



**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MEETING MINUTES**

**JULY 25, 2016**

The Regular Park Board meeting was held on Monday, July 25, 2016, at 8:15 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  
Shauna Wilton, Deputy General Manager  
Cheryl Chan, Business Support Lead/Manager Admin Services  
Jessica Kulchyski, Recorder  
Carol Lee, Meeting Clerk

**IN CAMERA**

**1. September 2016 Meeting**

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar  
SECONDED by Commissioner Crawford

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

- (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the Council/Board considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the city;
- (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 Council/Board, could reasonably be expected to harm the interest of the city if they were held in public;

**CARRIED**  
(Commissioners Mackinnon and Wiebe opposed)

## **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

### **1. Regular Board Meeting - July 11, 2016**

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar  
SECONDED by Commissioner Evans

THAT the Park Board minutes of the July 11, 2016 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

The Board was advised that there was one letter of support received for each of the “Symphony in the Park” and “Doors Open Vancouver” motions. A letter was also received requesting a future opportunity to speak to the Board regarding the “False Creek - Anchoring-Free Waters for Non-Motorized Races” motion. Copies of the correspondence have been distributed to Commissioners.

## **COMMITTEE REPORT**

### **1. Report of the Park Board Committee - July 25, 2016**

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

1. REPORT: Hastings Community Park Baseball Field Naming
2. REPORT: Park Naming for Main and 18<sup>th</sup> and Yukon and 17<sup>th</sup> Park Sites
3. REPORT: Creekside and Andy Livingstone Playground Construction Awards.

MOVED by Commissioner Wiebe  
SECONDED by Commissioner Shum

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Park Board Committee at its meeting of July 25, 2016, as contained in items 1 through 3.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, reported on Park Board related items that will be considered at the July 26, 2016 Council meeting:

- Notice of motion submitted by Acting Mayor Louie and seconded by Mayor Robertson titled “Building a Seniors Centre in South Vancouver/Sunset Area”
- Presentation on the Grandview-Woodland Community Plan.

Mr. Bromley noted the August break for Commissioners and the Vancouver Pride Parade on July 31, 2016.

## STAFF REPORTS

### 1. REPORT REFERENCE: Expediting New Outdoor Pools

Dave Hutch, Manager, Research and Planning, Park Board, led the review of a presentation providing an update on the motion titled “Expediting New Outdoor Pools” that was passed by the Board on May 30, 2016 and highlighted:

- Aquatics planning context
- Project objective to explore the feasibility of expediting the delivery of outdoor pools through a “pop-up” pool for 2017
- Pop-up pool overview
- Examples of pop-up pools in Brooklyn, New York City and Detroit
- Examples of temporary competition pools used for the Rome VII FINA World Championships and the US Olympic Trials
- High-level estimates of the cost of installing pop-up pools of varying sizes
- Potential operation of the pop-up pools
- Target design criteria
- Draft location criteria
- Next steps and timeline.

Mr. Hutch, along with Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, responded to questions from the Board.

## MOTIONS ON NOTICE

### 1. Symphony in the Park

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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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Commissioner Kirby-Yung introduced the motion and commented on the opportunity for the Vancouver Park Board to partner with the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra to bring back live open-air concerts to Vancouver’s parks in 2017. Commissioner Kirby-Yung responded to questions from the Board.

MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung  
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

WHEREAS:

