



**PARK BOARD COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

JULY 21, 2014

A Regular Park Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, July 21, 2014, at 7:03 pm, at the Park Board Office.

PRESENT: Commissioner Sarah Blyth, Acting Chair
Commissioner Constance Barnes
Commissioner John Coupar
Commissioner Melissa De Genova
Commissioner Aaron Jasper
Commissioner Niki Sharma

ABSENT Commissioner Trevor Loke, Chair

**GENERAL MANAGER'S
OFFICE:** Huub Langeveld, Deputy General Manager
Cheryl Chan, Manager, Administrative Services
Pat Boomhower, Meeting Clerk

MATTER ADOPTED ON CONSENT

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper
SECONDED by Commissioner Barnes

THAT items 2, 3, and 4 be adopted on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee agreed to have the Chair's Report presented after the staff reports. For ease of reference, the minutes are recorded in agenda order.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Commissioner Jasper reported on the unveiling of Artist Jonathan Borofsky's work titled *Human Structures*, at Hinge Park as part of the 2014 - 2016 Vancouver Biennale; and on the ground-breaking ceremony to kick off reconstruction of the Little League Baseball diamonds at Hastings Community Park in preparation for the 2016 Canadian National Little League Championships.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. REPORT: Environmental Education and Stewardship Action Plan

Dave Hutch, Manager, Park Planning and Research, introduced members of the Environmental Education and Stewardship Task Force, and Lindsay Cole, Park Planner, presented the report and Action Plan. Mr. Hutch responded to a question.

The Committee heard from three members of the Environmental Education Working Group; all of whom spoke in support of the recommendations.

MOVED by Commissioner Sharma
SECONDED by Commissioner Barnes

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve "Rewilding Vancouver: From Sustaining to Flourishing. An Environmental Education and Stewardship Action Plan for the Vancouver Park Board" (included in Appendix A of the report dated July 14, 2014, titled "Environmental Education and Stewardship Action Plan").
- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to provide a status update on the progress made toward Environmental Education and Stewardship Action Plan (EESAP) implementation and key outcomes, and reconvene the Environmental Education and Stewardship Task Force at least once, within the next year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. REPORT: Special Event Approval - Special Summer Concert Series 2014

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve a request from the Vancouver Urban Spaces Initiative, organizers of the Special Summer Concert Series, for a 250-person Public Special Occasion License at New Brighton Park on Sundays, July 27, 2014 and September 7, 2014, and at Brockton Point in Stanley Park on Sunday, August 17, 2014, from 1:00pm to 8:30pm.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

3. REPORT: Special Event Approval - SeaWheeze Sunset Festival 2014

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve a request from Lululemon Athletica, organizers of the SeaWheeze Sunset Festival, for a 15,000 person Public Special Occasion Site License at Brockton Fields in Stanley Park on Saturday, August 23, 2014, from 4:30pm to 10:00pm.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

4. REPORT: Special Event Approval - Community Food Markets 2014

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve a *Community Food Market* pilot program in 2014 with locations at selected community centres and at Grandview Park, with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

The Committee adjourned at 7:33 pm.

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

JULY 21, 2014

A Regular Board meeting was held on Monday, July 21, 2014, at 7:35 pm, at the Park Board Office following the Park Board Committee meeting.

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

ABSENT Commissioner Trevor Loke

GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE: Huub Langeveld, Deputy General Manager
Cheryl Chan, Manager, Administrative Services
Pat Boomhower, Meeting Clerk

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Regular Park Board - July 7, 2014

MOVED by Commissioner Barnes
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on July 7, 2014, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNICATIONS

The City of Vancouver booklet titled "Year of Reconciliation: June 21, 2013 - June 20, 2014" was distributed and included a report on Park Board initiatives.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Huub Langeveld, Deputy General Manager reported that Park Board related items at Council and Committee this week included a Report Reference on "Action Steps for Ending Street Homelessness", and a Report on the Public Art Program. He noted Park Board and Council meeting dates in September, and that Joyce Courtney, Communications Manager, had retired after 11 years with the Park Board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of the Park Board Committee July 21, 2014

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

1. REPORT: Environmental Education and Stewardship Action Plan
2. REPORT: Special Event Approval - Special Summer Concert Series 2014
3. REPORT: Special Event Approval - SeaWheeze Sunset Festival 2014
4. REPORT: Special Event Approval - Community Food Markets

