



**PARK BOARD COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

OCTOBER 1, 2012

A Regular Park Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, October 1, 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

STAFF REPORTS

1. Artists in Residence Partners Presentation

The Director of Recreation and the Arts and Culture Coordinator presented and responded to questions.

The Board heard from one speaker who advised that the Burrard Marina Users Group had a prior and competing need for the suite that was allocated to artists at the Marina.

2. Park Board Signing Authority

The Deputy General Manager presented the report and responded to questions.

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper
SECONDED by Commissioner Barnes

THAT the signing authority for Park Board accounts be designated as outlines in this report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Busking Permit Pilot Program Presentation

The Director of Recreation presented and responded to questions.

The Board heard from one speaker who was opposed to Buskers at English Bay.

4. Empire Fields, Plateau Sports Park and Greenways Concept Plan

The Manager of Park Development and the Project Manager for Hastings Park/PNE Planning presented the report and responded to questions.

The Board heard from two speakers who requested that the Board incorporate a field that could accommodate a homeless street soccer league in the plan.

MOVED by Commissioner Barnes
SECONDED by Commissioner Loke

THAT the Board approve the final proposed concept plans for the Empire Fields,
The Plateau Sports Park and Greenways at Hastings Park as shown in Figure C1,
C2 and C3 of Appendix C.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 9:30 pm

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**REGULAR BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
MEETING MINUTES**

OCTOBER 1, 2012

A Regular Board meeting was held on Monday, October 1, 2012, at 9:30 pm, at the Park Board Office following the Park Board Committee meeting.

PRESENT: Commissioner Sarah Blyth, Chair
Commissioner Aaron Jasper, Vice-Chair
Commissioner Constance Barnes
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

IN-CAMERA

MOVED by Commissioner Barnes
SECONDED by Commissioner Loke

THAT the Board will go into a meeting later this day, which is closed to the public, pursuant to Section 165.2(1) of the Vancouver Charter, to discuss matters related to paragraphs:

(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 if they were held in public.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

MOVED by Commissioner Loke
SECONDED by Commissioner Jasper

THAT the Board adopt the following reports on consent:

1. Special Board Meeting Minutes - July 17, 2012
2. Committee Meeting Minutes - July 23, 2012
3. Regular Board Meeting Minutes - July 23, 2012
4. Report of the Park Board Committee - October 1, 2012

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CHAIR'S REPORT

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner De Genova

THAT the Chair's report be moved to Committee Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

The General Manager reported that at this week's regular Council meeting, the 2013 budget outlook would be presented.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Commissioner Sharma submitted the following notice of motion:

1. Urban Forest Action Plan and Protection for Mature Trees

Mover: Commissioner Sharma

Secunder:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Urban Forest Action Plan be completed by September 2013, and include the following:

- Recognize the desire for considerably more food-bearing and native trees while maintaining the goals of mitigating climate change, promoting biodiversity and increasing access to nature, and taking into account public health issues such as allergies to specific tree species
- include a community engagement process to consider input from the public regarding the management of local trees
- include comprehensive life-cycle management of existing and new trees
- Include soil quantity requirements that use the Toronto's Green Development Standard <http://www.toronto.ca/planning/greendevlopment.htm> as a minimum for trees on private and public land to ensure the myriad health, ecological and economic benefits that urban trees can provide, including the significant stormwater management benefits;
- Provide options for the Board to consider regarding making wood from trees that must be removed available to local artisans or put to other sustainable uses

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT staff report back to the Board with options for protecting healthy mature trees;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Park Board work with the City to establish a Landmark Tree Program to celebrate trees of particular significance.

Commissioner Coupar submitted the following notice of motion:

2. 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.

ENQUIRIES

A Board member asked for an update on the status of the Marketing Committee. Staff advised the invitations for the first meeting will go out in the next 2 weeks but that staff would confirm the date.

A Board member asked for an update on the progress of the noise abatement program at Mount Pleasant Park. Staff advised that they would create a memo for the Board on the subject.

A Board member asked for the gate at for the dog off-leash area at Emery Barnes Park to be examined. Staff advised that they would look into it.

The Board adjourned at 10:40 pm

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