



PARK BOARD COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES

JULY 8, 2013

A Regular Park Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, July 8, 2013, at 7:00pm, 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

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*Commissioner Loke called the meeting to order. Following Roll Call, Commissioner Sharma assumed the chair.*

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#### CHAIR'S REPORT

Commissioner Blyth reported on the Hillcrest and Riley Parks' Open House, the Tree Ivy Removal Program in Stanley Park, various Canada Day events, and the Crab Park Festival.

#### STAFF REPORTS

##### 1. Local Food Action Plan

Park Planner, Lindsay Cole, presented the report and the Task Force's Local Food Action Plan and, along with the Deputy General Manager, Peter Kuran, responded to questions.

The Committee heard from six speakers who spoke in support; many of whom provided suggestions regarding Park Board land and facilities, urban streams, soil and composting.

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper  
SECONDED by Commissioner Loke

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board

THAT the Park Board approve the Local Food Action Plan presented by the Vancouver Park Board Local Food Asset Task Force as contained in the report dated July 8, 2013, entitled "Local Food Action Plan".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 2. Special Events Approval - Pride Society Events 2013

Director of Recreation, Thomas Soulliere, presented the report and responded to questions.

The Committee heard from one speaker who was opposed to the sale of liquor in the park.

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*The Committee recessed at 8:45 pm and reconvened at 8:54 pm with the same members present.*

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MOVED by Commissioner De Genova  
SECONDED by Commissioner Barnes

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board

- A. THAT the Park Board approve a request from the Vancouver Pride Society, organizers of the Vancouver Pride Festival, to increase the maximum capacity of the event's licensed area for the festival at Sunset Beach Park on August 4, 2013, from 750 to 1,000 persons.
- B. THAT the Park Board approve a request from the Vancouver Pride Society, organizers of Picnic in the Park, to increase the maximum capacity of the event's licensed area at the Brockton rugby field in Stanley Park on July 27, 2013, from 150 to 400 persons.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTIONS ON NOTICE

## 1. Facility for Paddling Community in Vancouver

*Note: The motion contains revisions to the original motion submitted.*

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar  
SECONDED by Commissioner De Genova

### WHEREAS:

1. The City of Vancouver and The Vancouver Park Board prides itself on its multicultural communities;
2. The Vancouver Park Board also recognizes the need for recreational activities, as well as vibrant cultural festivals, being located within the City;
3. The City of Vancouver and The Vancouver Park Board is also very proud to be home to the largest Dragon Boat festival in North America, which is now in its 25<sup>th</sup> year;
4. The Canadian International Dragon Boat Festival Society suffers due to an inability to find a permanent facility on False Creek, which results in instability, loss of materials and equipment, and general lack of security with their long range planning;
5. Paddlers who participate in all weather conditions do not have conveniently located change rooms, adequate shower and washroom facilities available.
6. Presently there is a number of Paddling and Dragon Boat Clubs located further west in False Creek at Alder Bay dock adjacent to False Creek Community Centre, and near Burrard Civic Marina, Dragon boat users located there also are faced with challenges and inadequate facilities.
7. The need is clear for a comprehensive plan to develop a facility to satisfy the need of all Dragon boaters and Canoe clubs using False Creek waters.
8. Council has passed motions expressing support for a permanent paddling facility in False Creek in 2001, 2002, 2006, 2009 and most recently, on October 6, 2011, directed staff to report back on a process for locating a home for the greater paddling community on or in proximity to False Creek for options related to both the short and longer term. A report on the progress of this work was received by Council on June 12, 2012.
9. Council recently unanimously passed a motion directing staff to undertake a project definition for phasing in the establishment of a permanent home for the greater paddling community to ensure a timely and efficient process to meet both immediate and future needs. Cost not to exceed \$125,000, source of funds to the NEFC generated Community Amenity Contributions. Date of completion to be no later than December 31, 2013;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT staff report back to the Board regarding the process of locating a home for the greater paddling community on or in proximity to False Creek, with improved options related to both the short and long term.

AND FURTHER THAT the Board be fully informed of all City of Vancouver initiatives that are of consequence to the Park Board and the paddling community in False Creek.

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The Committee heard from one speaker who spoke in support and provided comments about the East Bay Boathouse, Jericho, and the Burrard Civic Marinas.

