



**PARK BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING
MEETING MINUTES**

DECEMBER 14, 2015

A Regular Park Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, December 14, 2015, at 7:05 pm, at the Park Board Office.

PRESENT: Commissioner John Coupar
Commissioner Casey Crawford, Chair
Commissioner Catherine Evans
Commissioner Sarah Kirby-Yung
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/Manager Admin Services
Jessica Kulchyski, Recorder
Carol Lee, Meeting Clerk

ADOPTION OF MINUTES: Park Board Committee Meeting - November 16, 2015

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CHAIR'S REPORT

Monthly Report

Commissioner Coupar highlighted the following events and the participation by Park Board Commissioners:

- the national Jersey Day breakfast on November 20, 2016
- swearing in of the new Marpole-Oakridge Community Centre Board on November 24, 2015
- fieldhouse studio meet-up at the Roundhouse Community Centre on November 25, 2015
- opening of the Bright Nights Christmas Train in Stanley Park on November 26, 2015
- Champlain Heights Christmas tree decorating on November 29, 2015
- promotion of the Park Board's newest seasonal event, Enchanted Nights at the Bloedel Conservatory
- birthday celebration for the King of Thailand on December 1, 2015
- the launch of the 31st annual Festival of Lights at VanDusen Garden on December 1, 2015 and a donor reception on November 26, 2015

- December 10, 2015 celebration of the upcoming 125th anniversary of Brockton Oval and the Vancouver Rugby Festival in March 2016
- opening ceremony of a bicycling activity on December 11, 2015 to celebrate the King of Thailand's 88th birthday
- holiday celebration for the Chinese community policing volunteers on December 11, 2015.

Annual Report

Commissioner Coupar highlighted the progress in 2015 towards the four priority areas of the Vancouver Park Board's Strategic Plan:

- **Parks and Recreation for all**
 - successful roll-out of ActiveNet in August
 - launch of the Trans* inclusive awareness campaign
 - issuance of a Request for Proposal for the design and construction of the Southeast Vancouver Seniors Centre
 - FIFA Women's World Cup, held in Vancouver in the early summer
 - unveiling of the Shore to Shore sculpture at Brockton Point in Stanley Park by the artist, Coast Salish master carver Luke Marston
 - live streaming of Park Board meetings commenced early in the year
 - a heron web cam installed to provide a close up view of one of North America's largest urban colonies of Pacific great blue herons
 - establishment of a permanent home for the Vancouver paddling community at southeast False Creek
 - replacement of the station that was destroyed by fire in 2012, in time for the opening of the Bright Nights Christmas Train
 - replacement of the east dock in Vanier Park's boating facility
- **Leader in Greening**
 - launch of a water quality campaign designed to remind boaters, dog owners and beach goes to keep Vancouver's water clean
 - actions to educate the public and reduce water consumption at facilities when Metro Vancouver imposed Stage 3 water restrictions in July 2015
- **Engaging People**
 - the first in a series of community engagement events at the Marpole-Oakridge Community Centre to discuss how the Board could best support people over the age of 55 with recreation facilities, programs and services
 - participation in Doors Open Vancouver where 1,000 young trees were sold at greatly reduced prices to help residents grow the urban tree canopy
 - transformation of Hastings Park
 - 75th anniversary celebration of Queen Elizabeth Park
 - 40th anniversary celebration of VanDusen Botanical Garden
- **Excellence in Resource Management**
 - Marketing and Business Development Committee
 - laying the groundwork for a future Parks Foundation
 - assistance offered by the Park Board crew to clean up after the late August windstorm
 - temporary zipline operation in Queen Elizabeth Park

- improved park maintenance.

Commissioner Coupar recognized the efforts of Park Board staff in the achievements of the past year.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: Fish House Restaurant Contract Award

Gordon Barber, Manager of Revenue Services, Park Board, introduced Eli Brennan, Feast Neighbourhood Table Restaurant. Mr. Barber led the Committee in the review of a presentation and highlighted:

- the recommendation to award the contract to the operators of the Feast Neighbourhood Table Restaurant in West Vancouver
- background of the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the lease of the Fish House Restaurant
- the financial proposal.

Mr. Barber responded to questions from the Committee. Mr. Brennan provided information on the proposed restaurant concept.

MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve a 10-year sublease with one additional 10-year extension term for 0998323 BC Ltd. to operate the former Fish House restaurant site, with the following conditions:

- A. THAT the rent structure will be a Basic Minimum annual rent of \$180,000 and a Variable Rent at a tiered percentage of revenue rate as outlined in this report;
- B. THAT all 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 Board; and
- 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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. PRESENTATION: Urban Forest Strategy Update

Katherine Isaac, Planner II, Park Board, led the Committee in the review of a presentation providing an update on the Urban Forest Strategy action items and highlighted:

- the measurement taken in April 2014 found that the 18% of the City of Vancouver is covered by tree canopy
- the tree canopy has declined by 22.5% over the past two decades
- recommended actions to protect the existing urban tree canopy and to replant trees to regrow the tree canopy to 22%
- the 10 action items to protect, plant and maintain a healthy tree canopy cover
- the profile of urban heat in areas where there is a lack of street trees
- proposal to promote the sale of trees to the public
- next steps.

Ms. Isaac, along with Bill Stephens, Superintendent - Urban Forestry, Park Board, Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, and Howard Normann, Acting Director of Parks, Park Board, responded to questions from the Committee. Mr. Bromley advised that Wayne Maskall, of the Planning and Development Services department, would be providing a companion presentation regarding proposed Planning and Development Services by-law amendments at the December 15, 2015 Council meeting.

3. REPORT BACK: Flowering Cherry Tree Grove Plantings

Katherine Isaac, Planner II, Park Board, reviewed the report on the proposed flowering tree grove plantings.

Ms. Isaac, along with Bill Stephens, Superintendent - Urban Forestry, Park Board, responded to questions from the Committee.

The Committee heard from one speaker who spoke in favour of the recommendation. The speaker responded to questions from the Committee.

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Wiebe

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to proceed with the installation of flowering cherry tree groves in Balaclava Park, Beaconsfield Park, Callister Park, Earles Park, Queen Elizabeth Park and Slocan Park, with final tree locations and quantities subject to the park planning process and public consultation, and in adherence to the Urban Forest Strategy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. REPORT: TED2016 Evening Event at Olympic Village Square and Plaza

Octavio Silva, Manager of Business Services, Park Board, reviewed the report on the proposed private evening event in the Olympic Village Square and Plaza on February 17, 2016.

Mr. Silva, along with Dave Rieberger, Supervisory of Special Events, Park Board, and Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, responded to questions from the Committee.

The Committee requested that the event organizers be required to take all steps necessary to minimize the ambient noise impacts from the coaches and gas or diesel powered generators and to power wash the Olympic Village Square and Plaza following the event. The Committee

suggested that the coach parking be relocated to the paved centre section of First Avenue, from Manitoba Street east, which is currently under construction.

It was noted that if the 2016 event were successful, TED evening events at the Olympic Village Square and Plaza, of a similar size and scale, would be included in future annual calendars. Reporting back to the Park Board would be provided, upon request. The Committee requested that a follow-up report be provided following the inaugural 2016 event.

MOVED by Commissioner Shum
SECONDED by Commissioner Evans

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve a request from event organizer, PDW Inc., to host a private evening event in the Olympic Village Square & Plaza for TED2016, with capacity for 1,000 guests on February 17, 2016, from 9:00 pm to 11:00 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 8:57 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley
General Manager

Commissioner Casey Crawford
Chair