



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MEETING MINUTES

JULY 10, 2017

The Regular Park Board meeting was held on Monday, July 10, 2017, at 10:44 pm, at the Park Board Office.

PRESENT: Commissioner John Coupar
Commissioner Casey Crawford
Commissioner Catherine Evans
Commissioner Sarah Kirby-Yung
Commissioner Stuart Mackinnon
Commissioner Michael Wiebe, Chair

ABSENT: Commissioner Erin Shum, Vice-Chair (Leave of Absence)

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 24, 2017 Meeting

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon
SECONDED by Commissioner Crawford

THAT the Board will go into a meeting on July 24, 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 19, 2017

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

THAT the Park Board minutes of the June 19, 2017 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNICATIONS

The Board was advised that there were four items of communications of note. Three letters of support were received for the Vancouver Biennale. There was also a letter received providing suggestions regarding the China Creek Park North upgrade. All items have been included in the Commissioners' meeting materials.

COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Report of the Park Board Committee - Monday, July 10, 2017

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

1. REPORT: China Creek North Park Upgrades and Glen Pump Station
2. REPORT: Mount Pleasant Park Basketball Court Mural - Corporate Sponsorship Funding
3. REPORT: Vancouver Biennale 2018-2030 Partnership Agreement
4. REPORT: Bird Friendly Windows - Corporate Sponsorship Funding.

MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Park Board Committee at its meeting of July 10, 2017, as contained in items 1 through 4.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, reported on:

- Increased safety efforts at Andy Livingstone Park
- Installation of nine beach wheelchairs and accessible beach mats at English Bay in August 2017
- Working with the organizers of Dude Chilling Yoga at Guelph Park to ensure that the minimum requirements for a permit are met
- Public engagement initiatives for the period of July 10 - 24, 2017, on Vancouver's Waterway Recreation Strategy, Hinge Park playground fence and Andy Livingstone Park (east) playground replacement
- List of briefing memos issued for the period of June 15 to July 5, 2017, which will be posted online.

STAFF REPORTS

1. REPORT REFERENCE: Strathcona CCA Funding Model - Interim Strategy

Donnie Rosa, Director of Recreation, Park Board, and Paul Czene, Recreation Coordinator, Access and Volunteer Services, Park Board, jointly led the review of a presentation on the interim funding model for the Strathcona Community Centre Association (SCCA) and highlighted:

- Demographics of the Strathcona neighbourhood, which has the highest percentage of individuals living at or below the living wage
- Background on the SCCA, operating and funding adjustments
- Proposed interim funding model that allows an adjustment to the Leisure Access Program (LAP) income threshold, with subsidy rates funded by the Park Board for the SCCA recreation programs
- Policy tools
- Living wage and low income cut off (before tax).

Motion to Suspend Rules

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar

SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation suspend the Park Board rules to allow the meeting to continue beyond 11:00 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ms. Rosa and Mr. Czene, along with Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, responded to questions from the Board. It was confirmed that the presentation was to provide an interim solution and that a report for decision would be presented to the Board in future.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Mackinnon shared a Twitter post thanking a Park Ranger for a kind exchange with an individual at Andy Livingstone Park earlier in the day.

Commissioner Wiebe advised of a motion from the Peoples with Disabilities Advisory Committee, which should be considered by staff before the related matter was presented to Council on July 25, 2017.

ENQUIRIES

1. A Board member acknowledged the Remarkable Women display for Door Open Vancouver.
2. A Board member enquired about the location of benches in Strathcona Park and if they are encouraging unwanted behaviour, and whether there had been any studies relative to bench locations in parks. The Director of Park Operations advised that seating in parks is important but bench location will be looked at in this case to see if relocation can help. The General Manager advised that there benches with different designs could also assist.
3. A Board member enquired if there is a way to track costs being born by the Park Board, over the course of a week, by failure of senior governments to solve homelessness. Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, advised that Howard Normann, The Director of Park Operations, has been tracking the cost incurred by his team.
4. A Board member enquired if about a theft at the Stanley Park Train and wondered if there had been any security enhancements to Stanley Park. Shauna Wilton, Deputy General Manager, advised that existing security protocols are working well, and a larger project is underway with Corporate Security and update will be provided to the Board. Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, advised that a detailed update will be provided on security enhancements, and advised that the Park Board received additional funding from the City to dedicate a person to the Park Board for security.
5. A Board member enquired if there is planning taking place with Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services in terms of quick response to fires in parks, and whether there is an ability to pump water out of water bodies if there is need. Howard Normann, Director of Park Operations advised that there are two wild fire brush units in Downtown, Champlain Heights that would be utilized in trail and other “back country” fires. Further, there are also two Park Rangers who are canvassing for encampments and any signs of fires.
6. A Board member enquired about dogs on Habitat Island, as well as amplified music and who is responsible for enforcing by-laws pertaining to these issues. It was requested that there is need to clarify the responsibilities of the City and Park Board relative to enforcement. Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, advised that Park Control By-laws are currently being updated.

7. A Board member enquired on the status of the Vancouver Park Foundation. Shauna Wilton, Deputy General Manager, advised that staff are currently working on the strategic plan and fundraising plan and will present to the Board in the fall. Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, advised that the Foundation has been registered and are meeting with other foundations and professions to learn best practices.
8. A Board member enquired about the status of homeless campers in Nelson Park. Howard Normann, Director of Park Operations advised that Park Rangers have been working with VPD to address this sensitive issue.
9. A Board member enquired about the upcoming City Wide Development Cost Levy Review that will be going forward to Council on July 26, 2017, and the status of a member motion that asked staff to identify recommendations for the Park Board to preserve green space in the event of the DCL cuts, and whether there has been consideration to holding a special meeting before the Council meeting due to time constraints. Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, advised that this matter will be brought to the Board on July 24, 2017, and as such staff are not contemplating a special meeting.
10. A Board member enquired about the snow fencing Kitsilano Beach Park. Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, advised that an update would come to the Board by July 24, 2017.
11. A Board member enquired about the removal of the picnic tables in Grandview Park as concerns have been raised at Britannia Community Centre and if foldable picnic tables that could be removed at night and brought back during the day be placed in the park. Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, advised that there are concerns about portable items, and will have Donnie Rosa and Howard work with Britannia Community Centre to look at some solution.
12. A Board member enquired about heavy algae bloom in the False Creek beaver's pond and the absence of the beavers. Howard Normann, Director of Park Operations advised that this is an annual occurrence as the weather warms. Staff will see look into cleaning the algae by adding water.
13. A Board member enquired if Marpole Museum and Historical Society would like to have a community garden next to its building where there is currently an empty lot. Wondering about an Indigenous education garden with potable plants that could be utilized by the seven seniors coop housing in the area, and connect the park to the Arbutus greenway. Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, advised to have the enquirer contact his office directly.
14. A Board member advised the Kanata Festival had agreed to donate their stage, long house, art, totem poles and other structures to the Park Board in the hope that they would be used in a park or reconciliation area. Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, asked Howard Normann to coordinate transportation of the materials.
15. A Board member enquired if the current Park Board bylaws might not be congruent with constitutional decisions in the Abbotsford and Victoria. Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, advised that staff have been meeting with Pivot Legal Society to discuss this

matter as Park Control By-laws are an area of concern that will be managed sensitively.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 11:35 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley
General Manager

Commissioner Michael Wiebe
Chair