1. The power of live music and symphony can be transformative and create lasting and cherished memories;
2. The purpose of the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra (VSO) is to enrich and transform lives through music. The VSO fulfills this purpose by presenting passionate, high-quality performances of classical, popular and culturally diverse music, creating meaningful engagement with audiences of all ages and backgrounds wherever they perform and developing and delivering inspirational education and community programs;
3. The Vancouver Park Board's Arts Policy confirms the Board's mandate in the arts and recognizes the arts as a vital element in a vital, creative, and balanced city and seeks to actively facilitate participation in and access to the arts for all;
4. Further, the Board's Arts Policy Statements include the following key tenets:
  - i. Public Realm: "The Board provides a vibrant public realm and supports the experience of public art and cultural events in parks";
  - ii. Innovation and Tradition: "The Board values both innovation and tradition in the arts and takes measures to implement new and creative ventures as well as maintaining cultural and civic traditions"; and
  - iii. Partnerships: "The Board works with artists, arts organizations, and community partners to expand the opportunities for the experience of art in everyday life";
5. The VSO desires to hold a community concert in Summer 2017. There is opportunity for the Vancouver Park Board to partner with the VSO to bring live open-air concerts back to Vancouver's parks;
6. The VSO has a successful history of delivering outdoor concerts including in years past at VanDusen Gardens, and currently in Whistler in conjunction with the Resort Municipality of Whistler at the Whistler Olympic Plaza, and in Burnaby in conjunction with the City of Burnaby for the annual free Symphony in the Park concert at Deer Lake Park;
7. The ability to deliver free public events of this caliber requires multiple partners and support; and
8. In 2017, Canada will mark the 150th anniversary of Confederation providing opportunity to celebrate Canada's heritage and diversity through music.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation collaborate with the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra to deliver an open air Symphony in the Park free concert for Vancouverites in the Summer of 2017 at Vancouver's iconic Sunset Beach;
- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve a contribution of up to \$50,000 from the Corporate Sponsorship Fund toward the Summer 2017 free public concert; and
- C. THAT the Vancouver Park Board work with the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra with the goal of helping Symphony in the Park become a sustainable ongoing annual Summer event for all Vancouverites to enjoy. Such assistance to include introductions to other park based events such as the Celebration of Light or Vancouver Pride to explore opportunities such as sharing of staging and infrastructure, as well as promotional and logistical support at the discretion of the General Manager.

Amendment to the Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon  
SECONDED by Commissioner Wiebe

THAT Item A be amended to:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation collaborate with the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra to deliver an open air Symphony in the Park free concert for Vancouverites in the Summer of 2017 at Vancouver's iconic Sunset Beach or an alternate suitable location;

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Question on the Main Motion, as Amended

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infrastructure, as well as promotional and logistical support at the discretion of the General Manager.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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At 9:20 pm Commissioner Kirby-Yung resumed as Chair.

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## 2. Doors Open Vancouver - Promoting Women's Roles as Creators and Champions

Commissioner Evans introduced the motion and commented on the opportunity for the Vancouver Park Board to continue to uphold and celebrate the role of women as city-builders through facilitating the Doors Open Vancouver 2017 event. Commissioner Evans responded to questions from the Board.

MOVED by Commissioner Evans

SECONDED by Commissioner Wiebe

### WHEREAS:

1. The Remarkable Women series was a much loved and anticipated celebration of many of the amazing women who made significant contributions to arts, culture, sports and community life in our city;
2. Vancouver's Board of Parks and Recreation ran the Remarkable Women's series from 2008 through 2014;
3. The Remarkable Women series helped to inform and educate residents and visitors about women in Vancouver whose contributions while significant, were not always widely known;
4. It is especially important for girls and young women to learn about women's roles as creators and champions and through that knowledge gain the confidence they need to become creators and champions themselves;
5. While the Remarkable Women series was discontinued in 2015, there is still a great need to tell stories about the way women have shaped the city and region's development including its network of parks, marinas, golf courses, and recreation facilities, programs, and activities;
6. Doors Open Vancouver is a fairly new one-day event inviting residents into a behind the scenes look at civic facilities and buildings across the city;
7. In 2015, Doors Open Vancouver took residents on tours through 18 civic sites, including the following Park Board sites: the Park Board Administration Office,

the Stanley Park Miniature Train, Creekside Community Centre, and Roundhouse Community Arts and Recreation Centre;

8. Planning is currently underway for a Doors Open Vancouver event to be held in 2017; and
9. The Women's Advisory Committee of Vancouver has identified Doors Open Vancouver as an opportunity for the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation to continue to uphold and celebrate the role of women as city-builders through featuring stories and information about the many amazing women who helped to develop and create the great network of parks and recreation facilities we know today.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT all Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation sites taking part in Doors Open Vancouver 2017 ensure that when providing behind the scenes access and tours, the role of women in the history and development of Vancouver's parks and recreation system is highlighted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **3. False Creek - Anchoring-Free Waters for Non-Motorized Races**

Commissioner Mackinnon introduced the motion and commented on the need to investigate the possibility of creating a designated False Creek anchorage and anchorage-free area in order to conduct water based non-motorized races. Commissioner Mackinnon responded to questions from the Board.

