



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 14, 2019

The Regular Park Board meeting was held on Monday, January 14, 2019, at 7:25 pm, at the Park Board Office.

PRESENT: Commissioner Tricia Barker
Commissioner John Coupar
Commissioner Dave Demers, Vice-Chair
Commissioner Camil Dumont
Commissioner Gwen Giesbrecht
Commissioner John Irwin
Commissioner Stuart Mackinnon, 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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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 Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Dumont

THAT the Board will go into meetings next month/prior to the next Regular Board Meeting, which are closed to the public, pursuant to Section 165.2(1) of the *Vancouver Charter*, to discuss matters related to paragraph(s):

- (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. Special Board Meeting – December 10, 2018 and Regular Board Meeting – December 17, 2018

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Demers

THAT the Park Board minutes of the December 10, 2018 Special meeting and December 17, 2018 Regular meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Mackinnon highlighted the participation of Park Board Commissioners at official Park Board events since the December 17, 2018 Board meeting:

- Jan 01: 99th annual Polar Bear Swim.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Board was advised that, as of 3:00 p.m. on January 14, 2019, there were 19 emails received in support of neighbourhood pools.

In addition, there was one email received expressing opposition and 19 emails in support of the Motion on Notice titled "VanSplash Advisory Group Scope". There was also a request that the motion be referred to Committee to hear from speakers.

All emails have been sent directly to Commissioners.

COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Report of the Park Board Committee – January 14, 2019

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

1. REPORT: Park Board Procedure By-law Review

MOVED by Commissioner Irwin
SECONDED by Commissioner Barker

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Park Board Committee at its meeting of January 14, 2019, as contained in item 1.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Shauna Wilton, Deputy General Manager, Park Board, reported on:

- Success of Park Board holiday events
- Damage caused by the December 20, 2018 windstorm
- Closure of a portion of the Stanley Park seawall on January 7, 2019 due to flooding from unexpected high winds and high tides
- West End Community Centre was opened as a warming centre on January 7, 2019
- Board briefing memos and emails issued from December 17, 2018 to January 14, 2019.

REPORT REFERENCES

1. Community Engaged Arts

Jessica Land, Recreation Manager, Community Engagement, Park Board, and Marie Lopes, Recreation Services Coordinator, Arts, Culture and Environment, Park Board, jointly led the review of a presentation on the work of the Arts Culture Engagement Team and highlighted:

- Vancouver Park Board Arts Policy
- Objectives of community cultural development through the arts
- Update on programs:
 - Fieldhouse Activation Strategy
 - Reconciliation Through the Arts
 - Artists in Communities
 - Neighbourhood Matching Fund
- Next steps for the Neighbourhood Matching Fund.

Ms. Lopes, along with Dave Hutch, Acting Director of Planning and Park Development, Park Board, responded to questions from the Board. There was discussion on: plans to activate additional fieldhouses; contribution of arts to the broader objective of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples; suggestion that there be greater collaboration between community engaged art and public art; suggestion to increase public awareness of opportunities for written artists; opportunities to use fieldhouses to promote local food; and increase to the Neighbourhood Matching Fund to expand the scope of projects.

MOTIONS ON NOTICE

1. VanSplash Advisory Group Scope

Commissioner Irwin introduced the motion and commented on the importance of access to community pools and the need to limit the scope of the VanSplash Advisory Group to the improvement and expansion of Vancouver's aquatic facilities. Commissioner Irwin responded to questions from the Board.

Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Irwin
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

WHEREAS:

1. Community pools, such as Byng and Templeton, provide much needed local community access to aquatics;
2. These local aquatic facilities provide proximate cooling centres during our increasingly hot summers, which will very likely be increasingly important due to climate change;
3. Access to local pools and Park Board facilities will reduce emissions and traffic in our city;
4. Many pool users and pool user groups have informed Park Board Commissioners of the high importance of local pool facilities; and
5. The responsibility to set the scope of the VanSplash Advisory Group rests with the Park Board.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Park Board directs its VanSplash Advisory Group to only consider the possible future expansion and improvement of Vancouver's aquatic facilities.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

1. Renewal Strategy for Landscape Equipment – Towards an Emission-Free Reality

Commissioner Demers gave notice of motion on the following:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to develop a transition plan to replace gas-powered landscape maintenance equipment with emission-free equivalents or quasi-equivalents where possible;
- B. THAT the transition plan include financial considerations, including purchase, usage, maintenance and end-of-life replacement costs, as well as ways to quantify/qualify non-financial benefits such as: carbon emission reduction; disposal of refuse oil and other parts; satisfaction/productivity of staff; and satisfaction of citizens; and
- C. THAT staff report back to the Board with their findings and recommendations.

2. Support of #AllOnBoard Campaign for No Transit Fares for Youth

Commissioner Irwin gave notice of motion on the following:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board endorse the #AllOnBoard Campaign and write a letter to: the TransLink Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation; the Board of Directors of TransLink; the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing; and the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction asking TransLink to work with the provincial government to finalize and secure funding, and to develop a plan that will provide free public transit for minors (aged 0-18) and reduced price transit based on a sliding scale using the Market Basket Measure for all low-income people regardless of their demographic profile as soon as possible; and
- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board write a separate letter to the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation asking them to 1) require TransLink to adopt a poverty reduction/equity mandate in order to address the outstanding issue of lack of affordability measures to ensure those who need public transit the most can access the essential service, and 2) request the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation and TransLink to immediately, without delay: amend existing by-laws and cease ticketing of all minors for fare evasion as the first step towards the full implementation of free transit for children and youth 0-18; unlink ICBC from fare evasion for youth and adults; and cease ticketing adults.

ENQUIRIES

1. A Board member enquired if there is a Park Board policy that informs the choice of paint used for repainting Park Board facilities (i.e. low VOC, or no VOC versus oil paints of high VOC paints).
2. A Board member enquired regarding the policy on "donated" toys or usable plastic toys left in playground areas.
3. A Board member enquired regarding the lining of outdoor tennis courts to allow for their use as pickleball courts to accommodate the increasing popularity of the sport.
4. A Board member requested that a detailed list of all small engine equipment owned and used for landscape management and forestry activities by the Park Board, including all hand-held, backpack two-stroke engine and lawn mowing equipment and their fuel requirements, be provided to Commissioners.
5. A Board member enquired whether an investigation has been conducted on the death of at least three large isolated cedar trees in Memorial West Park and whether there is a plan to address the situation.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 8:39 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley
General Manager

Commissioner Stuart Mackinnon
Chair