



**PARK BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING
MEETING MINUTES**

JULY 10, 2017

A Regular Park Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, July 10, 2017, at 7:30 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 Michael Wiebe

ABSENT: Commissioner Erin Shum (Leave of Absence)

GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE: Malcolm Bromley, General Manager
Shauna Wilton, Deputy General Manager
Cheryl Chan, Manager, Executive Office and Board Relations
Jessica Kulchyski, Recorder
Rae Ratslef, Meeting Clerk

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Park Board Committee Meeting - June 19, 2017

MOVED by Commissioner Evans

SECONDED by Commissioner Wiebe

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AGENDA ITEMS

1. REPORT: China Creek North Park Upgrades and Glen Pump Station

Tiina Mack, Manager of Park Development, Park Board, Lehran Hache, Landscape Designer, Park Board, and Wally Konowalchuk, Civil Engineer II - Pump Stations, Engineering Services, City of Vancouver, jointly led the review of a presentation on the proposed China Creek North Park upgrades and the Glen Pump Station replacement and highlighted:

- China Creek North Park Upgrades:
 - Background on old streams and an overview of current conditions
 - Public consultation process
 - Proposed improvements in China Creek North Park
 - Feedback received on pedestrian and accessibility improvements, playground replacement and dog off-leash issues

- Creek daylighting and green infrastructure opportunities
- Schedule of proposed park improvements
- Glen Station Pump Station:
 - Purpose of the pump station
 - Utility statutory right-of-way
 - Public feedback received in January 2017
 - Conceptual design and site layout
 - Interpretive graphic display on pump station
 - Public feedback in June 2017
 - Schedule for pump station and financing.

Ms. Mack, Ms. Hache and Mr. Konowalchuk, along with Jerry Dobrovolny, Chief Engineer and General Manager of Engineering Services, City of Vancouver, and Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, responded to questions from the Committee. There was discussion on: a proposed motion to refer the report to staff until the Dogs, People and Parks Strategy is brought forward on July 24, 2017; whether the playground can be located closer to the washrooms; recognition of the challenge of balancing multiple uses in parks; concern that some groups of park users may not have been consulted; concern regarding missed opportunities in the park; and support to investigate further opportunities for green infrastructure projects.

MOVED by Commissioner Wiebe
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board refer the matter of China Creek North Park upgrades and Glen Pump Station replacement to staff to investigate the possibility of positioning the playground closer to the washrooms; and to clarify how the dog off leash area integrates with the Dogs, People and Parks Strategy that will be considered by the Board on July 24, 2017.

DEFEATED
(Commissioner Wiebe in favour)

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the proposed playground replacement, stairway, and accessible pathway improvements in China Creek North Park, as described in this report;
- B. THAT the Board approve the replacement of the Glen Pump Station and building, including a public washroom facility, in China Creek Park North as described in this report; and

- C. FURTHER THAT the Board authorize the establishment of one or more right of way agreements for the development and operations of the Pump Station facility and other sewerage infrastructure in form and content satisfactory to the Park Board General Manager, City Engineer, and Director of Legal Services.

CARRIED

(Commissioner Wiebe opposed)

2. REPORT: Mount Pleasant Park Basketball Court Mural - Corporate Sponsorship Funding

Commissioner Wiebe declared a Conflict of Interest on the basis of his relationship with the Mount Pleasant Business Improvement Association and left the meeting at 8:35 pm.

Dave Hutch, Manager of Research and Planning, Park Board, and jil p. weaving, Coordinator, Arts, Culture and Engagement, Park Board, jointly led the review of a presentation on a proposal to install and maintain the first basketball court mural in Vancouver Park and highlighted:

- Background on mural festivals held in 2016 and 2017
- Request received to install a court mural and proposed artist
- Connection between art and sport
- Proposed location, materials and project budget
- Expressions of support from various sources for the proposed mural.

Ms. weaving along with Mr. David Lewis, Team Lead, Integrated Graffiti Management Program, Park Board, responded to questions from the Committee.

