



**PARK BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING  
MEETING MINUTES**

**OCTOBER 2, 2017**

A Park Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, October 2, 2017, at 7:02 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 - September 18, 2017**

MOVED by Commissioner Wiebe  
SECONDED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung

THAT the Park Board Committee minutes of the September 18, 2017 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**1. REPORT: Synthetic Turf Playing Field - New Site Options**

Commissioner Crawford referred to the Correspondence Summary included with the meeting materials. As of 3:00 pm on October 2, 2017, there were 34 pieces of correspondence received by the General Manager's Office regarding this report, of which two were opposed and three were in support of the recommendation. The remaining 29 emails or letters requested that the synthetic turf field be built west of Main Street.

Tiina Mack, Manager of Park Development, Park Board, introduced Erin Embley, Planner II, Research and Planning, Park Board, and Susie Hutchison, Manager, City-Wide Recreation, Park Board.

Ms. Embley led the review of a presentation on proposed siting options for a new synthetic turf playing field and highlighted:

- Current locations of synthetic turf sports fields

- Criteria for selecting suitable sites
- Vancouver Field Sport Federation input on constraints and opportunities of potential 2018 - 2019 sites
- Current options:
  - Beaconsfield Park
  - Clinton Park
  - Sir Winston Churchill Secondary (Vancouver School Board site)
- Potential sites to be included in the 2019 - 2022 Capital Planning process
- Next steps.

Ms. Embley, along with Ms. Mack, responded to questions from the Committee. There was discussion on: whether amenities to be provided at the Sir Winston Churchill site would be accessible to the public in the event of a labour disruption; request for an assessment of the sites being considered for inclusion in the 2019 - 2022 Capital Planning process; costs/benefits of synthetic turf vs. grass fields; suggestion to add lighting to increase the utilization of playing fields while considering the impact of lighting on neighbouring residences; and availability and eligibility for use of Citywide Development Cost Levy (DCL) Funds.

The Committee heard from four speakers, three who requested that a new synthetic turf playing field be sited west of Main Street and one who spoke in support of the recommendation. The speakers responded to questions from the Committee.

MOVED by Commissioner Wiebe  
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board endorse Beaconsfield Park, Clinton Park, and Sir Winston Churchill Secondary school for consideration as the potential site for a new synthetic turf playing field to be funded by Citywide Development Cost Levy (DCL) Funds, subject to further technical review and a public process.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 8:25 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley  
General Manager

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Commissioner Casey Crawford  
Chair