



**PARK BOARD COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

MARCH 11, 2013

A Regular Park Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, March 11, 2013, 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. **Food Service Update with a special presentation from Lisa Brideau on "An Overview of Local and Sustainable Food Procurement in City Facilities"**

The Manager of Revenue Services, Gordon Barber, presented the report and responded to questions.

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

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper
SECONDED by Commissioner Blyth

That the Board approve the updated priority objectives of the 2006 Concession Strategy Study as outlined in this report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. **Community gardens at Charleson and Cambie Parks**

The Manager of Planning and Research, Tilo Driessen, presented and responded to questions.

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Commissioner De Genova rose on a point of order stating that Commissioner Loke must move to suspend the rules before asking staff a question.

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MOVED by Commissioner Loke
SECONDED by Commissioner Jasper

THAT the Board suspend the rules to ask staff a question.

CARRIED
(Commissioners Coupar and De Genova opposed)

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Commissioner De Genova rose on a point of order stating that at the previous meeting she was allowed to ask questions of staff and then the speaker, and would like to ask the speaker a question. The Chair ruled that Commissioner De Genova has received her five minutes to ask questions and that the Board was moving to the next Commissioner for questions.

Commissioner De Genova rose on a point of personal privilege stating that the time clock has been on for other speakers and should be on for the final speaker as well. The Chair advised that she would turn the time clock on.

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The Board heard from four speakers. Three in favour and one opposed to the recommendation.

MOVED by Commissioner De Genova
SECONDED by Commissioner Jasper

THAT the Board defer this item until further public consultation has taken place.

CARRIED
(Commissioner Blyth opposed)

MOTIONS

1. Improving Campaign Finance for Local Elections in British Columbia

MOVED by Commissioner Loke
SECONDED by Commissioner Jasper

WHEREAS

1. The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation is an independent elected board which believes in an open, fair, accessible and democratic election process;

2. The Province of British Columbia controls legislation relating to municipal elections and financial disclosure including the Vancouver Charter, the Election Act (British Columbia), and the Local Government Act (British Columbia);
3. The Government of Canada has banned corporate and union donations, capped individual contributions to candidates and elector organizations, enforce spending limits, and requires annual disclosure of donations;
4. The BC Local Government Elections Task Force made 31 recommendations to the Government of British Columbia on May 28th, 2010, which includes, but is not limited to, spending limits, contribution limits, election advertising limits, third party advertising limits, and new rules on campaign financial disclosure;
5. Vancouver City Council ratified a motion on Campaign Finance Reform titled, "Increasing Fairness and Citizen Involvement in Municipal Elections", on January 31, 2012;
6. Candidates and elector organizations participating in election to the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation are accountable to the residents of the City of Vancouver.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation supports the Government of British Columbia implementing campaign finance rules for municipal elections, as follows:

- i. to ban corporate and union donations to individual candidates and elector organizations;
- ii. to set limits on annual contribution amounts to individual candidates and elector organizations;
- iii. to impose annual disclosure requirements for elected officials and elector organizations for donations and expenses;
- iv. and to set spending limits for individual candidates and elector organizations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation directs the General Manager and Chair of the Park Board to write a letter to the Premier of British Columbia, British Columbia's Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development and the Chief Electoral Officer of British Columbia informing them of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation's request to introduce legislation on campaign finance reform for local government elections in British Columbia, as per this motion.

AND BE IT EVEN FURTHER RESOLVED THAT The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation stands in solidarity with municipalities, citizen's groups, political parties, labour unions, businesses and other groups who have endorsed campaign finance reform in order to improve the democratic process for citizens in British Columbia.

amended

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Commissioner De Genova rose on a point of clarification asking the Chair when she had learned that one of the speakers was not present. The Chair advised that she had learned of the speaker not attending from staff at the start of the meeting.

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The Board heard from one speaker opposed to the recommendation.

AMENDMENT MOVED by Commissioner Jasper
SECONDED by Commissioner Loke

THAT the words "General Manager and" be stricken from the resolution portion of the motion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Following the hearing of speakers, the amended motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

FINAL MOTION:

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2. Time Limits on the length of Park Board Meetings

