



PARK BOARD COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 26, 2012

A Regular Park Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, November 26, 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**

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*The Chair advised that as there were two motions on bowling, the speakers from both bowling motions would be heard during the first motion. The Chair advised that this was to ensure that everyone had an opportunity to speak. If the first motion passed it would immediately cause the second one to be out of order.*

*Commissioner De Genova rose on a point of order and advised that her notice of motion had been ruled out of order but that the Chair had not provided her with the rationale. The Chair advised that as the notice was given at the Board meeting, the Chair of the Board could respond to her point of order during the Board meeting.*

*Commissioner De Genova challenged the ruling of the Chair*

*The Chair then put the question*

*Shall the ruling of the Chair be sustained?*

**CARRIED**  
*(Commissioners Coupar and De Genova opposed)*

*A two-thirds majority is required to overturn the ruling of the Chair. Therefore, the ruling of the Chair was SUSTAINED.*

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## STAFF REPORTS

### 1. Public Bike Share in Parks

The Director of Transportation presented the report and responded to questions.

The Board heard from five speakers. Two opposed to the project, two who shared concerns about unintended consequences and liability and one who supported green transportation.

MOVED by Commissioner Barnes  
SECONDED by Commissioner Loke

- A) THAT the Park Board allow the Public Bike Share station network to integrate park destinations, subject to the General Manager Park Board approving all technical station details on a site by site basis;
- B) THAT all legal documentation be completed to the satisfaction of the Director of Legal Services and the General Manager Park Board; and
- C) 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

CARRIED  
(Commissioners Coupar and De Genova opposed)

### 2. Portuguese Joe Silvey Project (Presentation only)

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

The Board heard from two speakers in favour of the project.

## MOTIONS

### 1. Park Review of Bowling as a Recreational Activity

MOVED by Commissioner Barnes  
SECONDED by Commissioner Loke

#### WHEREAS

1. The following motion, "Family Bowling Centre on Vancouver's West Side" was referred to the Vancouver Park Board for information by Vancouver City Council on Oct. 16, 2012:

"THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council recognize the importance of bowling to the health and well-being of thousands of Vancouver residents and

include access to bowling facilities in Vancouver's Healthy City Strategy 2012-2020;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council support the consideration of bowling in the range of recreational activities offered to Vancouver residents through our city's recreational facilities;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT staff work with Park Board to consider options for the City of Vancouver to provide a Family Bowling Centre to serve Vancouver's West side and report back to Council in conjunction with Vancouver's Healthy City Strategy 2012-2020;"

2. Section 489 of the Vancouver Charter clearly states that the Vancouver Park Board is responsible for the design, construction and programming of Vancouver's community and recreational centres;
3. One of the goals of the Park Board's strategic plan is to provide "Relevant Programs and Services" with a specific objective, '2.1 - Proactive Service Planning and Delivery';
4. In 2013, the Vancouver Park Board will be creating an action plan for strategic objective '2.1 - Proactive Service Planning and Delivery,' with a focus on reviewing and analyzing the range of recreational programming it provides as well as identifying any opportunities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT "Bowling" as a recreational activity, be included as part of the 2013-2014 recreational review/analysis.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the results of the 2013-2014 recreational service planning review/analysis be shared with Vancouver City Council for information only.

The Board heard from 17 speakers who supported the motion, but many of whom requested the Park Board's support to retain and/or replace their local bowling alley.

AMENDMENT MOVED by Commissioner Coupar  
SECONDED by Commissioner De Genova

That the following be included at the end of the resolution:

THAT staff report back to the Park Board with options for the Vancouver Park Board to provide a Bowling facility to serve Vancouver residents;

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

AMENDMENT MOVED by Commissioner Coupar  
SECONDED by Commissioner De Genova

That the following be included at the end of the resolution:

That staff look at options with the current owner to salvage the Ridge's existing equipment for potential reuse in a Park Board facility.

LOST

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

AMENDMENT MOVED by Commissioner De Genova

SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

That the following be included after the first part of the resolution:

THAT the Board direct Park Board staff to discuss with city staff and report back to the Board with possibility of using CAC's to build a bowling centre in or near the west side.

The amendments having lost, the main motion was put and CARRIED.