MOVED by Commissioner Barnes

SECONDED by Commissioner Sharma

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Park Board Committee at its meeting of July 21, 2014, as contained in items 1 to 4.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTIONS

Motions on Notice

1. A Permanent, Structurally Safe Home for Love Locks

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar

SECONDED by Commissioner De Genova

WHEREAS:

1. Vancouver City Council passed a resolution at the July 8, 2014 Regular Council meeting requesting that Councillor Affleck consult with the Park Board, the development community, Business Improvement Associations, and residents to find a permanent home for "love locks" in the city of Vancouver and report back to Council with an update;
2. Love locks are traditional padlocks that are attached to fences or railings by people to symbolize their commitment to each other;
3. Spontaneous, quirky activities are part of what makes Vancouver a great place to live;
4. The first Love locks in Vancouver were attached to the railings of the Burrard Bridge but were removed in 2013;
5. Love locks re-appeared on the seawall of Northeast False Creek where they have also recently been removed;
6. Removing love locks reinforces Vancouver's image as a "no-fun city"; and

7. A city is not just a collection of buildings and infrastructure;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board Commissioners direct Staff to suggest possible locations for a permanent, structurally safe home for love locks on Park Board property and report back to the Board.
- B. THAT, once Staff have reported back on possible locations for a permanent, structurally safe home for love locks on Park Board property, the Park Board engage the public in a consultation process to determine the preferred, most favourable, and most feasible location to serve as a permanent home for love locks.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Bud Osborn - Recognition of Contributions

Commissioner Blyth introduced the following motion and showed a sample of Bud Osborn's poetry titled "Sunshine" (from the video clip: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3BGLiSBvx84&feature=youtu.be>)

MOVED by Commissioner Blyth
SECONDED by Commissioner Barnes

WHEREAS:

1. Bud Osborn, a poet and social activist, passed away in Vancouver on May 6, 2014;
2. Bud Osborn was a founder of Vancouver Area Network of Drugs Users (VANDU), a group of users and former users who work to improve the lives of people who use illicit drugs through user-based peer support and education;
3. His work with VANDU helped lead to the creation of North America's first supervised injection site in Vancouver, and continued through legal challenges to laws affecting controlled substances and their users;
4. Bud Osborn's poetry and contributions led to a greater awareness and understanding of some of the struggle people live with in the DTES every day and he pushed to create change against the odds;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board staff work with family members and friends of Bud Osborn to create a memorial for Bud Osborn that people in the future can remember Bud's important contributions to Vancouver and the awareness he has helped to raise for people who need it the most.

referred

Thomas Soulliere, Director of Recreation, responded to a question regarding the process for memorials.

REFERRAL MOVED by Commissioner Sharma
SECONDED by Commissioner Barnes

THAT this motion be referred to the next Park Board Committee in order to hear from speakers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Notice of Motions

1. Vancouver Southeast Seniors Centre Advisory Committee

Commissioner De Genova submitted the following motion on notice:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. The Park Board direct Staff to create an advisory committee for the South East Vancouver Seniors Centre. Members to include representatives from the South East Vancouver Seniors Arts and Cultural Society and Killarney Community Centre Association.
- B. This committee will engage in the process of providing recommendations to the city and Park Board regarding design and implementation of the South East Vancouver Seniors Centre.
- C. That the Board direct staff to report back on the creation of this committee in September 2014 to the Park Board along with an update on the status of the Seniors Centre project.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Special Meeting - July 26, 2014

Commissioner Coupar advised that, due to a potential conflict of interest as a result of his employment, he has recused himself and will not be voting or attending any Park Board meeting on the Aquarium issue.

Commissioner De Genova advised that she will be away during the Special Board meeting on July 26, 2014.

ENQUIRIES

1. A Board member enquired about the status of the Women's monument and past consideration regarding Suffragette Park.
2. A Board member enquired about the status of the Park Board Sustainability Officer from a previous motion.
3. A Board member requested an update on Oppenheimer Park regarding the safety of campers and access for regular park users.
4. A Board member requested that the Park Board liaise with Police and post information about travel options and parking on the Park Board website, due to the Special Board meeting and Celebration of Light Fireworks taking place on July 26, 2014.
5. A Board member enquired whether the boat ramp at Vanier Park would be completed for the Fireworks. The Deputy General Manager provided an update on the work being done to ensure completion.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Sharma
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board adjourned at 8:04 pm.

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