



**PARK BOARD COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

MARCH 23, 2015

A Regular Park Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, March 23, 2015, at 7:03 pm, at the Park Board Office.

PRESENT: Commissioner Casey Crawford, Chair
Commissioner John Coupar
Commissioner Sarah Kirby-Yung
Commissioner Catherine Evans
Commissioner Stuart Mackinnon
Commissioner Erin Shum, Vice-Chair
Commissioner Michael Wiebe

**GENERAL MANAGER'S
OFFICE:** Malcolm Bromley, General Manager
Jonathan Snoek, Acting Deputy General Manager
Cheryl Chan, Business Support Lead
Pat Boomhower, Meeting Clerk

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Park Board Committee - February 16, 2015

MOVED by Commissioner Wiebe
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Park Board Committee minutes of the February 16, 2015, meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Park Board Committee Meeting - March 2, 2015

Postponed.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. REPORT: Musqueam Park - Proposed Metro Vancouver Regional District Highbury Interceptor Air Management Facility Location

Tiina Mack, Manager, Park Development, introduced Metro Vancouver representatives Bob Cheng, Senior Engineer, Project Delivery, and Sean Tynan, Policy Coordinator, involved in the project.

Ms. Mack reviewed the report and, along with Mr. Cheng and Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, responded to questions.

The Committee heard from two speakers: one spoke in support of the facility as an opportunity for park washrooms, pathway extension to join the Trans Canada Trail, and odour control; and one of whom spoke in support of Option 3 as the least detrimental to the park and expressed concern that the facility will be an orphan until the others are built and about re-forestation and landscaping to maintain a semi-rural environment.

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the recommended location (Option 3) for Metro Vancouver's Highbury Interceptor Air Management Facility in Musqueam Park;
- B. THAT this facility include a public accessible washroom; and
- C. FURTHER THAT a right-of-way document for the development and operations of the facility be formed to the satisfaction of the Park Board General Manager.

amended

AMENDMENT MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the motion be amended by adding:

- D. THAT the post-build air testing results come back to the Park Board for review within 3 - 6 months of completion.

CARRIED
(Commissioner Evans opposed)

The amendment having carried, the motion was put as amended and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

FINAL MOTION AS ADOPTED

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the recommended location (Option 3) for Metro Vancouver's Highbury Interceptor Air Management Facility in Musqueam Park;
- B. THAT this facility include a public accessible washroom;
- C. THAT a right-of-way document for the development and operations of the facility be formed to the satisfaction of the Park Board General Manager;
- D. THAT the post-build air testing results come back to the Park Board for review within 3 - 6 months of completion.

2. REPORT: Stanley Park Causeway Safety Improvements

Tiina Mack, Manager, Park Development, introduced the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure representatives Erin Moxon, Senior Project Manager, South Coast Region, and Jayson Walker, Design Engineer, Urban Systems. The Chair also noted former Commissioners Constance Barnes and Spencer Chandra-Herbert were present.

Ms. Mack, along with Alan Duncan, Environmental Planner, and Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, VPB, and Ms. Moxon presented the report.

Ms. Moxon and Jayson Walker, Design Engineer, Urban Systems, responded to questions.

The Committee heard from six speakers, including representatives from the City's Active Transportation Policy Council, HUB Cycling, BC Coalition of Cyclists, and the Stanley Park Ecology Society. Four speakers spoke in general support of the recommendations and improving design, and provided comments about pinch points, designing for cyclists to overtake slower cyclists, alternate routes for pedestrians, removable railing for emergencies, monitoring speed, and park benefits. Two speakers expressed concerns regarding tree removal, loss of habitat, future increase in pedestrian traffic, and the effectiveness of signs.

Following delegations, Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, responded to a question.

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Evans

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the safety improvements to the Stanley Park Causeway proposed by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure as described in the report dated March 12, 2015, titled "Stanley Park Causeway Safety Improvements";
- B. THAT the July 12, 1999 Causeway Agreement with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, be amended to widen the surface maintenance area to reflect the proposed improvements to the satisfaction of the General Manager, Vancouver Board of Park and Recreation, and the Director of Legal Services; and
- C. THAT the environmental compensation for the use of park land be subject to approval by the Vancouver Park Board.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 9:05 pm.

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REGULAR BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION
MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 23, 2015

A Regular Board meeting was held on Monday, March 23, 2015, at 9:11 pm, at the Park Board Office following the Park Board Committee meeting.

