



**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MEETING MINUTES**

NOVEMBER 6, 2017

The Regular Park Board meeting was held on Monday, November 6, 2017, at 8:30 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, Manager, Executive Office and Board Relations
Jessica Kulchyski, Recorder
Carol Lee, Meeting Clerk

WELCOME

The Chair 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. In Camera Meeting

MOVED by Commissioner Shum
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

THAT the Board will go into a meeting, 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 - October 23, 2017

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon
SECONDED by Commissioner Evans

THAT the Park Board minutes of the October 23, 2017 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNICATIONS

The Board was informed of correspondence of note that was received by the General Manager's Office. One email advised Commissioners of potential conflicts between water users and fishers on the Jericho Beach Park pier. Another email indicated support for additional funding for park rangers.

The above-noted correspondence has been forwarded to Commissioners.

COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Report of the Park Board Committee - November 6, 2017

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

1. REPORT: Jericho Beach Park Pier Renewal - Concept Approval
2. REPORT: Lumière Festival Seasonal Lighting Installations - Special Event.

MOVED by Commissioner Shum
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Board approves the recommendations and actions taken by the Park Board Committee at its meeting of November 6, 2017, as contained in items 1 and 2.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

STAFF REPORTS

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- Park development:
 - Retendering of Clark Park playground construction contract

- Continuation of keen interest of Your Cycling Coalition in pathway improvements for cyclists and pedestrians at the Kitsilano Beach Park
- Quilchena Skateboard Park and Vanier Bike Park upgrades
- Park related items received at the October 31, 2017 Council meeting:
 - Report Back on the Seniors Centre in South Vancouver/Sunset area
 - Update on the Vancouver Food Strategy and Action Plan
- Park related items received at the November 1, 2017 Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting:
 - Report on Rain City Strategy
 - Report on Water Conservation Program
- Board briefing notes issued from October 24, 2017 to November 3, 2017.

STAFF REPORTS

1. Sanitation in Parks Presentation

Jerry Dobrovolny, General Manger of Engineering, City of Vancouver introduced Mike Zupan, Manager of Sanitation Services, City of Vancouver, and Albert Shames, Director, Waste Management and Resource Recovery, City of Vancouver.

Mr. Shames led the review of a presentation regarding sanitation in parks:

- Service types and responsibilities
- Service metrics from 2014 to 2017
- Areas of concern for park litter can or cart clean-up requests
- Ongoing service challenges
- Challenges with needle collection from parks
- Pilot projects in dog waste and public space recycling
- Continued efforts in supporting initiatives.

Mr. Shames, along with Mr. Zupan, Mr. Dobrovolny and Jonathan McDermott, Manager of Solid Waste Programs, City of Vancouver, responded to questions from the Board. There was discussion on:

- Need for service levels to be established for the sweeping of community centre parking lots
- Agreement between the City of Vancouver and Park Board on service levels
- Clean-up of parks with encampment challenges
- Public expectation regarding service levels for litter collection in parks
- Concerns regarding the maintenance of medians and collection of needles and cigarette butts
- Potential for the engagement of not-for-profit organizations' micro-cleaner programs for park sanitation
- Opportunity to expand the cigarette butt outreach program to address fire dangers in parks

- Maintenance issues at the Downtown Skateboard Park
- Cost and best practices for public realm recycling
- Legal obligations to Metro Vancouver to properly dispose of dog waste.

2. Park Ranger Funding and Safety - Report Back

Howard Normann, Director of Park Operations, Park Board, led the review of a presentation regarding the request for additional Park Ranger funding:

- Efforts in 2017 to improve park maintenance, safety and security, with particular attention to those most impacted by increasing drug use and homeless encampments
- Current Park Ranger Service Model
- Additional funding in 2017 to increase the number of regular Ranger positions from five to 12
- Role of Park Rangers
- Issues to be considered with respect to the proposed 24/7 Park Ranger Model.

Motion to Suspend Rules

MOVED by Commissioner Evans
SECONDED by Commissioner Shum

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

DEFEATED
(Commissioner Mackinnon opposed)

Motion to Suspend Rules

MOVED by Commissioner Evans
SECONDED by Commissioner Shum

THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation suspend the Park Board rules to allow the meeting to continue to 10:30 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Normann, along with Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, responded to questions from the Board. There was discussion on: suggestion that a request be made to the City of Vancouver to provide additional funds in 2018 to address park safety; time dedicated by Park Board staff, in addition to Park Rangers, to address issues in the downtown parks challenged by the current opioid crisis and homelessness; training provided to Park Rangers to deal with issues that arise in parks; and potential for 311 calls to be directed to Park Board staff, other than Park Rangers.

Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board receive the information outlined in this report in response to the referred motion titled “Park Ranger Funding and Safety”;
- B. THAT the Board direct staff to develop a comprehensive and sustainable Park Ranger Service Model, in consultation and collaboration with the Vancouver Police Department, City of Vancouver, and community partners, to address safety, security, cleanliness and maintenance concerns, particularly in relation to the increased use of injectable drugs in Vancouver parks;
- C. THAT staff continue to liaise with City of Vancouver and community partners to explore ways in which the Park Board can assist in efforts to locate appropriate housing and support for those struggling with mental health and addiction challenges; and
- D. THAT staff report back to the Board in 2018 with recommendations that include considerations for financial, legal, and cross-jurisdictional issues.

Amendment to the Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

THAT Item D be amended and Item E be added as follows:

- D. THAT staff report back to the Board by June 2018 with recommendations that include considerations for financial, legal, and cross-jurisdictional issues; and
- E. THAT the Vancouver Park Board continue a service agreement with the City’s Engineering Streets division to assist with key problem parks, as well as additional security attendants in Andy Livingstone and Creekside Parks in 2018; and further that costs be supported through a funding request to the City of Vancouver or through the Park Board’s 2018 Operating Budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Question on the Main Motion, as Amended

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORT REFERENCES

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

That the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation receives the following reports for information:

- A. Langara Golf Course Drainage Improvement Project
- B. VanPlay - Playbook Content Development Update.

DEFEATED
(Commissioner Kirby-Yung opposed)

Motion to Defer

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

That the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation defers consideration of the following reports to a future meeting:

- A. Langara Golf Course Drainage Improvement Project
- B. VanPlay - Playbook Content Development Update.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

MOVED by Commissioner Crawford
SECONDED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung

That the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation reschedules its Special Budget Meeting from December 5, 2017 to November 14, 2017 at 6:30 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 10:32 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley
General Manager

Commissioner Michael Wiebe
Chair