



PARK BOARD COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 24, 2013

A Regular Park Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, June 24, 2013, at 7:22 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: Peter Kuran, Deputy General Manager

RECORDER: Pat Boomhower

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

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VARY AGENDA

The Committee agreed to vary the order of the agenda to have the Public Art Donation Proposal as the first item of business and the Park Board Chair's Report at the end of the meeting.

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PRESENTATIONS

1. Public Art Donation Proposal: Memorial for the Missing Women

Director of Recreation, Thomas Soulliere, and Arts, Culture and Environment Coordinator, Jill Weaving, presented an update on the Memorial and donation process, and responded to questions.

The Committee heard from 11 speakers, all of whom spoke in support.

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The Committee recessed at 8:33 pm and reconvened at 8:40 pm with all members present, except for Commissioner Blyth.

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STAFF REPORTS

1. Special Events Approval - July 2013

Director of Recreation was available to respond to questions.

The Committee heard from one speaker who commented on the Park Board's financial report.

MOVED by Commissioner De Genova
SECONDED by Commissioner Barnes

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board

THAT the Board approve a request from the Vancouver Folk Festival Society, organizers of the Vancouver Folk Music Festival, for an increase in the maximum capacity of the event's licensed area from 750 to 1,000 persons, for the festival at Jericho Beach Park from July 19 to 21, 2013.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Commissioner Blyth absent for the vote)

2. Construction Contract Award - Trillium North Park Site

Manager of Park Development, Tiina Mack, presented the report.

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Barnes

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board

- A. THAT, subject to B, C and D, the Board enter into a contract with Wilco Civil Inc. in the amount of \$1,038,524.00 plus PST, for the Trillium North park site project.
- B. THAT the contract be on the terms and conditions outlined in the report and on such other terms and conditions as are approved by the Vancouver Park Board, with Bid Committee and Chief Purchasing Officer (CPO) concurrence.
- C. THAT, upon approval of the contract by Vancouver Park Board, with Bid Committee and CPO concurrence, the General Manager of the Park Board be authorized to execute the contract on behalf of the Board.

- D. THAT no legal rights shall arise hereby, and none shall arise until execution of the contemplated contract, and the Board reserves the right to rescind this resolution at any time up to the execution and delivery of the contemplated contract by the General Manager of the Park Board.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Commissioner Blyth absent for the vote)

MOTIONS ON NOTICE

1. Pedestrian and Cycling Improvements at the Stanley Park Causeway

MOVED by Commissioner Barnes
SECONDED by Commissioner Loke

WHEREAS:

1. On May 25th, 2013, a sixty-one year old cyclist was tragically killed on the Stanley Park Causeway on her way to work;
2. This cyclist's death has brought much needed attention to the ongoing and dangerous conditions that currently exist along the Stanley Park Causeway;
3. The Stanley Park Causeway is the only direct and lit route through Stanley Park for all users between the Vancouver downtown core and North and West Vancouver;
4. The bike way along the Stanley Park Causeway, which allows for cyclists to travel on a narrow sidewalk shared with pedestrians, next to fast-moving motor vehicle traffic without a physical safety barrier, is indicative of the inadequacy of the pedestrian and cycling infrastructure along the Stanley Park Causeway;
5. The City of Vancouver is taking extensive measures to improve active transportation infrastructure and safety to achieve the goals of the Transportation 2040 Plan;
6. Active transportation on foot, by bike or by transit contributes to less motor vehicle traffic through and within Stanley Park, which reduces air pollution and noise in the park and has an overall beneficial impact on the environment;
7. The provincially maintained Stanley Park Causeway seems to have been neglected in the City's pedestrian and cycling transportation network despite the Province's commitment to integrate bicycling by providing safe, accessible and convenient bicycle facilities on the Province's highways and to support and encourage cycling;
8. The Stanley Park Cycling Plan includes recommendations regarding some safety issues along the Causeway corridor but does not address the high potential for

cyclist-pedestrian conflict on the narrow sidewalks or the lack of safety barriers between the sidewalks and the Causeway roadway;

9. Better Environmentally Sound Transportation (BEST), the British Columbia Cycling Coalition (BCCC), HASTe Hub for Active School Travel, HUB Your Cycling Connection, the University of British Columbia's AMS Bike Co-op, and the Vancouver Public Space Network (VPSN) are in support of improving the pedestrian and cycling infrastructure along the Stanley Park Causeway; and
10. The aforementioned safety barriers or another means of interim safety measures are needed immediately to prevent serious injury or death;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the Vancouver Park Board do everything within its power to work with all levels of government to improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists along the Stanley Park Causeway;

FURTHER THAT the Board direct staff to work with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, and Engineering Services to develop strategies to minimize conflict in high volume pedestrian and cyclist interface areas of the Stanley Park Causeway and report back to the Board with immediacy as to what short-term measures can be implemented to improve pedestrian and cycling safety in the interim as well as provide possible longer-term solutions;

AND FURTHER THAT the City of Vancouver's Active Transportation Policy Council has the opportunity to give feedback on staff's recommendations prior to the Board's consideration.

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*MOVED by Commissioner De Genova
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar*

THAT the Committee suspend the rules to permit questions to staff on motions submitted by Commissioners.