MOVED by Commissioner De Genova
SECONDED by Commissioner Jasper

WHEREAS

1. Regular and Special Park Board Meetings are open to the public and are crucial to open and transparent decision making;
2. The special Park Board meeting held on February 4, 2013 did not adjourn until 3:13am on February 5th, 2013;
3. Meetings that continue late into the evening or extend into the next calendar day can compromise the safety of citizens who depend on active forms of transportation or public transit to attend Park Board meetings;
4. Studies have shown that sleep deprivation produces impairments in cognitive function and these impairments can effect decision making;
5. Park Board meetings follow the Park Board procedural bylaws and when those are silent the City of Vancouver's Procedure Bylaw is used;
6. The City of Vancouver's Procedure Bylaw states that "regular meetings must adjourn by 10pm, unless the council members present unanimously pass a resolution to extend the meeting by one hour or less":
7. Both the Park Board and the City of Vancouver's procedure bylaws are silent on the extension of Special meetings.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board direct staff to recommend changes to the Park Board procedure bylaw which will limit the time of Regular and Special meetings to 10:00pm unless the Park Board votes unanimously to extend the meeting to a specific time.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff bring forward recommendations in a staff report to the Board for discussion at the April 8, 2013 Park Board meeting.

amended

The Board heard from one speaker in favour of the motion.

AMENDMENT MOVED by Commissioner Barnes
SECONDED by Commissioner Jasper

THAT the resolution be struck and replaced with:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Park Board staff work with the office of the city clerks and update the park board's procedure by-laws;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Park Board staff hold a briefing to review Robert's *Rules of Order* with the Board.

CARRIED
(Commissioners Coupar and De Genova opposed)

AMENDMENT MOVED by Commissioner De Genova
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the following be placed at the end of the first resolution:

and that staff report back to Board with recommendations at the April 8th, 2013 meeting.

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

AMENDMENT MOVED by Commissioner De Genova
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the following be placed at the end of the first resolution:

with regard to meeting times.

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

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Commissioner De Genova rose on a point of order stating Commissioner Jasper was making comments that were political. The Chair ruled that the comments were not political.

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

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THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Park Board staff hold a briefing to review Robert's *Rules of Order* with the Board.

3. Dude Chilling Park Sign

MOVED by Commissioner Blyth
SECONDED by Commissioner Barnes

WHEREAS

1. On November 23, 2012 a well-crafted sign reading "Dude Chilling Park" was installed by community members at Guelph Park;
2. The sign ignited a sense of pride and joy from community members and initiated a dialogue about civic space;
3. Google Maps has renamed "Guelph Park" to "Dude Chilling Park";
4. Many organizations and residents in the City of Vancouver have brought forward ideas for to honour the sign as a piece of civic art

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff bring to the board a recommendation for the future of the "Dude Chilling Park" sign in order to find a permanent home for it where all Vancouverites can enjoy it;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT staff bring further recommendations to the board for ways to honour the art history of Vancouver's parks and recreation facilities.

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

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Commissioner De Genova rose on a point of personal privilege advising that she was uncomfortable with Commissioners taking pictures of her during the meeting. Commissioner Jasper apologized and advised that he had accidentally taken a picture of Commissioner Blyth, not Commissioner De Genova. The Chair requested that all commissioners stop taking pictures.

Commissioner De Genova rose on a point of order stating that Commissioner Loke was off-topic. The Chair ruled that the Commissioner was not off-topic and requested that he continue.

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Following the hearing of speakers, the motion was put and CARRIED.
(Commissioners Coupar and De Genova opposed)

The Committee adjourned at 10:30 pm

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REGULAR BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 11, 2013

A Regular Board meeting was held on Monday, February 25, 2013, at 10:40 pm, at the Park Board Office following the Park Board Committee meeting.

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Aaron Jasper

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

RECORDER: Barinder Lalli

ROLL CALL

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Committee Meeting - February 25, 2013

MOVED by Commissioner Barnes
SECONDED by Commissioner Loke

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Regular Board Meeting -February 25, 2013

MOVED by Commissioner Sharma
SECONDED by Commissioner Barnes

THAT the foregoing Minutes be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

The General Manager reported that VanDusen Botanical Garden Visitor Centre had been honoured with the Wood Innovation Award by the Canadian Wood Council.

REPORT OF THE PARK BOARD COMMITTEE

Report of the Park Board Committee
March 11, 2013

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 Barnes submitted the following notice of motion:

1. Fair Play

Mover: Commissioner Barnes

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

ENQUIRIES

1. A Board member requested an update on his motion from the previous year regarding Chlorine.
2. A Board member requested to know why the CCA Consultation Plan was removed from the March 11th meeting agenda. The Chair advised that staff and members of the negotiating team had requested more time to create their plan.
3. A Board member shared requested information on why the park at Main St and 18th Avenue had orange pillars installed that seem larger than depicted in the concept plan. Staff advised that they would provide Commissioners with a response.

The Board adjourned at 11:20 pm

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