



PARK BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 4, 2021

A Park Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, October 4, 2021, at 6:34 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
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 – September 27, 2021

MOVED by Commissioner Irwin
SECONDED by Commissioner Dumont

THAT the Park Board Committee minutes of the September 27, 2021 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Barker offered condolences on the passing of Philip Owen to his family and friends and noted that he was a former Park Board Commissioner and Mayor of Vancouver.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Committee was advised that there are no communications of note related to the Committee agenda items.

STAFF REPORTS

1. REPORT: Daylighting Canyon Creek at Spanish Banks – Update

Doug Shearer, Manager of Planning Policy and Environment, Park Board, introduced the project team members present:

- Francisca Olaya, Sustainability and Environmental Planner, Park Board
- Chad Townsend, Senior Environment and Sustainability Planner, Park Board.

F. Olaya led the review of a presentation providing an update on the feasibility of daylighting of Canyon Creek at Spanish Banks and highlighted:

- Streams daylighted at Spanish Banks
- Required engagement and review with the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations
- Requirement for a Crown tenure application for the use of the foreshore area
- Local considerations:
 - Off-leash dog area
 - Bike path
 - Vehicle parking
- Preliminary concept plan
- Proposed project timeline
- Benefits of daylighting Canyon Creek and alignment with Park Board and City strategies and goals.

F. Olaya, along with D. Shearer, responded to questions from the Committee. There was discussion on:

- Renewal of the City of Vancouver’s 99-year lease will be considered as part of the project
- The anticipated time required for the Province to consider the Crown tenure application.

MOVED by Commissioner Demers

SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to proceed with further planning for the daylighting of Canyon Creek at Spanish Banks Beach Park by:

- A. Initiating a referral with Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh (MST) governments;
- B. Submitting tenure applications for a Crown Land Lease and a *Water Sustainability Act* approval; and

- C. Preparing preliminary implementation costing for the 2023–2026 Capital Plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 7:03 pm.

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Donnie Rosa
General Manager

Commissioner Gwen Giesbrecht
Chair