



**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MEETING MINUTES**

APRIL 18, 2016

The Regular Park Board meeting was held on Monday, April 18, 2016, at 10:20 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
Cheryl Chan, Business Support Lead/Manager Admin Services
Carol Lee Meeting Clerk
Jessica Kulchyski, Recorder

IN CAMERA

1. May 2, 2016 Meeting

MOVED by Commissioner Crawford
SECONDED by Commissioner Evans

THAT the Board will go into a meeting on May 2, 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. Regular Board Meeting - March 7, 2016

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Shum

THAT the Park Board minutes of the March 7, 2016, meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNICATIONS

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

COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Report of the Park Board Committee - April 18, 2016

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

1. PRESENTATION: Tribute to Park Board Arborist Jody Taylor (1973 - 2016)
2. PRESENTATION: Bright Nights in Stanley Park Burn Fund
3. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: Creekside Paddling Centre Agreement
4. REPORT: Economic Access Policy and Leisure Access Program Update
5. REPORT: New Brighton Salt Marsh - Preferred Concept
6. REPORT REFERENCE: Park Board Public Consultation - Current Practices.

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar

SECONDED by Commissioner Wiebe

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Park Board Committee at its meeting of April 18, 2016, as contained in items 1 through 6.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

STAFF REPORTS

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, advised that Park Board Chair Sarah Kirby-Yung would be introducing the report on the Biodiversity Strategy that will be presented by Nick Page, Park Planner, Park Board to City Council on April 19, 2016. The Rainwater Management Plan and Green Infrastructure Strategy will also be presented at the City Council meeting.

The Park Board's 2015 Annual Financial Report will be considered at the April 20, 2016 Standing Committee on City Finance and Services.

Mr. Bromley recognized staff for their efforts in organizing the highly successful Park Board Tree Week from April 2 to 10, 2016.

MOTIONS ON NOTICE

1. Arbutus Greenway

The Chair announced that Commissioner Evans had consented to defer consideration of the motion to the May 2, 2016 Park Board meeting.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

1. Access to Park Board Services Without Fear

Commissioner Evans gave notice of the following motion:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation affirms that it is committed to respond to the diverse needs of people arriving and living in Vancouver, inviting their participation and engagement in the facilities and services under the jurisdiction of the Board of Parks and Recreation and providing welcoming and safe access to these facilities and services; and
- B. And that staff report back as soon as practicable to the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation with recommendations for a policy consistent with the spirit and objectives of the "Access to City Services without Fear for Residents with Uncertain or No Immigration Status Policy."

2. Water Conservation Measure

Commissioner Mackinnon gave notice of the following motion:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation ask the City of Vancouver to re-activate the VanDusen reservoir;
- B. AND FURTHER to work with the City to allow this captured water to be used to irrigate the VanDusen botanical collection at times of restricted use of water.

3. Zero Waste - Organic Infill Artificial Turf Fields

Commissioner Wiebe gave notice of the following motion:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation implement the use of organic materials instead of crumb rubber, on all new and replacement artificial turf fields in Vancouver effective immediately.

ENQUIRIES

1. In response to an enquiry from a Board Member with respect to dissemination of information on disaster hubs, Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board advised that some preliminary information had been provided to Commissioners. Mr. Bromley undertook to follow-up with further detailed information.
2. A Board Member requested details of the accident on the Stanley Park causeway that damaged approximately six posts and railing on the southwest section of the new guardrail. Mr. Bromley advised that he would follow up with the Vancouver Police Department to obtain details.

3. A Board Member questioned the current status of the 2014 Master Plan for Trout Lake and John Hendry Park.
4. A Board Member relayed an enquiry from community groups regarding the source of corporate sponsorship funds. Mr. Bromley agreed to provide a report.
5. A Board Member requested an update of the location and schedule for resurfacing tennis courts and whether there will be an opportunity for pickle ball lines to be painted on resurfaced tennis courts. Mr. Bromley advised that he would report back on the tennis court upgrade schedule and locations and would investigate the request to add lines for the increasingly popular activity of pickle ball.
6. A Board Member questioned the process for the decision to discontinue the Remarkable Women series that had been initiated by the Park Board. Mr. Bromley commented that the decision was made without his knowledge and he will be investigating the matter.
7. A Board Member suggested that stakeholders be invited to a walk-through of the new street soccer pitch located at Hastings Park. Mr. Bromley agreed to schedule this event.
8. A Board Member enquired with respect to the timing for reactivation of water fountains. Howard Normann, Director of Park Operations, Park Board, advised that this work is in progress and that he will report back on the expected date of completion.
9. A Board Member requested a report on the governance of Pigeon Park and the issues with access to water for cleaning Pigeon Park prior to the weekly street festivals. Mr. Bromley confirmed that Pigeon Park is a Park Board facility and offered to discuss the details of the water access issues with the Board Member.
10. A Board Member noted the recent loss of a valuable Park Board staff member to a City department. Mr. Bromley confirmed that the Park Board does hire and foster highly skilled employees who are much in demand throughout the City and while it is tough to lose them, he is proud of their accomplishments and wishes them well in their careers.
11. A Board Member enquired whether the Park Board was informed of the recent oil spill in False Creek. Mr. Bromley advised that the Park Board was informed by the City Manager's office of the diesel discharge. Park Board staff were advised that City staff were conducting shoreline inspections and there was no danger to the shoreline or beaches. Park Board staff were notified immediately of the discharge and were involved in the investigation.
12. In response to an enquiry from a Board Member, Mr. Normann provided an overview of the status of the WorkSafeBC investigations into the March 31, 2016 workplace fatality.
13. A Board Member requested an update on the timing for the consultation process on the Marpole Community Centre renewal. Mr. Bromley indicated a briefing on the topic would be scheduled shortly.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Evans

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board adjourned at 10:34 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley
General Manager

Commissioner Sarah Kirby-Yung
Chair