



**PARK BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING  
MEETING MINUTES**

**APRIL 18, 2016**

A Regular Park Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, April 18, 2016, at 7:08 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  
Cheryl Chan, Business Support Lead/Manager Admin Services  
Carol Lee, Meeting Clerk  
Jessica Kulchyski, Recorder

**Agenda Varied**

By consensus, the order of the Agenda was varied to consider the tribute to Park Arborist Jody Taylor prior to the adoption of the minutes.

**1. PRESENTATION: Tribute to Park Board Arborist Jody Taylor (1973-2016)**

Park Board Chair Sarah Kirby-Yung noted that this is the first Park Board meeting since the tragic death of arborist Jody Taylor while on the job in Connaught Park on March 31, 2016. On behalf of the Board and all staff, Park Board Chair Kirby-Yung expressed the deepest condolences to the family and colleagues of Jody Taylor. She spoke briefly about the work that Mr. Taylor performed as an arborist on the urban forest team, caring for the trees in parks, natural areas and streets of Vancouver.

A photo slideshow created by Park Board staff in tribute to Jody Taylor was viewed. Park Board Chair Kirby-Yung called for the observation of a moment of silence in memory of Jody Taylor.

Park Board Chair Kirby-Yung then noted that April 28 was designated the National Day of Mourning to remember those who lost their lives on the job. This year, the Park Board would be honouring Jody Taylor with a park bench dedication and commemorative tree planting. This memorial ceremony is scheduled to start at 4:00pm on the lawn beside the former Fish House Restaurant. Mr. Taylor's family and friends were invited to attend.

Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, presented a canvas wrap collage of some of Jody Taylor's photographs to his 10 year old daughter. The urban forest crew who were working with Mr. Taylor on the day of his death presented a memory book to his mother.

An original Jack Shadbolt lithograph called "Spirit Imploding" was donated to the Park Board in Mr. Taylor's honour. The donor asked to remain anonymous, simply offering the gift from "a grateful Vancouver family". A place of honour to display the artwork will be identified.

### **Recess**

The meeting recessed at 7:29 pm and reconvened at 7:40 pm.

### **Agenda Varied**

The order of the Agenda was now resumed.

## **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

### **1. Park Board Committee Meeting - March 7, 2016**

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon

SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

### **2. PRESENTATION: Bright Nights in Stanley Park Burn Fund**

Joan Probert, Supervisor of Commercial Operations, Park Board, introduced Ray Boucher, Co-Chair, Bright Nights Committee and Lisa Lacamell, Executive Director, BC Professional Fire Fighters Association Burn Fund.

Ms. Probert led the Committee in the review of a presentation providing an update on the Bright Nights in Stanley Park Burn Fund and highlighted:

- Funds raised by Bright Nights in Stanley Park since its inception
- Use of the funds raised.

On behalf of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation, Park Board Chair Sarah Kirby-Yung presented a cheque in the amount of \$149,855 to the BC Professional Fire Fighters Association Burn Fund.

### **3. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: Creekside Paddling Centre Agreement**

Gordon Barber, Commercial Operations, Park Board, introduced Wes Uyeyama, Supervisor of Recreation Services, Park Board.

Mr. Barber led the review of a presentation providing an overview of the Creekside Paddling Centre License Agreement report and highlighted:

- Background of the Creekside Paddling Centre
- The Canadian International Dragon Boat Festival Society (CIDFS) and the British Columbia Mobility Opportunities Society (BCMOS) will be the primary and secondary users of the Creekside Paddling Centre, respectively
- Terms of the proposed license agreement.

Mr. Barber, along with Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, and Mr. Uyeyama, responded to questions from the Committee. The need for public access to non-motorized boating facilities was noted and Mr. Bromley advised that the Park Board is developing a strategy to address this issue.

The Committee heard from three speakers who spoke in favour of the recommendation. The speakers responded to questions from the Committee.

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon  
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve a 5-year License with one 5-year less a day extension term for the Canadian International Dragon Boat Festival Society and a 5-year License with the British Columbia Mobility Opportunities Society to operate at the Creekside Paddling Centre with the following conditions:

- A. THAT the rent structure, operating costs responsibilities, and usage be 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, permission, 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

#### **4. REPORT: Economic Access Policy and Leisure Access Program Update**

Shawna Wilton, Acting Director of Recreation Services, Park Board, introduced Paul Czene, Recreation Coordinator, Park Board.

Mr. Czene led the review of a presentation providing an update on the Economic Access Policy and Leisure Access Program (LAP) and highlighted:

- Background of the Economic Access Policy and LAP
- Process changes that have been implemented to expedite LAP applications
- Amendments to the Economic Access Policy.

Mr. Czene, along with Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, and Ms. Wilton, responded to questions from the Committee. It was suggested that there be engagement with Community Centre Associations regarding the changes to the LAP.

MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung  
SECONDED by Commissioner Evans

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the proposed updates to the Economic Access Policy, as outlined in Appendix C of this report, to align with the current practices of the Leisure Access Program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **5. REPORT: New Brighton Salt Marsh - Preferred Concept**

Nick Page, Biologist/Park Planner, Park Board, led the review of a presentation regarding the preferred concept for the salt marsh at New Brighton Park and highlighted:

- Review of New Brighton Park
- Project description
- Partnership with the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority
- The concept plan and the salt marsh concept
- The development of the dog off-leash area option
- The public engagement process
- The project agreement, budget and schedule.

Mr. Page, along with Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, responded to questions from the Committee. Staff was requested to consider actions to mitigate the growth of invasive species in New Brighton Park.

MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung  
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the concept plan for the creation of an intertidal salt marsh, including related park improvements in New Brighton Park, developed in partnership with Vancouver Fraser Port Authority, as described in this report; and
- B. THAT a Project Agreement be finalized to the satisfaction of the General Manager of the Vancouver Park Board and the Director of Legal Services, and be executed prior the start of construction of the proposed park improvements.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon  
SECONDED by Commissioner Shum

THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation suspend the Park Board rules to extend the meeting to 11:00 pm.

DEFEATED  
(Commissioner Coupar opposed and Commissioner Kirby-Yung abstained)

The Committee was advised that a motion to extend a meeting must be unanimous in order to be carried.

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar  
SECONDED by Commissioner Evans

THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation suspend the Park Board rules to extend the meeting to 10:30 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **6. REPORT REFERENCE: Park Board Public Consultation - Current Practices**

Dave Hutch, Manager of Planning and Research, Park Board, introduced Maria Stanborough, Planner II, Park Board.

Ms. Stanborough led the Committee in the review of a presentation regarding the Park Board's current public consultation practices and highlighted:

- Public consultation practices
- Park Board formats for public consultation
- Examples of consultation practices utilized during public consultation events in 2015
- Opportunities for improvement
- Next steps

Ms. Stanborough, along with Mr. Hutch and Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, responded to questions and comments from the Committee. Staff confirmed that they would be facilitating feedback and input on opportunities for improvement from Commissioners outside of the Committee meeting.

The Committee adjourned at 10:18 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley  
General Manager

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Commissioner Casey Crawford  
Chair