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*MOVED by Commissioner Coupar  
SECONDED by Commissioner de Genova*

*THAT the Committee suspend the rules in order to extend the time permitted to speak on the motion.*

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

During discussion, it was

*MOVED by Commissioner Jasper  
SECONDED by Commissioner Loke*

*THAT the Committee suspend the rules to permit the mover and staff to respond to questions on the motion.*

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

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

Following discussion, the motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Committee adjourned at 9:35 pm.

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REGULAR BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
MEETING MINUTES

JULY 8, 2013

A Regular Board meeting was held on Monday, July 8, 2013, at 9:37 pm, at the Park Board Office following the Park Board Committee meeting.

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

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

**RECORDER:** Pat Boomhower, Meeting Coordinator

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

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*Note: The June 10, 2013, minutes recorded that approval of the May 2013 minutes would be postponed until a response had been received from the City Clerk Office with regard to clarifying the Board's ability to suspend the rule related to extending meetings beyond 10:00 pm.*

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In response to a request for information, the Chair advised that she had spoken with staff on the matter and as it was a ruling of the chair, no written response was required. The Clerk responded to a question regarding when suspension of the rules can be done.

In response to an additional request for information, the Deputy General Manager advised that a written response was requested from the City Clerk. Since the role of the Clerk is to advise the chair, the chair to make a ruling and the board decides whether the ruling stands, a written response is not standard practise.

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**1. Committee Meeting - May 13, 2013**

MOVED by Commissioner Loke  
SECONDED by Commissioner Barnes

THAT the forgoing Minutes be approved as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**2. Regular Board Meeting - May 13, 2013**

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper  
SECONDED by Commissioner Barnes

THAT the forgoing Minutes be approved as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**3. Committee Meeting - May 27, 2013**

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper  
SECONDED by Commissioner Loke

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**4. Regular Board Meeting - May 27, 2013**

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper  
SECONDED by Commissioner Loke

THAT the forgoing Minutes be approved as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**5. Committee Meeting - June 24, 2013**

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper  
SECONDED by Commissioner Loke

THAT the forgoing Minutes be approved, with an amendment to the second paragraph of the Chair's Report to add the following:

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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**6. Regular Board Meeting - June 24, 2013**

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper  
SECONDED by Commissioner Loke

THAT the forgoing Minutes be approved as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

Deputy General Manager, Peter Kuran, noted during the coming week, Council would be receiving updates on the Greenest City Action Plan, including urban forestry, and the Healthy City Strategy.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**1. Report of the Park Board Committee  
July 8, 2013**

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

1. Local Food Action Plan
2. Special Events Approval - Pride Society Events 2013
3. Facility for Paddling Community in Vancouver

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar  
SECONDED by Commissioner Loke

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Park Board Committee at its meeting of July 8, 2013, as contained in items 1 to 3.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### NOTICES OF MOTION

1. Commissioner Jasper gave notice of motion entitled "Point Grey-Cornwall Corridor".  
*Note from Clerk: Subsequent to the meeting, the motion was withdrawn for the next meeting.*
2. Commissioner De Genova gave notice of motion entitled "Monthly Rotational Deputy Chair Position for Park Board".
3. Commissioner De Genova gave notice of motion entitled "Public Communication Strategy for the OneCard".

#### ENQUIRIES

1. A Board member enquired as to whether there would be recognition of First Nations on the historical panels at Jericho Beach. Commissioner Sharma advised that a plaque was ready and going through Cultural Services for clearance with First Nations.
2. A Board member enquired about why Commissioner Sharma and not the Chair, was meeting with a community centre. Commissioner Sharma and the Chair clarified that no meeting is scheduled at this time.
3. A Board member noted an article in the *Georgia Straight* and asked that individual Commissioners not speak for all Commissioners without their permission. Commissioner Sharma apologized if that was said.
4. A Board member enquired about the Emery Barnes Park fenced area, the Deputy General Manager responded on an expected timeline for completion.
5. A Board member enquired asked whether an additional meeting could be added on July 15, 2013, given the number of agenda items for the meeting on July 22, 2013. Staff will discuss planning for the July 22 meeting with the Chair.

The Board adjourned at 9:58 pm

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