



PARK BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING MEETING MINUTES

MAY 14, 2018

A Regular Park Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, May 14, 2018, at 6:33 pm, at the Park Board Office.

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

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Park Board Committee Meeting – April 30, 2018

MOVED by Commissioner Evans
SECONDED by Commissioner Wiebe

THAT the Park Board Committee minutes of the April 30, 2018 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Mackinnon highlighted the participation of Park Board Commissioners at events in the community that occurred in April and May 2018:

- Apr 21: Earth Day and 30th birthday celebrations at the Stanley Park Ecology Society
- Apr 22: City of Vancouver's official apology to Chinese Canadians at the special Council meeting at the Chinese Cultural Centre
- Apr 22: Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival's Sakura Night Gala
- Apr 28: Opening day at the Vancouver Lawn Bowling Club
- Apr 28: Opening ceremonies and 65th anniversary of Hastings Community Little League
- Apr 28: Annual Rotary Hoop-a-thon at Strathcona Community Centre
- Apr 28: Opening day of the Riley Park farmers market
- Apr 28: Intertidal walk at Jericho Beach
- May 03: Celebration of planting 100,000 trees, a significant milestone towards the goal of 150,000 trees by 2020

- May 06: Inaugural Vancouver International Little League Classic
- May 06: BMO Vancouver International Marathon
- May 11: Oakridge Park open house
- May 12 Annual spring tree sale at Hillcrest Centre.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. UPDATE: Environmental Stewardship Update

Dave Hutch, Manager of Research and Planning, Park Board, introduced Dana McDonald, Environmental Stewardship Coordinator, Park Board.

Ms. McDonald led the review of a presentation providing an update on environmental stewardship and education activities in 2017 and 2018, highlighting:

- Park Board's stewardship initiatives
- Changing landscape of stewardship
- Park Board strategies for building stewardship:
 - Cultivating and maintaining partnerships
 - Supporting initiatives and innovation
 - Providing funding
- Examples of success in each of the strategies
- Stewardship opportunities
- Next steps.

Ms. McDonald, along with Howard Normann, Director of Park Operations, Park Board, Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, and Mr. Hutch, responded to questions from the Committee. There was discussion on:

- Opportunities for partnering with the Vancouver Aquarium and Surfrider Foundation's Great Canadian Shoreline Clean-up activities; Georgia Strait Alliance's water testing and bird count projects; and City of Vancouver's Green Streets and Keep Vancouver Spectacular volunteer teams
- Volunteers:
 - Environmental Stewardship Coordinator's role in responding to and directing enquiries from potential volunteers
 - Union acceptance of volunteer participation in park stewardship programs is generally dependent upon the amount and frequency of the work
 - Request for information on the number of volunteers and results of volunteer work
 - Need to clarify the process for potential volunteers to communicate with the Park Board
- Dog Park Stewardship Ambassadors Program:
 - Request for information regarding where the two Dog Park Stewardship Ambassadors will be active in summer 2018
 - Dog Park Stewardship Ambassador Program will be shaped on the basis of the experience and lessons learned from the summer 2018 pilot program
- Whether the costs of protecting parks from animals and invasive species is considered before embarking on measures

- Engagement with Community Centre Association (CCA) park committees in stewardship opportunities
- Consideration is being given to creating a "Friends of Park" movement to connect residents to their local park, modelled on the experience in Toronto
- Effectiveness of the Tree Guardians Program will be monitored during the summer 2018
- Opportunity to engage teachers during professional days that are currently being scheduled for the 2018/19 school year
- Opportunities to partner with the Vancouver School Board, "Friends of Park" movement and CCAs to augment resources allocated in the Park Board operating budget and capital plan
- Involvement of children's groups in park stewardship programs.

The Committee adjourned at 7:30 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley
General Manager

Commissioner Casey Crawford
Chair