



**PARK BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING
MEETING MINUTES**

FEBRUARY 1, 2016

A Regular Park Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, February 1, 2016, at 7:05 pm, at the Park Board Office.

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Park Board Committee Meeting - January 11, 2016

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Evans

THAT the Park Board Committee minutes of the January 11, 2016, meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CHAIRS REPORT

Commissioner Kirby-Yung highlighted the following events and the participation by Park Board Commissioners:

- 96th annual Polar Bear Swim on January 1, 2016 where over 2,300 people were registered to swim; the Park Board and Cactus Club Café raised funds and collected food for the Vancouver Food Bank
- Chinese Consulate spring festival celebration on January 15, 2016
- LocoMotoArt Open House celebrating local artists on January 15, 2016
- Canadian Dolphin Swim Club's 60th anniversary celebration on January 24, 2016
- VanDusen Botanical Garden 25 year civic service ceremony on January 26, 2016
- Vancouver City Planning Commission Panel Discussion on January 26, 2016
- Scotiabank Vancouver Canadians Hot Stove luncheon, in support of the Vancouver Canadians Baseball Foundation, on January 29, 2016; the Jays Care Foundation made a donation towards the Challenger Field at Hillcrest, which will be the first fully accessible baseball field in Canada
- Black History Month proclamation at City Hall on January 29, 2016

- The first of two open houses for the South False Creek Seawall improvement on January 29, 2016.

Commissioner Coupar announced that Ken Maguire, Supervisor of Business Services, Park Board, recently passed away unexpectedly and expressed condolences to Mr. Maguire's family on behalf of the Park Board.

The Board observed a moment of silence in memory of Mr. Maguire.

Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, introduced Leanne Martin, who has joined the Park Board as his Executive Assistant.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. REPORT: Biodiversity Strategy

Nick Page, Park Planner/Biologist, Park Board, led the Committee in the review of a presentation and highlighted:

- definition of biodiversity
- the importance of biodiversity
- threats to biodiversity in Vancouver
- recent successes in restoring biodiversity
- the Biodiversity Strategy
- the 10 priority actions in the Biodiversity Strategy.

Mr. Page, along with Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, Dave Hutch, Manager of Planning and Research, Park Board, and Tiina Mack, Manager of Park Development, Park Board, responded to questions from the Committee. The importance of working with City departments and Council to implement the Biodiversity Strategy was noted.

David Yule, Everett Crowley Park Committee, commented on the need for invasive species control and maintenance funding for Everett Crowley Park and the educational opportunities afforded by the park. Mr. Yule responded to questions from the Committee.

Patricia Thomson, Executive Director, Stanley Park Ecology Society, spoke in favour of the recommendation and noted the need for regular updates and monitoring of the Biodiversity Strategy. Ms. Thomson responded to questions from the Committee.

The Committee commented that adequate funding is required to ensure the successful implementation of the Biodiversity Strategy and its linkage to the Greenest City Action Plan.

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon
SECONDED by Commissioner Wiebe

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Board approve the Biodiversity Strategy to guide the Park Board's ongoing work to protect, enhance, and restore biodiversity throughout the park system; and

- B. THAT the Board direct Park Board staff to:
 - i. Implement the priority actions identified in the Strategy;
 - ii. Integrate the strategies and actions of the Strategy into upcoming park plans and other strategies including the Urban Forest Strategy; and
 - iii. Work with other city departments including Engineering and Planning to better support biodiversity across the city.

Amendment

MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT Item B iii be replaced with:

- iii. Work and partner with City of Vancouver departments, including Engineering and Planning, and appropriate Regional, Provincial and Federal authorities to better support biodiversity across the city.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Question was called on the Main Motion, as amended.

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recess

The meeting recessed at 9:00 pm and reconvened at 9:08 pm.

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

Tiina Mack, Manager of Park Development, Park Board, introduced Debra Barnes, Landscape Architect, Park Board. Ms. Mack reviewed the upgrades being proposed for the Vanier Park west float and launch and the recommended construction contract award.

Ms. Mack, along with Ms. Barnes and Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, responded to questions from the Committee.

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board enter into a CCDC 2 - Stipulated Price Contract (2008 edition) with JJM Construction Limited in the amount of \$698,500 plus GST, to be funded by the 2015-2018 Capital Plan, for the Vanier Park West Float and Launch Upgrade;

FURTHER THAT the contract be on the terms and conditions outlined in this report, and on such other terms and conditions as approved by the Vancouver Park Board, with Bid Committee and Chief Purchasing Official (CPO) concurrence;

AND FURTHER THAT upon approval of the contract by Vancouver Park Board, with Bid Committee and Chief Purchasing Official (CPO) concurrence, the General Manager of the Park Board be authorized to execute the contract on behalf of the Board;

AND FURTHER THAT no legal rights or obligations will be created by the Park Board's adoption of the above recommendations unless and until such contract is executed by the General Manager of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 9:29 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley
General Manager

Commissioner Casey Crawford
Chair