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Commissioner Blyth absent for the vote)*

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

The Committee heard from 11 speakers; the majority of whom spoke in support of the motion and one who spoke in opposition.

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At 9:55 pm during hearing from speakers, it was

*MOVED by Commissioner Loke
SECONDED by Commissioner De Genova*

THAT the meeting be extended by one hour or less.

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Commissioner Blyth absent for the vote)*

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Following the hearing of speakers, it was

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner De Genova

THAT vote on the motion be postponed until further information is obtained.

LOST
(Commissioners Barnes, Jasper, Loke, and Sharma opposed)
(Commissioner Blyth absent for the vote)

The postponement having lost, the main motion was put and CARRIED with Commissioners Coupar and De Genova opposed.

2. Marina Review, Metrics and Value of Recreational Boating to the Park Board

Note: The motion contains a revision (in paragraph 3) to the original motion submitted.

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner De Genova

WHEREAS:

1. The Park Board operates two Civic Marinas - the Burrard Civic Marina and the Heather Civic Marina. The Heather Civic Marina is owned by the City of Vancouver, and the Board receives an annual management fee to operate the marina on behalf of the City. The Burrard Civic Marina is owned and operated by the Park Board;
2. Marinas contribute a significant revenue stream in excess of Three Million Dollars to the Park Board;
3. The economic impact of recreational boating to BC is more than 1.4 Billion dollars annually;

4. Visiting recreational boaters face a significant lack of transient moorage;
5. Private marinas have added dry stacking service facilities to their facilities which maximizes revenue opportunities;
6. The removal of the Coast Guard dock has increased wave action and damage to floats at the Burrard Marina;
7. Our marina infrastructure including electrical components is in urgent need of upgrade.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT staff complete a review of present practices, business operations and capital needs and report back to the Board;

AND FURTHER THAT staff include a report of best practices and marina needs for upcoming capital plan inclusion.

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*MOVED by Commissioner Jasper
SECONDED by Commissioner Sharma*

THAT the Committee suspend the rules to permit questions to staff on motions submitted by Commissioners.

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Commissioners Blyth and De Genova absent for the vote)*

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Deputy General Manager, Peter Kuran, and Supervisor of Business Services, Ken Maguire, responded to questions.

The Committee heard from two speakers who spoke in general support of the motion and provided comments related to the Burrard Civic Marina.

Following the hearing of speakers, the motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY with Commissioner Blyth absent for the vote.

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At 10:54 pm it was

*MOVED by Commissioner Jasper
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar*

THAT the meeting be extended by one hour or less.

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Commissioner Blyth absent for the vote)*

CHAIR'S REPORT

Park Board Vice-Chair Commissioner Jasper reported on the Squamish Nation's Eco-cultural presentation at VanDusen Botanical Gardens, the opening of Cathedral Trail in Stanley Park, the children's SoccerJam event at Trillium Park, Jericho Beach restoration celebration; and the annual Dragon Boat Festival.

Commissioner Jasper also provided clarification regarding a previous meeting that, based on advice from the City Clerk, the motion proposed by Commissioner De Genova was in contradiction to recommendations already approved by the Board on June 10, 2013. To the enquiry about as to why the vote could not be rescinded, the Vice-Chair clarified that such a motion can only be made by someone who had voted with the majority.

The Committee adjourned at 11:00 pm.

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REGULAR BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 24, 2013

A Regular Board meeting was held on Monday, June 24, 2013, at 11:01 pm, at the Park Board Office following the Park Board Committee meeting.

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Sarah Blyth

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

RECORDER: Pat Boomhower

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Committee Meeting - June 10, 2013

MOVED by Commissioner Barnes
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the forgoing Minutes be approved with the following amendment to record Commissioners Blyth and Coupar as Present.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Regular Board Meeting - June 10, 2013

MOVED by Commissioner Barnes
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the forgoing Minutes be approved with the following amendment to record Commissioners Coupar and De Genova as opposed to the motion on page 1.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Report of the Park Board Committee June 24, 2013

The Board considered the report containing recommendations and actions taken by the Park Board Committee. Its items of business included:

1. Public Art Donation Proposal: Memorial for the Missing Women
2. Special Events Approval - July 2013 (Vancouver Folk Music Festival)
3. Construction Contract Award - Trillium North Park Site
4. Pedestrian and Cycling Improvements at the Stanley Park Causeway
5. Marina Review, Metrics and Value of Recreational Boating to the Park Board

MOVED by Commissioner De Genova
SECONDED by Commissioner Barnes

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Park Board Committee at its meeting of June 24, 2013, as contained in items 1 to 5.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ENQUIRIES

1. A Board member enquired about when will a reply be sent Killarney Community Centre Association in response to the Association's letter.
2. A Board member requested clarification on how the Park Board and the PNE came to the agreement regarding the Hastings Park fishing pond, requested a briefing from staff to Commissioners on the Hastings Park fishing pond, and asked staff if the fishing pond will inhibit the migratory bird plan at Hastings Park.
3. A Board member requested an update on the status of the motion regarding reduced rates for persons with disabilities at Community Centres and Aquatic Centres.
4. A Board member enquired about the Community Centre Consultation when will citizens have a chance to give public input to Park Board.

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. Commissioner Coupar gave notice of motion entitled "Facility for Paddling Community in Vancouver".

The Board adjourned at 11:14 pm

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