



SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 2, 2019

A Special Park Board meeting was held on Monday, December 2, 2019, at 6:32 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
- 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.

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair noted that December 6, 2019 will be the 50th anniversary of the Bloedel Conservatory and invited Commissioners and the public to visit the Bloedel Conservatory over the holiday season.

The Chair advised that the white ribbon he is wearing, signifies the global movement by men and boys to end male violence against women and girls, that was formed in London, Ontario in November 1991 in response to the 1989 massacre of female students at the École Polytechnique in Montreal. A ceremony will be held at the Women's Memorial in Thornton Park on December 6, 2019 to mark the 30th anniversary of the tragic event. He asked for a commitment to end gender-based violence in Vancouver and around the world.

2. REPORT: 2020 Fees and Charges – Parks and Recreation

The Board was advised that from November 25, 2019 to 3:00 pm on December 2, 2019, the General Manager's Office received three emails in support of funding for an outdoor pool in Mount Pleasant. All emails have been sent directly to Commissioners.

Steve Jackson, Director of Financial Planning and Analysis, Park Board, led the review of a presentation on the proposed 2020 Fees and Charges and highlighted:

- Approximately 34% of the Park Board Operating Budget is funded by fees and charges
- Residents support user fees as a means to balance the City's budget
- Proposed increases to 2020 fees and charges
- Average increase of 2% across all service categories
- User fee increases are expected to generate approximately \$900,000 of incremental revenue to offset operating cost increases and to ensure high service levels are maintained.

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Demers

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve changes to the 2020 Fees and Charges, as summarized in the body of this report and detailed in Appendix A.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. REPORT: 2020 Service Plan, Operating and Capital Budgets – Parks and Recreation

Shauna Wilton, Deputy General Manager, Park Board, and Steve Jackson, Director of Financial Planning and Analysis, Park Board, jointly led the review of a presentation on the proposed 2020 Service Plan, Operating and Capital Budgets highlighting:

- Service Plan:
 - Purpose of developing a comprehensive service plan
 - Key influences in determining Park Board priorities
 - Core service overview, 2020 priority initiatives and notable capital projects in each service area:
 - Planning and Park Development
 - Parks and Green Spaces
 - Recreation Programming and Facilities
 - Business Services
 - Support Services
- Operating and Capital Budget:
 - No budget reductions proposed for 2020
 - Proposed \$7.2 million of incremental expenditures to support existing and enhanced Park Board service delivery
 - \$0.5 million of expenditures relate to direct costs associated with revenue volume increase
 - \$1.4 million decrease in Other items, primarily relates to outstanding loans with the City being fully paid in mid-2020
 - 2020 capital budget consisting of the annual capital expenditure budget of \$76.0 million and Multi-Year Capital Project Budget of \$53.1 million
 - The proposed \$4.6 million of tax funding represents approximately 0.8% of the City's total 8.2% proposed property tax increase for 2020.

Ms. Wilton and Mr. Jackson, along with Dave Hutch, Acting Director of Planning and Park Development, Park Board, and Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, responded to questions and comments from the Board. There was discussion on:

- A portion of the \$2 million capital allocated to public engagement and design of Oak Park will be utilized for the Mount Pleasant outdoor pool
- Request to amend the project description in the 2020 Capital Plan for the Oak Park public engagement and design to “Marpole/Oakridge Outdoor Pool and Mount Pleasant Planning”
- Park Board engagement in the City-Wide Plan process
- The renewal of the Crab Park washroom has been identified as a priority for 2020
- Exploration of opportunities to expedite funding for the temporary education centre at the Bloedel Conservatory will be a priority for 2020
- Work with the City to incorporate climate change mitigation and adaptation actions in the 2020 budget
- Request to provide a more detailed breakdown of direct and indirect costs in future budgets
- User fees do not cover the full cost of providing recreation services
- The percentage of the costs of maintaining Parks and Green Spaces covered by revenues generated
- Details of the planned improvements to washroom maintenance
- No specific funding has been allocated in the 2020 Capital Budget to rehabilitate the Harbour Green Dock, as the scope of the required work is still being investigated
- Suggestion to work with the City to seek senior government funding to improve the energy efficiency of Park Board buildings
- A staff report and recommendation to provide funding for additional charging stations will be submitted to the Board for consideration in 2020
- Future plans for the provision of dog parks.

The Board heard from two speakers who requested that funding be provided in the 2020 Capital Budget for the construction, or at a minimum for the planning and design, of the Mount Pleasant replacement outdoor pool. The speakers responded to questions from the Board.

MOVED by Commissioner Demers
SECONDED by Commissioner Irwin

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the 2020 Park Board Service Plan as outlined in this report and as attached as Appendix A;
- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the 2020 Parks and Recreation Operating Budget of \$135,927,116 in expenditures and transfers, funded by \$63,211,092 in revenues and \$72,716,024 of tax-based operating funds, as outlined in this report and as attached in Appendix A;
- C. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the 2020 Parks and Recreation Multi-Year Capital Project Budget in the amount of \$53,123,700, which consists of \$40,123,700 in the Parks and Open Spaces service category, and \$13,000,000 in the Recreation Facilities, Service Yards, Vehicles and Equipment, and Public Art service categories as outlined in Appendix A of this report;

- D. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the 2020 Parks and Recreation Annual Capital Expenditure Budget in the amount of \$75,955,468, which consists of \$56,717,904 in the Parks and Open Spaces service category, and \$19,237,564 in the Recreation Facilities, Service Yards, Vehicles and Equipment, and Public Art service categories as outlined in Appendix A of this report; and
- E. FURTHER THAT subject to approval of recommendations A, B, C and D above, the Parks and Recreation 2020 Operating and Capital Budgets be submitted to Vancouver City Council for consideration in the approval of the City of Vancouver's 2020 Operating Budget and 2020 Capital Budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board adjourned at 7:39 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley
General Manager

Commissioner Stuart Mackinnon
Chair