



**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MEETING MINUTES**

MAY 30, 2016

The Regular Park Board meeting was held on Monday, May 30, 2016, at 8:20 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
Jessica Kulchyski, Recorder
Carol Lee, Meeting Clerk
Shawna Wilton, Deputy General Manager

IN CAMERA

1. June 13, 2016 Meeting

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Shum

THAT the Board will go into a meeting on June 13, 2016, which is closed to the public, pursuant to Section 165.2(1) of the *Vancouver Charter*, to discuss matters related to paragraphs:

- (a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the city or another position appointed by the city;
- (b) personal information about an identifiable individual who is being considered for an award or honour, or who has offered to provide a gift to the city on condition of anonymity;
- (g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the City or Park Board;
- (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
(Commissioner Evans absent from the vote; Commission Wiebe opposed)

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Regular Board Meeting - May 16, 2016

MOVED by Commissioner Crawford
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

THAT the Park Board minutes of the May 16, 2016, meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNICATIONS

The Board was advised that there were four emails received regarding the notice of motion regarding expediting new outdoor pools, three of which were in support and one opposed. The email correspondence has been inserted into the Commissioners' agenda binders.

COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Report of the Park Board Committee - May 30, 2016

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

1. REPORT: New Downtown Park at Smithe and Richards - Final Design Plan

MOVED by Commissioner Evans
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Park Board Committee at its meeting of May 30, 2016, as contained in item 1.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

STAFF REPORTS

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, reported that a number of Park Board events are scheduled for May 31, 2016:

- A media event is being planned to announce the new downtown park at the Smithe and Richards site
- A concession strategy focus group meeting at the Park Board office
- The first consultation dialogue session with the community centre associations.

Mr. Bromley announced that Shawna Wilton has been hired as the new Deputy General Manager, Park Board.

BY-LAWS

1. Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy By-Law

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation allow the new Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy By-law to be read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation allow the new Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy By-law be read a second and third time and be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTIONS ON NOTICE

1. Expediting New Outdoor Pools

Commissioner Coupar introduced the motion and commented on the need to expedite the construction of new outdoor pools to address the unmet demands of the citizens of Vancouver. Commissioner Coupar, along with Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, responded to questions from the Board. Mr. Bromley confirmed that reallocation of existing capital funding would require the approval of the Board.

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

WHEREAS:

1. Vancouver's parks, recreation, and cultural assets are prized by Vancouverites and visitors alike as some of the finest in the world;
2. Vancouver has one of the mildest climates in the country, a climate that is highly conducive to outdoor recreation facilities such as outdoor pools;
3. Compared to other major Canadian cities, Vancouver is dramatically underserved in terms of outdoor pool facilities, having the fewest number of outdoor pools of all major Canadian cities;
4. Montreal (population 3,824,211) has 74 outdoor pools, Toronto (population 2,791,140) has 57 outdoor pools, Winnipeg (population 699,346) has 10 outdoor pools, Ottawa (population 856,650) has 9 outdoor pools, Calgary (population

1,195,194) has 7 outdoor pools, Edmonton (population 835,000) has 5 outdoor pools, and Vancouver (population 680,000) has only 3 outdoor pools;

5. Demand for the services that Vancouver's pool facilities provide, such as swimming lessons, currently exceeds the supply of pool facilities; and
6. New outdoor pools would help to alleviate the shortage of facility space for such activities as swimming lessons and would also help to meet other important recreational needs for the city's residents.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation direct staff to explore quick start strategies, including the reallocation of existing capital funding, to expedite the construction of new outdoor pools in the City of Vancouver.

CARRIED

(Commissioner Evans opposed)

2. Barrier-Free BC

Commissioner Mackinnon introduced the motion and commented on the need for the Vancouver Park Board to formally support the Barrier-Free BC movement to ensure that all citizens are able to fully participate in their communities.

The Board consented unanimously to suspend the rules to allow Rob Sleath, Barrier-Free BC, to address the Board on the motion. Mr. Sleath spoke in support of the motion and responded to questions from the Board.

