



PARK BOARD COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

JULY 9, 2012

A Regular Park Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, July 9, 2012, at 7:00 pm, at the Park Board Office.

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

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

RECORDER: Barinder Lalli

ROLL CALL

PRESENTATION

Recognition of Julie Casanova's service to the Park Board.

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At this point in the proceedings the Committee agreed to vary the order of the agenda in order to accommodate registered speakers. The "Safe Levels of Chlorine and Secondary Disinfection System Implementation" motion was also moved from the Board meeting agenda to the Committee agenda to accommodate a late speaker request. For clarity, the minutes are recorded in chronological order.

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MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

MOVED by Commissioner Sharma
SECONDED by Commissioner Jasper

THAT the Board adopt the following reports on consent:

1. Nat Bailey Stadium Lease

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

STAFF REPORTS

1. City of Vancouver Family Pass Lending Program

The Manager of Business Development presented the report and responded to questions.

MOVED by Commissioner De Genova

SECONDED by Commissioner Barnes

That the Board endorse participation in the City of Vancouver's Family Pass Lending Program in partnership with other community organizations, effective September 2012, as outlined in the attached Board Report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTIONS

1. Use of name Spanish Banks Beach Park

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper

SECONDED by Commissioner Barnes

WHEREAS

1. The recreation/beach area, named Spanish Banks Beach Park when it was leased to Park Board in 1929, was renamed Spanish Bank Beach Park in 2006 in response to public debate as to the proper name;
2. That from a geophysical and navigational perspective, Spanish Bank is the correct name for the maritime area, and was officially adopted on December 7, 1937 on British Admiralty Chart #1922;
3. The use of the name Spanish Banks has historical roots, dating back to the early days in the development of city of Vancouver;
4. The name Spanish Banks continues to be the name most commonly used by citizens and used in City documentation to describe the beach/recreational area.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board direct staff to henceforth revert to the use of Spanish Banks Beach Park in reference to the beach/recreational area held in its jurisdiction.

The Committee heard from one speaker who was in favour of the motion.

Following discussion, the motion was put and it was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. Recording and live streaming Park Board meetings

MOVED by Commissioner De Genova

SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

WHEREAS

1. The park board strives for transparency in all deliberations at park board and park board committee meetings;
2. Recent actions and changes to the structure of board and committee meetings by the board may have resulted in confusion to the public regarding the process of participating in meetings;
3. The park board could ensure its meetings were more effective by fully engaging with the public;
4. Advances in technology have lowered the costs of recording archiving and transmitting public meetings.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the board direct staff to report back with options regarding recording of park board and park board committee meetings, including options for both a live and delayed web based transmission as well as access by the public to archived recordings of the meetings.

amended

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

AMENDMENT MOVED by Commissioner Blyth
SECONDED by Commissioner Jasper

THAT the resolution be struck and replaced with:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the board direct staff to report back with options regarding recording of park board and park board committee meetings, subject to the availability of funding, including options for both a live and delayed web based transmission as well as access by the public to archived recordings of the meetings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT staff pursue other engagement options which are in line with the principles of the strategic plan and look to strengthen community engagement via the web.

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 report back to the Board within 60 days.

CARRIED

(Commissioner Blyth opposed)

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

FINAL MOTION:

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT staff pursue other engagement options which are in line with the principles of the strategic plan and look to strengthen community engagement via the web and that staff report back to the Board within 60 days.

3. Safe Levels of Chlorine and Secondary Disinfection System Implementation

MOVED by Commissioner Loke

SECONDED by Commissioner Jasper

WHEREAS

1. The BC Health Act (section 296/2010) requires that all pools, less than 30°C, maintain a minimum of 0.5ppm (parts per million) of Free Available Chlorine (FAC);
2. Chlorine acts as a residual disinfectant to kill microbes or germs immediately deposited in the pool;
3. There are no public pools in British Columbia that operate chlorine-free;

