



## BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 7, 2022

A Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, February 7, 2022, at 6:41 pm, via videoconference and at the Park Board Office.

**PRESENT:** Commissioner Tricia Barker  
Commissioner John Coupar  
Commissioner Dave Demers  
Commissioner Camil Dumont, Chair  
Commissioner Gwen Giesbrecht  
Commissioner John Irwin, Vice-Chair  
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, Board Support and 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.

### Motion to Suspend the Rules

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon  
SECONDED by Commissioner Demers

THAT the Vancouver Park Board suspends the rules to allow Speakers who registered after the deadline to be heard.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### ADOPTION OF MINUTES

#### 1. Board Committee Meeting – November 29, 2021

MOVED by Commissioner Irwin  
SECONDED by Commissioner Giesbrecht

THAT the Board Committee minutes of the November 29, 2021 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Irwin wished Asian communities a happy Lunar New Year and expressed disappointment at the defacing of the lion statues in front of the Chinese Cultural Centre.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

The Board Committee was advised that from January 24, 2022 to 3:00 pm on February 7 2022, the following emails were received via the [PBCCommissioners@vancouver.ca](mailto:PBCCommissioners@vancouver.ca) account with respect to the report titled “BC Hydro Request for Rights-of-Way in Nelson Park:

- One in opposition to the staff recommendation
- One in support of the staff recommendation but disagrees with the proposed location.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **1. REPORT: BC Hydro Requests for Rights-of-Way in Nelson Park**

The following individuals joined the meeting:

- Dave Hutch, Director, Planning and Park Development, Park Board
- Tony Lee, Senior Manager, Real Estate Services, BC Hydro
- Andrew Leonard, Project Manager, BC Hydro
- Alexandre Man-Bourdon, Project Manager II, Park Development, Park Board
- Andrew Newman, Associate Director, Real Estate Operations, City of Vancouver
- Joanna Sofield, Director, Properties, BC Hydro
- Ian Stewart, Manager, Park Development, Park Board
- Joanna Track, Solicitor, City of Vancouver.

A. Leonard led the review of a presentation on the West End Substation and highlighted:

- Power requirements in downtown Vancouver
- Substations must be located as close as possible to the neighbourhoods where the power is required
- The need to replace the Del Grauer Substation, which is at the end of its service life
- BC Hydro’s requested property rights in Nelson Park
- Artist rendering of the design of the West End Substation and Lord Roberts Annex:
  - The importance of the shared driveway to the success of the school design
- Construction impacts and mitigations by BC Hydro
- Safety of substations
- Proposals to reduce and monitor public exposure to electric and magnetic fields (EMF).

A. Leonard, along with J. Sofield, responded to questions from the Board Committee. There was discussion on:

- Confirmation that a natural turf field may be constructed above an underground substation
- The amount of heat and noise that will be emitted from the vents to be located on the Lord Roberts Annex grounds
- The life expectancy of an underground substation is a minimum of 70 years
- BC Hydro's plans regarding the decommissioning of the Del Grauer Substation has not been determined
- Concern regarding the impact of potential construction delays on the West End Farmers' Market.

A. Man-Bourdon led the review of a presentation on BC Hydro's request for rights-of-way in Nelson Park and highlighted:

- Site context
- Goals, events and results of the public engagement on the BC Hydro's request for rights-of-way through Nelson Park
- Impact and mitigation study undertaken by the Park Board to better understand the short and long-term impacts of BC Hydro's request
  - High-level impacts identified
  - Additional request for access to Nelson Park to install safety hoarding and fencing around the perimeter of the school site will impact some community garden plots
  - BC Hydro modified the requested right-of way alignments to mitigate short and long-term impacts
- Project timeline
- Park encumbrances that would result from granting BC Hydro's request
- Legal agreements required
- Next steps.

A. Man-Bourdon, along with A. Newman, responded to questions from the Board Committee. There was discussion on:

- Whether the large and small trees to be removed from Nelson Park would be replaced
- The need for future discussion with the Lord Roberts Annex on the use of the stranded triangular piece of park land adjacent to the school site
- BC Hydro has the option to take expropriation action if the request for rights-of-way were not granted by the Park Board
- Whether there will be opportunities to collaborate with the Engineering Department to increase the green space in Nelson Park by narrowing the rights-of-way of the adjacent roads.

### **Recess**

The meeting recessed at 7:50 pm and reconvened at 8:03 pm.

