



**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



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.

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

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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 150th 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

Commissioner Sarah Kirby-Yung
Chair