4. Alternative disinfection systems such as UV (Ultra Violet) and Ozone are complementary to chlorine to provide superior sanitation without adverse health effects;
5. Chlorine in excess of 1ppm (parts per million) have been linked to bronchitis, Reactive Airways Dysfunction Syndrome (RADS), pulmonary edema, and can create asthma-like symptoms; additionally, chlorine is an irritant for skin, eyes and the respiratory system;
6. The Vancouver Park Board has led the way by installing secondary disinfection systems at Renfrew Pool, Hillcrest, Kensington Community Centre, Templeton Pool, Killarney Pool, and in the hot tub at the Vancouver Aquatic Centre.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Park Board aims to provide secondary disinfection systems of Ozone or UV (Ultra Violet) technologies at all public swimming pools which it operates;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Park Board aims to limit chlorine at 1.5ppm (parts per million) at all public swimming pools which it operates;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to report back with an implementation plan for installation of secondary disinfection systems outlined in this motion.

amended

The Committee heard from one speaker in support of the motion.

MOVED by Commissioner De Genova
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Committee defer the motion until a report back from staff on the budget is provided.

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

AMENDMENT MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner De Genova

THAT the following be inserted after the words "implementation plan":

With costs attached prior to the

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

FINAL MOTION:

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to report back with an implementation plan, with costs attached, prior to the installation of secondary disinfection systems outlined in this motion.

3. Golf Course Metrics

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper
SECONDED by Commissioner Barnes

WHEREAS

1. The Board holds three public golf courses and three pitch and putt courses in its jurisdiction;
2. These courses provide citizens with (181 - golf only) hectares of public open space, several kilometers of recreational pathways, wildlife habitat, and urban forest, and contribute to Vancouver's natural capital;
3. One of ten Greenest City 2020 goals is that Vancouver residents enjoy incomparable access to green spaces, including the world's most spectacular urban forest;

4. That the Board is committed to providing the best value to the public, improving revenue generating opportunities, and exploring opportunities for growth and improvement to Vancouver's public golf courses.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board direct staff to compile and report back usage and revenue metrics for Vancouver's public golf and pitch and putt courses.

amended

MOVED by Commissioner De Genova
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Committee suspend the rules to ask staff a question for clarification.

DEFEATED

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

The Committee heard from 22 speakers. Speakers voiced concerns that the motion would lead to unwanted changes at Langara Golf Course including reducing the size of it in order to accommodate a commercial or residential development or a park.

AMENDMENT MOVED by Commissioner Barnes
SECONDED by Commissioner Jasper

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

and that staff be clearly directed that the golf course metrics motion will not include any suggestions of any residential or commercial development.

CARRIED

(Commissioners Coupar and De Genova opposed)

The amendment having carried, the amended motion was put and CARRIED.
(Commissioners Coupar and De Genova opposed)

FINAL MOTION:

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board direct staff to compile and report back usage and revenue metrics for Vancouver's public golf and pitch and putt courses and that staff be clearly directed that the golf course metrics motion will not include any suggestions of any residential or commercial development.

The Committee adjourned at 11:30 pm

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REGULAR BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
MEETING MINUTES

JULY 9, 2012

A Regular Board meeting was held on Monday, July 9, 2012, at 11:35 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
Peter Kuran, Deputy General Manager

RECORDER: Barinder Lalli

ROLL CALL

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Committee Meeting - June 25, 2012

MOVED by Commissioner Barnes
SECONDED by Commissioner Sharma

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Regular Board Meeting - June 25, 2012

MOVED by Commissioner Barnes
SECONDED by Commissioner Sharma

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair reported several events including CRAB Park at Portside 25th anniversary, Canada Day activities, Nat Bailey Stadium mini league, and Brock House 100th anniversary.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

The General Manager reported that the City of Vancouver Family Lending Pass that was passed by the Board would be heard at Council at a future date.

