



REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 13, 2016

The Regular Park Board meeting was held on Monday, June 13, 2016, at 7:58 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

ABSENT: Commissioner Michael Wiebe (Leave of absence)

GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE: Malcolm Bromley, General Manager
Cheryl Chan, Business Support Lead/Manager Admin Services
Jessica Kulchyski, Recorder
Carol Lee, Meeting Clerk

IN CAMERA

1. June 27, 2016 Meeting

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Shum

THAT the Board will go into a meeting on June 27, 2016, which is closed to the public, pursuant to Section 165.2(1) of the *Vancouver Charter*, to discuss matters related to paragraph(s):

- (a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered as an officer, employee or agent of the city or another position appointed by the city;
- (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 - May 30, 2016

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Evans

THAT the Park Board minutes of the May 30, 2016 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNICATIONS

The Board was advised that there were numerous emails received supporting the retention of the Marpole-Oakridge Community Centre at its current location. There was also an email received in support of the notice of motion regarding alternatives to wading pool decommissioning. Copies of the correspondence have been distributed to Commissioners.

COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Report of the Park Board Committee - June 13, 2016

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

1. REPORT: Canuck Place Fundraising Event - Second Beach Pool
2. REPORT: Celebration of Light Festival - Extension of Sunsetter Bistro Operating Hours at Sunset Beach Park

MOVED by Commissioner Shum
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Park Board Committee at its meeting of June 13, 2016, as contained in items 1 and 2.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

STAFF REPORTS

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, reported on Park Board related items of interest at the June 14, 2016 Council meeting:

- Remembrance of Janette Anderson, an active member of the disability community, who passed away earlier in the month
- Official proclamation of Aboriginal Day
- Presentation of the Playland Redevelopment Plan

- Presentation of an administrative report on the Vancouver Community Sport Hosting Grants - 2016 Spring Intake.

The Commissioners indicated that they would like to be engaged in the planning for the Playland redevelopment. In response to a question, Mr. Bromley concurred with the opinion that his membership on the PNE Board of Directors is somewhat unusual given the Park Board's position regarding the redevelopment of the exhibition grounds, but to date, he has not experienced any conflicts between his responsibilities to the Park Board and the PNE Board of Directors.

MOTIONS ON NOTICE

1. Seeking Alternatives to Wading Pool Decommissioning

Commissioner Shum introduced the motion and noted Vancouver residents' support for pools and the benefit of undertaking a pilot project to retrofit wading pools with a low cost alternative to meet health regulations. Commissioner Shum, along with Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, responded to questions from the Board.

MOVED by Commissioner Shum

SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

WHEREAS:

1. The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation operates several concrete wading pools, mainly in neighbourhood parks;
2. Wading pools are a popular summertime recreational activity for young children and families;
3. Vancouver Coastal Health regulates and monitors recreational beaches during the swimming season and inspects and approves public and commercial pools throughout the year, including Park Board wading pools;
4. Among the key findings of the Park Board's 2011 Pool Assessment Study, it was noted that spray parks are preferable to wading pools due to health regulations;
5. For sanitary reasons, Park Board wading pools are drained and refilled each day during the summer months, placing a wasteful drain on the city's water supply at a time of year when the supply is at or approaching its lowest point;
6. Since 2001, the Park Board has decommissioned five wading pools and replaced them with water spray parks (Norquay Park in 2011, Prince-Edward Park in 2012, Pandora in 2015, Carnarvon in 2015 and Riley Park in 2016);
7. The Park Board has issued a Request for Proposals for Consultant Services (RFP No. PS20160504, issued on March 31, 2016) to develop a comprehensive Aquatic Services Strategy;

8. The scope of work and expected key outcomes referenced in the Aquatics Strategy Development RFP include recommendations for wading pool replacement and spray parks development or redevelopment;
9. Approximately \$400,000 has been allocated toward decommissioning wading pools in the Park Board's 2015 - 2018 Capital Plan;
10. The Aquatics Strategy Development RFP states that "innovative or novel approaches" to meeting the objectives and requirements of the Aquatic Services Strategy are welcomed; and
11. Saltwater pools use dissolved salt instead of chlorine tablets to cleanse and sanitize pool water on a continuous basis, potentially obviating the need to drain and replace the water in wading pools on a daily basis

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. 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
- B. 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.

Amendment to the Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Evans
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

THAT Item A be amended to:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation direct staff to report back to the Board by the end of summer of 2016 with wading pool locations suitable for a pilot project to retrofit the pool with a salt water sanitization system and a custom safety cover and liner; and

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Question on the Main Motion, as amended.

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- B. 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.

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At this point in the proceedings, Commissioner Kirby-Yung stepped down as Chair in order to introduce a motion and to participate in the discussion. Commissioner Shum, as Vice-Chair, assumed the chair.

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2. Marpole-Oakridge Community Centre Renewal

Commissioner Kirby-Yung introduced the motion and noted the need to undertake the consultation and planning process to renew the Marpole-Oakridge Community Centre at its current location, as soon as possible. Commissioner Kirby-Yung, along with Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, responded to questions from the Board.

MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

WHEREAS:

1. The Marpole-Oakridge Community Centre was built in 1949, is the oldest within the Park Board's network of community centre facilities and is long overdue for renewal. Renewal discussions have been taking place for sixteen years;
2. The Vancouver Park Board has a successful model for delivery of community centres in or adjacent to parks and green space that maximizes recreation and fitness opportunities, complementary uses and service delivery;
3. The present facility is adjacent to green space, baseball diamonds, soccer field and a children's water park;
4. Population growth, development and density increase in the Cambie corridor as well along Oak Street has been greater than anticipated. 75% of the growth is expected along the Cambie Corridor. There is also an additional Canada Line station at Cambie & 57th. The current centre is located in the middle of this rapidly growing community;
5. A 2011 feasibility study for a new community centre indicated Oak Park was the best location for a renewed facility; and
6. Past community consultation has indicated a clear preference for the Community Centre to remain on the existing Oak Park site

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 & 59th Avenue at Oak Park;
- B. THAT in the planning process for the new Marpole-Oakridge Community Centre, the Park Board considers 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, utilizing the allocated consultation funding in the 2016 Park Board budget; and
- D. THAT a timeline be completed and shared with the community with the goal of conducting consultation in 2016, design planning in 2017, and ground breaking for a new Marpole-Oakridge Community Centre in 2018.

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At 8:48 pm Commissioner Kirby-Yung resumed as Chair.

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NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Evans reported on the new instrument lending program instituted at the Vancouver Public Library and invited Commissioners to encourage donations of any new or gently used instruments.

ENQUIRIES

1. A Board member noted receiving communications from residents expressing concern regarding the garbage and unsafe conditions at Andy Livingstone Park and Emery Barnes Park. Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, advised that he is aware of the situation and that staff have focussed efforts on improving conditions in these parks. A meeting with some community stakeholders has been scheduled on June 14, 2016 to explore additional options.
2. A Board member enquired if the parking at Jericho Park could be extended to 11 pm to accommodate the Jericho Arts Centre show times. Mr. Bromley undertook to investigate if this change could be made.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 8:52 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley
General Manager

Commissioner Sarah Kirby-Yung
Chair