PRESENT: Commissioner John Coupar, Chair
Commissioner Casey Crawford
Commissioner Sarah Kirby Yung, Vice-Chair
Commissioner Catherine Evans
Commissioner Stuart Mackinnon
Commissioner Erin Shum
Commissioner Michael Wiebe

GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE: Malcolm Bromley, General Manager
Jonathan Snoek, Acting Deputy General Manager
Cheryl Chan, Business Support Lead
Pat Boomhower, Meeting Clerk

CONDOLESCENCES

Commissioner Kirby-Yung led a minute of silence to acknowledge the passing of Eleanor Hadley, age 93, a long-time advocate of parks and green space. She noted Ms. Hadley had attended many Park Board meetings since the 1960s, and thanked staff for the flowers and photo at the table where Ms. Hadley usually sat, in remembrance.

IN CAMERA MEETING

1. Park Board (In Camera) - April 13, 2015

MOVED by Commissioner Crawford

SECONDED by Commissioner Shum

THAT the Board will go into a meeting on April 13, 2015 at 6:00 pm, which is closed to the public, pursuant to Section 165.2(1) of the *Vancouver Charter*, to discuss matters related to paragraph:

- (k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of an activity, work or facility that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the Board, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the City and Park Board if they were held in public.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Regular Board Meeting - February 16, 2015

MOVED by Commissioner Wiebe

SECONDED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung

THAT the Park Board Committee minutes of the February 16, 2015, meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Regular Board Meeting - March 2, 2015

Postponed.

COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Report of the Park Board Committee
March 23, 2015

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

1. REPORT: Musqueam Park - Proposed Metro Vancouver Regional District Highbury Interceptor Air Management Facility Location
2. REPORT: Stanley Park Causeway Safety Improvements

MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung

SECONDED by Commissioner Shum

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Park Board Committee at its meeting of March 23, 2015, as contained in items 1 and 2.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon

SECONDED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung

THAT Administrative Reports items 1, 2 and 3, be adopted on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

STAFF REPORTS

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, advised that the Council meeting that week included a Report Reference on the City's emergency response to the Port Metro Vancouver chemical fire. He noted the Director of Recreation's role at the City's Emergency Operations Centre, and advised of the upcoming de-brief. Mr. Bromley also reported on the launch of the Heron Cam in Stanley Park, noting there have been over 50,000 views in five days. Mr. Bromley introduced Jonathan Snoek, Acting Deputy General Manager.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. Vancouver Curling Club Lease

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the lease of the Vancouver Curling Club for a ten-year period consisting of two five-year terms;
- B. THAT the contract be on terms and conditions outlined in the report dated March 10, 2015, titled "Vancouver Curling Club Lease", and on such other terms and conditions as are approved by the General Manager of the Park Board in consultation with the Director of Legal Services for the City of Vancouver;
- C. THAT the General Manager of the Park Board be authorized to execute and deliver the contract on behalf of the Board;
- D. THAT no legal rights shall arise and no consents, permissions or licenses are granted hereby and none shall arise or be granted hereafter unless and until all contemplated legal documentation has been executed and delivered by all parties.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

2. Connaught Park - Mereloma Club Lease Renewal

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the renewal of the lease with the Mereloma Club at Connaught Park field house for a ten-year period commencing June 1st, 2012.
- B. THAT the Park Board approve an application by the Vancouver Merelomas to the Liquor Control Board to obtain a Private Members liquor license.
- C. THAT once the form of the agreement has been approved by the General Manager, and Director of Legal Services, that the General Manager be authorized to execute the document on behalf of the Park Board.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

3. Creekside Office Space Lease Agreement with Canadian International Dragon Boat Festival Society

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve a 3-year lease agreement with one 3-year option term with the Canadian International Dragon Boat Festival Society for the use of office space located in the Creekside Community Recreation Center;
- B. THAT the legal documentation is to be in a form which is satisfactory to the Director of Legal Services for the City of Vancouver and the General Manager of the Park Board;
- C. THAT the General Manager be authorized to execute and deliver such documentation on behalf of the Park Board;
- D. THAT no legal right shall arise and no consents, permissions or licenses granted hereby and none shall arise or be granted hereafter unless and until all contemplated legal documentation has been executed and delivered by all parties.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

PRESENTATIONS

1. REPORT BACK: Parks Operations Services Review

Bill Harding, Director, Parks, reported on seasonal staffing levels within the Park system, outlined key areas of focus for 2015, and noted the comprehensive Parks Operations Service Review is to be completed by the end of the year.