(Commissioners Coupar and De Genova opposed)

## 2. Women in Sport

MOVED by Commissioner Blyth

SECONDED by Commissioner Barnes

WHEREAS

1. One of the Park Board's current strategic plan objectives (1.1) is to improve inclusivity and accessibility;
2. The Women's World Cup will be coming to Canada in 2015;
3. The Vancouver Park Board has a role in ensuring equal access and participation in sports and recreation for all citizens of Vancouver;
4. Women are underrepresented in their participation and leadership roles in sports;
5. It is important to look at all ways to ensure that Women have equal opportunity to play, coach and be in leadership roles in sport.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff study and report to the Board on how our well our recreational system provides equal access for women; and that the Vancouver Park Board will work with the City of Vancouver, Woman's Advisory Committee, Vancouver Field Sport Federation, Vancouver Sport Network and all of our sports partners to look at ways to improve participation in sport for women in Vancouver and that staff develop a plan on what we can achieve by 2015.

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

AMENDMENT MOVED by Commissioner De Genova

SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

That the following be included after "Woman's Advisory Committee":

including engaging women of all ages from the Seniors Advisory Committee and the Joint Council on Childcare

LOST

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

The amendment having lost, the main motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Committee adjourned at 11:30 pm

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REGULAR BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 26, 2012

A Regular Board meeting was held on Monday, November 26, 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 - November 5, 2012**

MOVED by Commissioner Barnes  
SECONDED by Commissioner Sharma

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**2. Regular Board Meeting - November 5, 2012**

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper  
SECONDED by Commissioner Barnes

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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*Commissioner De Genova rose on a point of order and advised that her notice of motion had been ruled out of order but that the Chair had not provided her with the rationale. The*

*Chair advised that as the topic of notice of motion had been the subject of previous in-camera reporting, a public discussion of the topic should not occur while any of the factors which called for an in-camera discussion in the first place are still at play.*

*Commissioner De Genova challenged the ruling of the Chair*

*The Chair then put the question*

*Shall the ruling of the Chair be sustained?*

**CARRIED**

*(Commissioners Coupar and De Genova opposed)*

*A two-thirds majority is required to overturn the ruling of the Chair. Therefore, the ruling of the Chair was SUSTAINED.*

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## **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

The General Manager reported that the 2012 Q3 Capital Budget Adjustments and Closeouts and the Sport Hosting Grants would be heard at the next Council meeting.

## **REPORT OF THE PARK BOARD COMMITTEE**

Report of the Park Board Committee  
November 26, 2012

MOVED by Commissioner Barnes  
SECONDED by Commissioner Sharma

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **NOTICE OF MOTION**

Commissioner Sharma submitted the following notice of motion:

**1. Leaders in Greening**  
Mover: Commissioner Sharma  
Seconder:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. Staff direct resources towards establishing the portfolio for a "Sustainability Officer" in the Park Board with the responsibility of overseeing and managing our efforts to become "Leaders in Greening";

2. Staff establish a "Leaders in Greening" Task Force comprised of community experts, staff and Commissioners to make policy recommendations and identify opportunities that would:
  - a. Develop sustainability strategy and actions for the Park Board's "Leaders in Greening" objective;
  - b. Identify performance metrics that would help to measure our achievement of these actions; and
  - c. Engage our partners, volunteers and community groups to work together in greening or educational projects that work to achieve our healthy ecosystem goals.

Commissioner De Genova submitted the following notice of motion:

**2. The Impact of a reduction in staff hours in Vancouver's Community Centres**

Mover: Commissioner De Genova

Secunder:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. The board direct staff to call a public meeting of the Park Board and hear from Community Centre Associations and the public as to how, if at all, this reduction in staff hours has affected neighbourhoods and communities throughout Vancouver;
2. Community Centre Associations and the Public are encouraged to bring forward suggestions as to how, if at all, the relationship between Community Centre Associations and Park Board can be improved.

**ENQUIRIES**

1. A Board member requested an update on the noise issues regarding Mount Pleasant Park. He advised that he had originally made this request at the October 1<sup>st</sup> Board Meeting. Staff advised that they would provide him with a response.
2. A Board member requested an update on her motion regarding special rates for persons with disabilities. Staff advised that they would provide her with a response.
3. A Board member asked for an update on the Beaver Lake RFP. Staff advised that the RFP had gone out, but would advise Commissioners of the closing date.
4. Commissioner De Genova requested a leave of absence for the December 13 Special meeting. The Board granted her request.

The Board adjourned at 11:51 pm

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