



**PARK BOARD COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

JUNE 11, 2012

A Regular Park Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, June 11, 2012, at 7:00 pm, at the Park Board Office.

PRESENT: Commissioner Sarah Blyth, Chair
Commissioner Niki Sharma, Vice-Chair
Commissioner Constance Barnes
Commissioner John Coupar
Commissioner Melissa De Genova
Commissioner Aaron Jasper*
Commissioner Trevor Loke

**GENERAL MANAGER'S
OFFICE:** Malcolm Bromley, General Manager
Peter Kuran, Deputy General Manager

RECORDER: Barinder Lalli

*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting

ROLL CALL

STAFF REPORTS

1. Electric Vehicle Charging Stations and Cellular Infrastructure in English Bay Parks

The Manager of Revenue Services and the Manager of Park Development presented the report and responded to questions.

The Committee heard from seven speakers. Five were in support and two were opposed to the motion.

MOVED by Commissioner Loke

SECONDED by Commissioner Jasper

- A) That the Board approves the installation by Telus of three integrated Electric Vehicle charging station and cellular pole infrastructures to be located in pay parking lots along Beach Avenue.
- B) That the Board approves a five year License Agreement with three additional five year terms for Telus to operate the radio communications equipment installations.

- C) That the rent structure will be \$11,500 per site per annum for the initial five year term and will increase by 10% over the previous term for each of the three additional terms.
- D) That all legal documentation is to be in a form which is satisfactory to the Director of Legal Services for the City of Vancouver and the General Manager of the Park Board.
- E) That the General Manager be authorized to execute and deliver such documentation on behalf of the Park Board.
- F) That no legal rights arise and no consents, permissions or licenses are granted hereby and none shall arise or be granted unless and until all contemplated legal documentation has been executed and delivered to all parties.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner De Genova

THAT the power cost not be borne by the park board over the period of the lease.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AMENDMENT MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner De Genova

THAT the poles and units are finished in a manner to make them as non-obtrusive as possible.

DEFEATED
(Commissioners Barnes, Blyth, Jasper, Loke and Sharma opposed)

AMENDMENT MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner De Genova

THAT before construction, ensure that the stations will be compliant with the latest standards.

DEFEATED
(Commissioners Barnes, Blyth, Jasper and Loke opposed)

The amendments having failed, the amended motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

FINAL MOTION:

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MOTIONS

1. Discontinuing Catered Staff Briefings at Park Board

MOVED by Commissioner De Genova
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

WHEREAS

1. The Park Board is struggling with budget issues and has had to make significant cuts to facilities and operations;
2. The Park Board is cutting 900 staff hours from community centres in Vancouver;
3. The Park Board has a responsibility to manage its finances to maximize opportunities for Parks and Recreation in Vancouver;
4. The cost of catering food and beverages at a staff briefing is an expense to the Park Board;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board direct staff to immediately cease the practice of ordering food and beverages for staff briefings.

The Committee heard from two speakers. One in favour and one opposed to the motion.

Following discussion, the motion was put and it was DEFEATED
(Commissioners Barnes, Blyth, Jasper, Loke and Sharma opposed)

2. Restoring Staff Hours to Community Centres

MOVED by Commissioner De Genova
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

WHEREAS

1. Our community centres are the heart of our communities and offer sports, recreation and leisure opportunities to the citizens of Vancouver. And furthermore, some community centres act as a safe and nurturing environment for youth-at-risk;
2. Staff are vital to the success of our community centres and cutting staff hours will force some community centres to close their doors for entire days;
3. Community centres that are forced to reduce their hours of operation or close for entire days will be vulnerable to losses of revenue;
4. Especially youth and youth-at-risk who rely on community centres as a safe place will suffer from reduction of staff hours, community centre hours, and closures;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board direct staff to find efficiencies and redirect funds from other areas and restore the 900 hours of staff hours to community centres across Vancouver.

amended

The Committee heard from four speakers in support of the motion.

AMENDMENT MOVED by Commissioner Sharma
SECONDED by Commissioner Jasper

THAT the resolution be struck and replaced with:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the board direct staff to report back to the Board on the implementation of the 900 hours initiative including the consultation process, initiatives explored by each Centre and rationale for the implementation.

CARRIED
(Commissioners Coupar and De Genova opposed)

AMENDMENT MOVED by Commissioner De Genova
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the following be included to the end of the amended resolution:

And that staff explore possibilities to restore the 900 hours.

DEFEATED
(Commissioners Barnes, Blyth, Jasper, Loke and Sharma opposed)

The amendment having failed, the amended motion was put and it was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the board direct staff to report back to the Board on the implementation of the 900 hours initiative including the consultation process, initiatives explored by each Centre and rationale for the implementation.

The Committee adjourned at 9:58 pm

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REGULAR BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 11, 2012

A Regular Board meeting was held on Monday, May 28, 2012, at 10:00 pm, at the Park Board Office following the Park Board Committee meeting.

PRESENT: Commissioner Constance Barnes, Chair
Commissioner Aaron Jasper, Vice-Chair
Commissioner Sarah Blyth
Commissioner John Coupar
Commissioner Melissa De Genova
Commissioner Trevor Loke
Commissioner Niki Sharma

GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE: Malcolm Bromley, General Manager

RECORDER: Barinder Lalli

ROLL CALL

ELECTION OF CHAIR

Following due process, Commissioner Sarah Blyth was elected Chair of the Park Board until December 10, 2012.

ELECTION OF PARK BOARD COMMITTEE CHAIR

Following due process, Commissioner Niki Sharma was elected Chair of the Park Board Committee until December 10, 2012.

ELECTION OF PARK BOARD COMMITTEE VICE-CHAIR

Following due process, Commissioner Trevor Loke was elected Vice-Chair of the Park Board Committee until December 10, 2012.

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Commissioner De Genova rose on a point of privilege and asked that the Chair consider allowing the opposition members to sit together during both the Committee and Board meetings.

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ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Committee Meeting - May 28, 2012

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper
SECONDED by Commissioner Sharma

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Regular Board Meeting - May 28, 2012

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper
SECONDED by Commissioner Barnes

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair reported several events including the Brock House Society centennial celebration, the clean-up of the Village on False Creek organised by the Tap and Barrel restaurant and the introduction of food carts in parks.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

The General Manager reported that the Vancouver Sport Hosting Grant, the Q1 Capital Budget adjustments and close-outs and a report on the strategies to create artist studio spaces will be coming to Council and Committee this week.

REPORT OF THE PARK BOARD COMMITTEE

Report of the Park Board Committee
June 11, 2012

MOVED by Commissioner Barnes
SECONDED by Commissioner Sharma

THAT the Board approve the recommendations of the Park Board Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

1. Commissioner Barnes was granted a leave of absence for the next Committee and Board meeting scheduled for June 25, 2012.

ENQUIRIES

Staff advised that they would provide Commissioners with responses to the following enquiries:

1. A Board member asked why the Park Board power-point template had the City logo first and then the Park Board logo.
2. A Board member asked for information regarding a petition to keep Lord Byng Pool open and what that was regarding.
3. A Board member asked for information regarding the closed Kitsilano Point Fieldhouse and if there is a future purpose for it.
4. A Board member asked why the Park Board uses big metal fencing as it is expensive and asked how much the Park Board spends on the fencing and where it is used.
5. A Board member asked whether old playground equipment can be relocated or re-used.
6. A Board member asked for an update on Mount Pleasant Park.

The Board adjourned at 10:15 pm

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