The Committee heard from three speakers who spoke in support of the recommendation, noted their appreciation for the involvement of youth in the project and commented on the importance of the connection between art and sport. The speakers responded to questions from the Committee.

There was discussion on: support for the proposed mural theme; and suggestion that this mural art be incorporated on all of Vancouver's basketball courts reflecting the neighbourhoods in which they are located.

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon

SECONDED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve a contribution of \$35,000 from the Corporate Sponsorship Fund toward the installation and maintenance of a unique initiative proposed by the Vancouver Mural Festival to create a mural on the basketball court in Mount Pleasant Park, with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager of the Park Board.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Commissioner Wiebe absent from the vote)

Commissioner Wiebe rejoined the meeting at 9:10 pm.

3. REPORT: Vancouver Biennale 2018-2030 Partnership Agreement

Dave Hutch, Manager of Research and Planning, Park Board, and Jill P. Weaving, Coordinator, Arts, Culture and Engagement, Park Board, jointly led the review of a presentation on a proposed agreement with the Vancouver Biennale Foundation for three temporary exhibitions of multiple public artworks and highlighted:

- History of temporary exhibitions and Biennale Exhibitions
- Community programming, including artist residencies, events and the Big Ideas educational program
- Lasting legacies
- Current Biennale proposal for three temporary exhibitions for 2018 - 2030
- New responsibilities for the Park Board relative to landscaping of bases, and costs for relocating artworks in the event that the Park Board requires it to be moved.

Mr. Hutch and Ms. Weaving, along with Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, responded to questions from the Committee.

Mr. Bromley reported that Ms. Weaving will be departing the Park Board on July 11, 2017, and acknowledged her significant contributions to the Park Board during the length of her employment, particularly in the areas of education in art and reconciliation.

The Committee heard from five speakers who spoke in support of the recommendation and commented on the advantages of the agreement to the Biennale, the Park Board, the City and its citizens; the importance of public art; and the opportunity that the model presents to bring world-class art to Vancouver. The speakers responded to questions from the Committee.

Motion to Suspend Rules

MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Commissioner Evans

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

The Committee heard from an additional speaker who spoke in support of the recommendation.

There was discussion on: appreciation for the beauty and functionality of art; recognition of the unrelenting enthusiasm and passion for art of Barrie Mowatt, Founder and President of the Vancouver Biennale Foundation; need for information to be provided about ways in which a community could retain its art before temporary art is removed; appropriateness of the Park Board supporting some of the costs relative to the temporary art installations; and importance of public art to the City and its citizens.

MOVED by Commissioner Wiebe
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board enter into an agreement to host three temporary artwork exhibitions over the period of 2018 through to 2030, curated and funded by the Vancouver Biennale Foundation with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager and the Director of Legal Services.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. REPORT: Bird Friendly Windows - Corporate Sponsorship Funding

Dave Hutch, Manager of Research and Planning, Park Board, and Alan Duncan, Environmental Planner, Park Board, led the review of a presentation on a proposal to increase the bird friendliness of the Park Board Administration building and highlighted:

- Policy for use of Corporate Sponsorship Funds
- Toronto's Green Standard for new development
- Seeing Spots project proposal and Feather Friendly film
- Collision data collected in October 2015
- Technologies and visual impacts
- Heritage implications.

Mr. Duncan, along with Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, responded to questions from the Committee. There was discussion on: appropriateness of the proposed use of Corporate Sponsorship Funds; support for this project to be funded in a future operating budget as part of regular maintenance costs; opportunity to benefit overall parks by leading by example; and significance issue of the loss of birds in North America, particularly song birds.

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Evans

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve an expenditure of up to \$40,000 from the Corporate Sponsorship Funds to apply a bird collision deterrent treatment to windows at the Park Board Administration Building at 2099 Beach Avenue.

CARRIED
(Commissioner Coupar and Kirby-Yung opposed)

The Committee adjourned at 10:36 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley
General Manager

Commissioner Casey Crawford
Chair