board, our City and the Province of British Columbia.

CARRIED  
(Commissioner Mackinnon absent from the vote)

#### NOTICES OF MOTION

##### 1. Skateboard Amenity Strategy

Commissioner Shum gave notice of motion on a Skateboard Amenity Strategy for the Board's consideration at the July 24, 2017 meeting.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Park Board direct staff to work with stakeholders, city engineering and planning department, city bylaws, police and risk management, and the community to create a "living document" that are to be discussed and reviewed by Park Board Commissioners and throughout the Public process to create a framework for achieving an effective city-wide network for skateboarding amenities towards accommodating current and future recreation needs of all residents.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### 1. Request for Leave of Absence

Commissioner Shum requested that a leave of absence be granted from the July 10, 2017 meeting.

MOVED by Commissioner Shum  
SECONDED by Commissioner Wiebe

THAT the Vancouver Park Board grant a leave of absence to Commissioner Shum for the July 10, 2017 meeting.

CARRIED  
(Commissioner Mackinnon absent from the vote)

## 2. Gift from the Vancouver Lawn Bowling Club

Commissioner Evans expressed appreciation to the Vancouver Lawn Bowling Club of its gift of a book to the Park Board.

## ENQUIRIES

1. A Board member enquired if the restaurant proposal for Harbour Green Park would be going to City Council. Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, advised that the proposal was approved and will proceed to construction. Staff will provide a timeline on this project as well as the Stanley Park Brewing site.
2. A Board member enquired if thanks could be passed on to the City Manager and his team for the clean up that was done between the Cambie Bridge and Olympic Village.
3. A Board member enquired if the invasive plants and dead trees on Habitat Island and Hinge Park could be cleared as they are cutting off the pathway.
4. A Board member enquired about the status of maintenance on various street medians, especially near Knight Street and at the entrances to Vancouver. Howard Normann, Director of Park Operations replied that, due to construction, they are unable to access the medians at Knight Street and Marine Drive until September. Other areas will be addressed in the next three to four weeks.
5. A Board member enquired about the timeline for removing the temporary fencing that separates the new playground at Hinge Park from the off leash dog area. Mr. Normann advised that consultation would conclude in the next few weeks and an update would be provided.
6. A Board member enquired about the spray park at Oak Meadow given that three systems are currently not working. Mr. Normann advised that there had been vandalism at the site and that staff is working on building a better product.
7. A Board member enquired about the results of the violence risk assessment at some facilities and whether the Commissioners could be briefed on the outcome. Donnie Rosa, Director of Recreation, Park Board, informed that the assessments have not yet been completed but a report back will be provided.
8. A Board member thanked the Park Board staff and Park Rangers for dealing with the drug paraphilia and clean up at Andy Livingstone Park.
9. A Board member enquired about a washroom strategy. Mr. Bromley advised of the standard for cleaning, and informed that staff is developing a strategy. Mr. Normann advised that a document with cleaning schedules and open and closing times would be provided. Staff will present a report reference on service standard for amenities and will bring forward a washroom strategy.
10. A Board member enquired about the Kitsilano Park temporary fencing. Mr. Bromley advised that the strategy was to let the two main interest groups negotiate with each



other; however, the Park Board has been asked to intervene. Staff will come back the Board for a decision.

11. A Board member enquired if there was an update on the yoga in Guelph Park. Mr. Bromley advised that the matter has been de-escalated and that options for ensuring permits are obtained without being a financial burden to the group are being explored.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 11:14 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley  
General Manager

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Commissioner Michael Wiebe  
Chair