REPORT OF THE PARK BOARD COMMITTEE

Report of the Park Board Committee
July 9, 2012

MOVED by Commissioner Barnes
SECONDED by Commissioner Sharma

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

CARRIED
(Commissioners Coupar and De Genova opposed)

MOTIONS

1. Stanley Park Train Station

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper
SECONDED by Commissioner Barnes

WHEREAS

5. Stanley Park Train Station

MOVER: Commissioner Blyth

SECONDER:

WHEREAS

1. The Stanley Park Miniature Train Station was built in 1962 and has historic value;
2. Visiting the Stanley Park Miniature Train has been a tradition for many local families and is a popular tourist destination in Vancouver;
3. The Stanley Park Miniature Train has been used since 1997 to help raise over \$1,400,000 for the BC Professional Fire Fighters' Burn Fund;
4. The Stanley Park Miniature Train is an integral part of the Klahowya Village experience;

5. The Stanley Park Miniature Train Station burnt down.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board direct staff to make the rebuilding of the Stanley Park Miniature Train Station as a "green building" a top priority;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board direct staff to explore opportunities to raise additional funds for the rebuilding of the train station;

THEREFORE BE IT EVEN FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board direct staff to work with park partners such as SPES and ATBC as well as the public to elicit design concepts for a new train station that would also look at opportunities to generate revenue.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Commissioner Blyth
SECONDED by Commissioner Loke

THAT the following be added to the resolution:

THEREFORE BE IT EVEN FURTHER RESOLVED that staff incorporate the heritage design aspect in the rebuilding of the Stanley Park Miniature Train Station.

CARRIED

(Commissioners Coupar and De Genova opposed)

The amendment having carried, the amended motion was put and CARRIED.

(Commissioners Coupar and De Genova opposed)

FINAL MOTION:

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THEREFORE BE IT EVEN FURTHER RESOLVED that staff incorporate the heritage design aspect in the rebuilding of the Stanley Park Miniature Train Station.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Commissioner Loke submitted the following notice of motion:

1. Campaign Finance Reform

Mover: Commissioner Loke

Secunder:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Park Board supports amending the Vancouver Charter as follows: to ban corporate and union donations to individual candidates and elector organizations, to set limits on annual contribution amounts to individual candidates and elector organizations, to impose annual disclosure requirements for elected officials and elector organizations for donations and expenses, and to set spending limits for individual candidates and elector organizations;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Park Board directs the General Manager and Chair of the Park Board to write a letter to the Province of British Columbia's Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development asking them to introduce legislation to amend the Vancouver Charter as per this motion.

Commissioner Sharma submitted the following notice of motion:

2. Adult Fitness Equipment in our Parks

Mover: Commissioner Sharma

Secunder:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff include outdoor adult fitness equipment as an option when upgrading or renovating future parks in Vancouver.

Commissioner Coupar submitted the following notices of motion:

3. Protection of Vancouver's Public Parks and Green Spaces

Mover: Commissioner Coupar

Secunder:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board direct staff to work with the City of Vancouver legal services to develop strategies and legal means to ensure that Parks and Green Spaces are protected in perpetuity;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the public be fully informed on a regular basis on progress and that staff report back to the Board on such progress every 6 months.

4. Protecting Commercial Bicycle Rentals

Mover: Commissioner Coupar

Seconder:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT no PBS installations be placed near prominent tourist destinations specifically, but limited to, Stanley Park, the Vancouver Convention Centre and English Bay;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the PBS be installed at transit hubs only;

THEREFORE BE IT EVEN FURTHER RESOLVED THAT any PBS contract will require that no promotional memberships be offered at any time.

Commissioner De Genova submitted the following notice of motion:

5. Discounted Rates and Fees for Persons with Disabilities

Mover: Commissioner De Genova

Seconder:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVE THAT the board direct staff to consult with the City of Vancouver Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee and develop a strategy for persons with disabilities, to access Park Board community centres, recreational facilities and programs at a lower rate, similar to the rates offered to children and seniors;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the board direct staff to consult with the City of Vancouver Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee to ensure Park Board addresses issues of physical accessibility to Community Centres and Recreational Facilities in Vancouver.

Commissioner Blyth submitted the following notice of motion:

6. Seawall and Improving of Public Access to Fraser River

Mover: Commissioner Blyth

Seconder:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Vancouver Park Board, as the organization that manages with City Engineering the seawall, direct Park Board staff to work with city staff as appropriate to:

- Develop options for connecting the seawall from Jericho to Kits beach;
- Report back on ways to improve public access along the Fraser River;
- Provide a timeline and cost estimates for these options, as well as address any environmental and First Nations concerns with proposals.

The Board adjourned at 12:15 am

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