



REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 1, 2016

The Regular Park Board meeting was held on Monday, February 1, 2016, at 9:35 pm, at the Park Board Office.

**PRESENT:** Commissioner John Coupar  
Commissioner Casey Crawford  
Commissioner Catherine Evans  
Commissioner Sarah Kirby Yung, Chair  
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  
Carol Lee Meeting Clerk  
Jessica Kulchyski, Recorder

**IN CAMERA**

**1. February 22, 2016 Meeting**

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar  
SECONDED by Commissioner Crawford

THAT the Board will go into a meeting on February 22, 2016, which is closed to the public, pursuant to Section 165.2(1) of the *Vancouver Charter*, to discuss matters related to paragraphs:

- (g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the City or Park Board;
- (i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;
- (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. December 8, 2015 Special Board Meeting, December 14, 2015 Regular Board Meeting and January 11, 2016 Regular Board Meeting**

MOVED by Commissioner Evans

SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Park Board minutes of the December 8, 2015 Special meeting, December 14, 2015 Regular meeting and January 11, 2016 Regular meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

The Board was advised that there are no communications of note.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- 1. Report of the Park Board Committee - February 1, 2016**

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

1. REPORT: Biodiversity Strategy
2. REPORT: Vanier Park West Float and Launch Upgrade - Construction Contract Award.

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar

SECONDED by Commissioner Evans

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Park Board Committee at its meeting of February 1, 2016, as contained in items 1 and 2.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, reported that the Standing Committee on Finance and Services would be considering the East False Creek Stewardship Group Terms of Reference and recommended process at its upcoming meeting. The Park Board is a key stakeholder in the development of the park.

## NOTICE OF MOTIONS

### 1. Park Board Ice Rink Strategy

Commissioner Shum provided notice of the following motion:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation commit to the development of an Ice Rink Strategy for Vancouver and direct staff to report back, by the Fall of 2016, with a report that includes, but is not limited to, information on the current ice rink supply in Vancouver, the current and future demand for ice time, the challenges faced by various ice rink users and user groups, the potential for new ice rinks that could increase the supply of ice in the city as well as the potential for twinning existing ice rinks, along with any other information that would help to inform a Park Board Ice Rink Strategy.

### 2. Park Board Recognition of Dal Richards' Life and Legacy

Commissioner Coupar provided notice of the following motion:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation direct staff to identify and report back on Park Board assets that could represent opportunities to recognize Dal Richards' lifetime of contribution to Vancouver, working with the input of his family and any other appropriate stakeholders.

### 3. Marking National Flag of Canada Day 2017

Commissioner Coupar provided notice of the following motion:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Park Board staff be directed to report back to the Board with a report on the feasibility of locating a permanent flag pole on or next to the Bloedel Conservatory dome to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Confederation on National Flag of Canada Day on February 15, 2017, including a plan for a permanent marker and celebration on that day.

### 4. Creekside Park Delivery

Commissioner Kirby-Yung provided notice of the following motion:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation write to the Mayor and Council to urge that some or all of the Creekside Park Extension be delivered on an immediate basis in order to alleviate the critical shortage of available green space for residents in the Northeast False Creek area; and
- B. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation direct staff to prepare a communication plan outlining the timeline and process for the Creekside Park Extension development and the details of the public consultation process that will take place in advance of the delivery of the new park.

## 5. Serving our Seniors

Commissioner Kirby-Yung provided notice of the following motion:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation direct staff to develop a comprehensive strategy that addresses how seniors can be best served and supported by Park Board facilities, services, and programs across the city;
- B. THAT the strategy give broad consideration to different cultural groups;
- C. THAT the Park Board engage broad-based community stakeholders in the development of the strategy, such as seniors' associations, community centres, and the Seniors' Advisory Group;
- D. THAT the Park Board explore partnership opportunities that may be beneficial (such as with TransLink given that access and mobility can be key challenges); and
- E. THAT staff present a recommended strategy to the Board by the end September 2016.

## NEW BUISNESS

Commissioner Evans advised the Board that the Vancouver Public Library launched the Reading Lights program in mid-January 2016. Commissioner Evans distributed a map of the locations of the 20 Reading Lights plaques that have been installed on lampposts across the city. Additional information is available at <http://pwp.vpl.ca/readinglights/>.

The Board requested staff to provide details of the partnership between the Vancouver Public Library and the Park Board in the Reading Lights program.

## ENQUIRIES

1. A Board member enquired about the progress on the park protection motion that was passed unanimously by the last Board.
2. A Board member advised that staff has been requested to improve the lighting on the west side of the temporary dog park extension, which is located west of the Olympic Village, to address safety concerns.
3. A Board member enquired if a fresh planting of the bulbs and pollinator plants installed on the new green roof of the VanDusen Garden Visitor Centre could be undertaken to replace those plants that did not thrive.
4. A Board member questioned if the ability to make credit card payments at Park Board marinas could be reinstated.

5. A Board member enquired whether there is a Park Board policy regarding the placement of charity donation boxes in park spaces.
6. A Board member enquired about the fencing that has been placed by a construction company around a blackberry colony at the foot of Jellico Street, along the Fraser River Walkway.
7. A Board member advised that a tree that was removed from Oppenheimer Park is significant to the First Nations community who have requested the opportunity to provide input on the location and the ceremony associated with the planting of a replacement tree.
8. A Board member questioned whether the installation of fencing around the Mount Pleasant skateboard park is contrary to Park Board policy and if any remedial actions will be taken.
9. A Board member enquired if there has been a liaison identified for individuals who have expressed interest in being involved in the Fresh Concession Strategy.
10. A Board member enquired if the tennis courts at Clark Park could be repaved or the tennis lines repainted.
11. A Board member enquired if there is an opportunity to place an informational plaque about the original Hastings Mill site as part of the redevelopment of New Brighton Park. Mr. Bromley advised that an information plaque currently exists at that location.

#### ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Shum  
SECONDED by Commissioner Crawford

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board adjourned at 9:54 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley  
General Manager

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Commissioner Sarah Kirby-Yung  
Chair