



## PARK BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING MEETING MINUTES

JULY 5, 2021

A Park Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, July 5, 2021, at 6:32 pm, via videoconference and at the Park Board Office.

**PRESENT:** Commissioner Tricia Barker, Vice-Chair  
Commissioner John Coupar  
Commissioner Dave Demers  
Commissioner Camil Dumont  
Commissioner Gwen Giesbrecht, Chair  
Commissioner John Irwin (Leave of Absence) (arrived at 7:15 pm)  
Commissioner Stuart Mackinnon

**GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE:** Donnie Rosa, 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.

### ADOPTION OF MINUTES

#### 1. Park Board Committee Meeting – June 21, 2021

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar  
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

THAT the Park Board Committee minutes of the June 21, 2021 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Barker expressed condolences to the family and friends of the 777 individuals who died unexpectedly during the recent heat dome.

Commissioner Mackinnon acknowledged the efforts of the Grandview-Woodland Food Connection Program that delivered food to vulnerable and isolated people during the COVID-19 pandemic.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

The Committee was advised that as of 3:00 pm on July 5, 2021, 28 expressions of support for the agenda item titled “Coopers’ Park Expansion – Concept Plan” were received via the new online webform.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **1. REPORT: Coopers’ Park Expansion – Concept Plan**

Ian Stewart, Manager of Park Development, Park Board, introduced Lehran Hache, Senior Landscape Architect and Project Manager, Park Development, Park Board.

L. Hache led the review of a presentation on the proposed concept plan for the Coopers’ Park expansion and highlighted:

- Project background:
  - Alignment with Park Board and City goals
- Public engagement was undertaken between May 2018 and March 2021:
  - Preferred options and concerns identified during three public engagement events
- Design features of the fitness area, play space and dog off-leash area
- Enhancement will include a new public washroom and drinking fountain and improved circulation
- Financial impact
- Next steps and estimated timelines.

L. Hache, along with Dave Hutch, Director of Park Development, Park Board, and Megan Pate, Acting Manager, Utilities Management Branch, City of Vancouver, responded to questions from the Committee. There was discussion on:

- Concern regarding the ability of the synthetic turf to manage dog waste residue and stormwater to prevent infiltration to False Creek
- The possibility of including additional swings or expanding the number of swings in the future
- Confirmation that the inclusion of skateboard amenities in Coopers’ Park is not recommended as part of the concept plan
- The \$3.2 to \$4 million improvement budget does not include the cost of the Portland Loo:
  - The cost and location of the Portland Loo was approved by the Park Board in 2020
- The separation between pedestrians and bicycles in the fitness area will be considered during the detailed design phase
- The fitness area will be designed to serve a wide variety of abilities.

### **Recess**

The meeting recessed at 7:09 pm and reconvened at 7:15 pm with Commissioner Irwin present.

The Committee heard from one speaker who suggested that the proposed fitness area would be better utilized as a sheltered gathering area.

MOVED by Commissioner Demers  
SECONDED by Commissioner Dumont

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the proposed Concept Plan for a new fitness area, and a renewal of the existing playground and dog off-leash area planned for Coopers' Park, as outlined in this report and as shown in Figures 2 to 4.

CARRIED

*In favour: Demers, Dumont, Giesbrecht, Irwin, Mackinnon*

*Opposed: Barker, Coupar*

The Committee adjourned at 7:34 pm.

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Donnie Rosa  
General Manager

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Commissioner Gwen Giesbrecht  
Chair