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon  
SECONDED by Commissioner Wiebe

WHEREAS:

1. Recently some paddlers in the qualifying regatta for this summer's Vancouver Dragon Boat Festival in False Creek were hindered by anchored vessels in the race area;
2. Both races and practices in the past have also been hindered by anchored boats in the race area;
3. Anchored vessel owners are often not with the vessel, some have incomplete contact information, and some simply refuse to move;
4. Some of the vessels contribute significantly to the ongoing e-coli problem through the dumping of raw sewage;
5. False Creek is under the direction of Transport Canada, managed by the City of Vancouver;
6. Vessels can be anchored for up to 14 days using a free City of Vancouver permit;

7. The Concord Pacific Vancouver Dragon Boat Festival is expected to attract 5,500 paddlers from around the world and generate considerable tourism dollars to Vancouver each year; and
8. The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation has supported the paddling community including by building a new dock and storage facility in False Creek.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation direct staff to work with the Federal Ministry of Transport and the City of Vancouver to investigate and provide a report before spring 2017 on the possibility of creating a designated False Creek moorage and moorage-free area, in order to conduct water based non-motorized races, while taking into account the possible impacts to the surrounding residential neighbourhoods.

Amendment to the Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon  
SECONDED by Commissioner Shum

THAT the Motion be amended to:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation direct staff to work with the Federal Ministry of Transport and the City of Vancouver to investigate and provide a report before spring 2017 on the possibility of creating a designated False Creek anchorage and anchorage-free area, in order to conduct water based non-motorized races, while taking into account the possible impacts to the surrounding residential neighbourhoods.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### **Motion to Suspend Rules**

MOVED by Commissioner Wiebe  
SECONDED by Commissioner Evans

THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation suspend the Park Board rules to allow the meeting to continue beyond 10:00 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

During discussion, the Board agreed to several friendly amendments to the amended Main Motion.

Question on the Main Motion, as Amended

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation direct staff to work with the Federal Ministry of Transport and the City of Vancouver to investigate and provide a report before spring 2017 on the possibility of creating a designated False Creek anchorage and anchorage-free area, in order to conduct water

based non-motorized races, and support leisure paddling and related recreational water activities, while taking into account the possible impacts to the surrounding residential neighbourhoods and boating community.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## NOTICE OF MOTIONS

### 1. Seniors Centre to Serve the Sunset Community in Southeast Vancouver

Commissioner Shum gave notice of the following motion:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. The Vancouver Park Board direct staff to investigate potential site options appropriate for the development of a seniors' centre nearby or adjacent to the current Sunset Community Centre, taking into consideration the existing Sunset Community Centre Master Plan. Staff are directed to report back with information and recommendations by January 2017;
- B. That staff explore a funding model similar to the South East Vancouver Seniors' Centre. The Park Board's capital contribution to this project is to be the allocation of park land within the vicinity of the Sunset Community Centre. No funds committed or earmarked to Park Board projects in the 2016-2018 capital budget are to be redirected to this proposed project. Furthermore, staff are to consult with the City of Vancouver, Provincial Government and Federal Government to explore potential funding sources for a Seniors Centre in the Sunset Neighborhood Area; and
- C. The Vancouver Park Board direct staff to consult with the City of Vancouver Seniors Advisory Committee, Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee, the Sunset and South Vancouver community, including the Seniors Hub, The Southeast Vancouver Seniors' Arts and Cultural Society (SVSAC), the Sunset Community Centre Association, the Khalsa Diwan Society and Seniors Committee, as well as other affiliated seniors groups and stakeholders throughout the process including the governance model, planning and design.

### 2. Vancouver Park Board Youth Ranger Program

Commissioner Crawford gave notice of the following motion:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation direct staff to investigate the creation of a Park Board Youth Ranger Program with the aim of allowing youth to participate in a variety of Park Board learning modules to encourage environmental responsibility, sustainability, civic leadership, and community engagement; and

- B. THAT staff be directed to report back to the Board by December 12, 2016, with recommendations on how to proceed with Implementation of a Youth Ranger Program; and
- C. FURTHER THAT the Park Board Youth Ranger Program be implemented as a pilot for the summer season 2017.