The Board Committee heard from five speakers, of which one spoke in support and four in opposition to the staff recommendation. The speakers provided the following comments and responded to questions from the Board:

- Concern regarding the amount of development occurring in the West End and the construction impacts
- Concern regarding the location of the proposed West End Substation
- Concern that locating the parkade entrance on Bute Street would result in the loss of park space and hamper the future development of the Bute Greenway
- Request that the Park Board defer its decision to provide more time for public engagement and to explore other options for the West End Substation
- Concern with the dangers of exposing the public, particularly young children, to EMF.

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon  
SECONDED by Commissioner Demers

THAT the Board Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board authorize the Director of Real Estate Services to execute multiple land use agreements with BC Hydro, as outlined in this report (the “Nelson Park Hydro Agreements”), for 1030 Bute Street, legally described as: PID 007-036-817, Lot B Block 22 District Lot 185 Plan 19348 related to the West End Substation Project (the “Project”) on the terms and conditions outlined in this report and to the satisfaction of the General Manager of Real Estate and Facilities Management, the General Manager of Parks and Recreation and the Director of Legal Services.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board Committee adjourned at 8:48 pm.

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Donnie Rosa  
General Manager

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Commissioner Camil Dumont  
Chair



## REGULAR BOARD MEETING MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 7, 2022

The Regular Park Board meeting was held on Monday, February 7, 2022, at 8:57 pm, via videoconference and at the Park Board Office.

**PRESENT:**

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

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### 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 paragraphs:

- (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the Council [Board] considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the city;
- (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;

- (j) information that is prohibited, or information that if it were presented in a document would be prohibited, from disclosure under section 21 [disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party] of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*; and
- (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. Regular Board Meeting – January 24, 2022**

MOVED by Commissioner Irwin  
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Park Board minutes of the January 24, 2022 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 January 25, 2022:

- Jan 28: Chair Mackinnon and Commissioners Barker, Coupar and Giesbrecht met the Invictus Games Foundation delegates from London, England, who travelled to Vancouver to conduct a site visit and learn more about the 2025 Invictus Winter Hybrid games bid.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

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

## **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT**

### **1. Report of the Board Committee – February 7, 2022**

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

1. REPORT: BC Hydro Request for Rights-of-Way in Nelson Park.

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar  
SECONDED by Commissioner Demers

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Board Committee at its meeting of February 7, 2022, as contained in item 1.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **1. General Manager's Report**

Members of the Senior Leadership Team presented the General Manager's Report and highlighted:

- The new West End Calisthenics Park in Barclay Heritage Square opened to the public in January 2022
- Request for Proposals (RFPs) will be issued in February 2022 for consultant services for the design, engagement and construction of the new Main and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue Park
- The third and final round of public engagement for the Kitsilano Beach Park Seaside Greenway project will commence in mid-February 2022
- Upcoming Council business related to or impacting parks and recreation:
  - Member's Motion titled Aligning Vancouver's 2023–2026 Capital Plan with Increased Climate Emergency Action.

## **MEMBERS' MOTIONS**

### **1. Alcohol in Parks Pilot – Extension and Next Steps**

Commissioner Demers introduced the motion and responded to questions from the Board.

MOVED by Commissioner Demers  
SECONDED by Commissioner Dumont

WHEREAS:

1. In December 2018, the Board directed staff to develop a feasibility study for a pilot allowing alcohol consumption at select sites;
2. In July 2020, 22 park sites were approved for the pilot, but implementation required amendments to the BC Liquor Control and Licensing Act (LCLA) to grant the Park Board legal authority to designate areas within its jurisdiction where public consumption of alcohol would be permitted;
3. In June 2021, the BC Provincial government amended the Liquor Control and Licensing Act (LCLA) to recognize the Park Board's legal authority, allowing the Park Board to enact the new park by-laws required to authorize the approved pilot;

4. In July 2021, the pilot was launched; staff began monitoring the sites and collecting feedback, including through an online public survey;
5. In October 2021, the pilot ended and the public survey closed; staff reviewed data and feedback; and
6. In December 2021, staff presented the key findings from the 2021 pilot, confirming general support and appreciation for this initiative, but also identifying notable areas for improvement.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to design and implement a second Alcohol in Parks Pilot for 2022, with considerations given to the lessons learned from the 2021 experience; and
- B. FURTHER THAT staff report back to the Board with recommendations for next steps beyond the Pilot.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Commissioner Irwin acknowledged the February is Black History Month and the speech given by Commissioner Giesbrecht at a recent Black History Month event.

**ENQUIRIES**

1. A Board member requested an update on when the flame would be repaired on "The Flame of Peace" memorial fountain in Seaforth Peace Park.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 9:35 pm.

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Donnie Rosa  
General Manager

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Commissioner Stuart Mackinnon  
Chair