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon

SECONDED by Commissioner Crawford

WHEREAS:

1. British Columbians with disabilities encounter a variety of physical, sensory, and technological barriers, as well as ones related to communication, education, employment, attitudes, and many others on a daily basis;
2. The Federal Government of Canada is working toward the goal of enacting a "Canadians with Disabilities Act" that will require goods, services, and facilities which come under their jurisdiction to be accessible to all persons with disabilities;
3. A Canadians with Disabilities Act will only apply to goods, services, and facilities made available through Federal Ministries and federally funded programs with no ability to apply a similar requirement on goods, services or facilities made available through provincial governments or provincially regulated businesses;
4. On June 16, 2014, the Government of British Columbia launched a non-mandatory and non-legislated initiative entitled "Accessibility 2024", with the goal of making BC the most progressive province in Canada for people with disabilities by the year 2024; and

5. The Vancouver Park Board has been a leader in providing accessible and inclusive programming and facilities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Park Board formally support the Barrier-Free BC movement that calls upon BC's Legislative Assembly to enact a strong and effective British Columbians with Disabilities Act.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

1. Seeking Alternatives to Wading Pool Decommissioning

Commissioner Shum gave notice of motion on the following.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation direct staff to identify a wading pool location suitable for a pilot project to retrofit the pool with a salt water sanitization system and a custom safety cover and liner; and

FURTHER THAT this wading pool retrofit pilot project be operational for the summer 2017 wading pool season, with funds to be reallocated from existing capital funds earmarked for decommissioning wading pools.

2. Marpole-Oakridge Community Centre Renewal

Commissioner Kirby-Yung gave notice of motion on the following.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation move forward with consultation and planning for the renewal of the Marpole-Oakridge Community Centre on the existing site located at Oak Street and 59th Avenue at Oak Park;
- B. THAT in the planning process for the new Marpole-Oakridge Community Centre, the Park Board consider co-location or inclusion of a complementary service or services such as expansion of existing daycare, a seniors centre, synthetic field, lit track, rink or a pool as determined through the public consultation process;
- C. THAT the consultation and planning process for the Marpole-Oakridge Community Centre renewal be undertaken by the Park Board as soon as possible, and utilizing the allocated consultation funding in the 2016 Park Board budget; and
- D. THAT a timeline be completed and shared with the community and the goal of conducting consultation in 2016, design planning in 2017 and groundbreaking for a new Marpole-Oakridge Community Centre in 2018.

ENQUIRIES

1. A Board member enquired regarding the loss of long standing community events as a result of the implementation of the new online booking process. Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, undertook to investigate the issue.
2. A Board member requested an update on the previous request for public lockers to be installed at beaches in the summer of 2016. Mr. Bromley advised that he would follow up on this matter.
3. A Board member suggested that public communication be issued regarding the status of the fountain in Lost Lagoon.
4. A Board member enquired about the change of the location of the portable washroom in Mount Pleasant Park. Mr. Bromley advised that staff would investigate.
5. A Board member enquired regarding the bronze plaque on the Harry Jerome statue. Mr. Bromley advised that a temporary plaque has been installed while a new bronze plaque is being cast.
6. A Board member questioned if new palm trees had been planted at Sunset Beach and the role of palm trees in the urban strategy. Mr. Bromley noted that they may have been relocated but would follow-up with staff.
7. A Board member expressed concern regarding the cuts to the cleaning services at the Kerrisdale Community Centre following the transfer of responsibility for the service to the City. The General Manager advised that the Park Board is responsible for the maintenance of community centres and that he would investigate the matter.
8. A Board member suggested that bronze plaques be replaced with another material to deter metal thieves. Mr. Bromley reported that the use of alternative materials and different ways of affixing plaques are being considered.
9. A Board member questioned whether the Boaters Good Neighbour Campaign would be re-launched in 2016 to improve recreational water quality. Mr. Bromley undertook to follow-up on the matter.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 9:35 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley
General Manager

Commissioner Sarah Kirby-Yung
Chair