Mr. Harding and Brian Quinn, Manager, Park Operations, responded to questions.

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At 9:49 pm, it was

*MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon
SECONDER by Commissioner Evans*

THAT the rule regarding meeting end time be suspended in order to continue and complete the agenda business items.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Mr. Harding responded to questions and noted the opportunity to ask additional questions during the Stanley Park tour.

The Chair thanked staff and noted the Board would like a report back.

MOVED by Commissioner Evans
SECONDER by Commissioner Wiebe

THAT the Board accept the report titled "Parks Operations Services Review".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTIONS

MOTIONS ON NOTICE

1. Vancouver Bluewater Task Force

Commissioner Wiebe introduced the following motion.

MOVED by Commissioner Wiebe
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

WHEREAS:

1. The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation has a strong and dedicated commitment to good recreational water management;
2. To build on the City of Vancouver's work through its Blueways Program and the Water Opportunities Advisory Group;
3. The discontinuation of the Burrard Inlet Environmental Action Program and the Fraser River Estuary Management Program has led to a gap in the environmental impact monitoring and reporting;
4. The closure of the Kitsilano Coast Guard Station and removal of the Park Board Rescue 1 first responders boat has put pressure on Vancouver boat safety and enforcement;
5. Metro Vancouver is currently testing for E. Coli for Vancouver Coastal Health, as the governing body for Vancouver beach closures; however, the Guidelines for Canadian Recreational Water Quality recommended indicator for faecal contamination for marine waters is Enterococci;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation establish the Vancouver Bluewater Task Force to review current recreational policies and suggest improvements as an advisory committee.

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At 10:07 pm, it was

MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

THAT the rules be suspended in order to ask questions to staff.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, and Thomas Soulliere, Director, Recreation, responded to questions regarding the Park Board jurisdiction of beaches and swim zones.

AMENDMENT MOVED by Commissioner Evans
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

THAT the motion be amended by striking "establish the Vancouver Bluewater Task Force to review current recreational policies and suggest improvements as an advisory committee" and replacing the phrase with:

"explore *options* for the establishment of an expert group to make recommendations to improve and monitor water quality affecting Vancouver beaches and swimming areas."

LOST
(Commissioners Crawford, Coupar, Kirby-Yung, and Shum opposed)

The General Manager clarified the role of staff when Commissioners submit a motion.

POSTPONEMENT MOVED by Commissioner Evans
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

THAT the matter be deferred.

LOST
(Commissioners Crawford, Coupar, Kirby-Yung, Shum, opposed)

The postponement having lost, the main motion was put and LOST, with Commissioners Crawford, Coupar, Evans, Kirby-Yung, and Shum opposed.

2. Park Naming Committee for Trillium Lands

Commissioner Mackinnon introduced the following motion and, along with Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, responded to questions. The Board also had before it, a report dated August 27, 2007, titled "New Process for Naming Parks".

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon
SECONDED by Commissioner Wiebe

WHEREAS the park at the Trillium lands has not been named;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation convene a Neighbourhood Park Naming Committee as per Vancouver Park Board policy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

1. Zero Waste Water Bottle Policy

Commissioner Wiebe gave notice of the following motion.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. The Vancouver Park Board direct staff to develop a policy for Board consideration for the phase out of the sale of bottled water at all Park Board facilities, while respecting the current still water contract;
- B. The Vancouver Park Board direct staff to investigate increasing water fountains and filling stations at Park Board facilities and parks.

2. Vancouver Bluewater Task Force

Commissioner Wiebe gave notice of the following motion.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation establish the Vancouver Bluewater Task Force to review current recreational *water* policies and suggest improvements as an advisory committee.

Note from Clerk: This motion was subsequently withdrawn from the April 13, 2015 meeting agenda by the Mover.

ENQUIRIES

1. A Board member enquired about the recent Port fire and reports on the "stay indoors" instructions. The General Manager noted pros and cons were considered.
2. A Board member enquired about the section between Jellicoe Street and Lighthouse Way. Staff will investigate the Fraser River Park arrangement.
3. A Board member asked about the timeline for hiring the Director of VanDusen Garden. The General Manager provided a brief update.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon
SECONDED by Commissioner Wiebe

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board adjourned at 10:43 pm.

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