### 3. Serving Seniors in South Vancouver Sunset

Commissioner Evans gave notice of the following motion:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation collaborate with Vancouver City Council to support the development of a new seniors' centre in the South Vancouver Sunset area including, but not limited to, situating a future centre on accessible park land.

### NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Wiebe advised of the opportunity to work with the Vancouver Dirt Jump Coalition and the "Pro Bike/Pro Walk/Pro Place" conference that will be held in September 2016 to create a legacy project at the Vanier Park dirt bike jump track. Staff was requested to work with the Vancouver Dirt Jump Coalition representatives who constructed the jump track at Empire Fields to determine the viability of a small renovation.

The proposed renovation would include the installation of a small box to retain tools used to maintain the dirt bike jump track on site and improving the drainage and sight lines at the entry to the park. There are many volunteers who have expressed an interest in assisting in the removal of the invasive plants at the park.

Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, invited the organizers to contact the Park Board with their request.

### ENQUIRIES

1. A Board member reminded Commissioners to speak directly into the microphone to improve the clarity of the recording of the meeting. Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, advised that staff would investigate replacement of the microphones, as the length of the current model makes it difficult for Commissioners to speak directly into the microphones.
2. A Board member questioned the anticipated timing for the resolution of the issue at Kitsilano Park in order to allow the fencing at the corner of Balsam Street and Cornwall Avenue to be removed. Mr. Bromley undertook to investigate with staff and report back to the Board regarding recent communications with the cyclist and pedestrian communities with respect to the conflict over the use of the green space.
3. A Board member enquired regarding the City's schedule for building the daycare adjacent to Riverfront Park and whether Park Board staff will be provided with keys to access the washrooms that will be built. Mr. Bromley advised that he will make

- enquiries regarding the construction schedule and will share the Board member's thoughts regarding programming and access.
4. A Board member requested a status report on the capital plan for the Hastings Community Centre and the Hastings Park Master Plan. Mr. Bromley advised that the responsibility for the project management of the Hastings Park Master Plan resides with the Pacific National Exhibition (PNE).
  5. A Board member requested that the comments provided by the Park Board to the City regarding the Port of Vancouver's proposed Centerm expansion project be shared with the Commissioners. Mr. Bromley undertook to speak to the Board member directly to clarify the correspondence being requested.
  6. A Board member questioned whether a shadow permitting process for the proposed Centerm expansion project being undertaken. Mr. Bromley undertook to review this matter with Dave Hutch, Manager, Research and Planning, Park Board and report back to the Board.
  7. A Board member questioned if the Park Board had received the third party water quality tests conducted at Crab Park following the fire at the Port of Vancouver. Mr. Bromley advised that he would contact Engineering Department and Fire Department partners to ascertain if this information is available.
  8. A Board member requested the identification of a Park Board contact for individuals wishing to identify an appropriate location for a mural contest. Mr. Bromley suggested that the Vancouver Mural Festival organizers contact Jill Weaving, Coordinator of Arts, Culture and Engagement, Park Board.
  9. A Board member questioned if the black tarp at the Mount Pleasant Skateboard Park is intended to be the permanent soundproofing solution. Mr. Bromley advised that the black tarp is a component of the soundproofing solution. The Park Board had undertaken to monitor problems arising from the installation of the black tarp and to make adjustments, if necessary.
  10. A Board member enquired whether the Jonathan Rogers Skateboard Park would be replaced. Mr. Bromley advised that the Park Board had agreed that if the Mount Pleasant Skateboard Park were removed, it would be replaced with Jonathan Rogers Skateboard Park. The Board had directed staff to investigate solutions, such as tarps, trees and other soundproofing measures, to avoid the necessity of removing the Mount Pleasant Skateboard Park.
  11. A Board member requested that staff contact a representative of BC Waterbikes to provide information on the requirements to obtain an operating permit in Park Board parks. Octavio Silva, Acting Director of Business Services, Park Board advised that BC Waterbikes had initially been misinformed of the permitting requirements and undertook to follow up with the operator.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Kirby-Yung noted that this is the last meeting before the summer recess and thanked the Commissioners for their work to date and staff for their efforts in supporting the Park Board in conducting their meetings.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 10:15 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley  
General Manager

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Commissioner Sarah Kirby-Yung  
Chair