



REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 19, 2016

The Regular Park Board meeting was held on Monday, September 19, 2016, at 9:14 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

**IN CAMERA**

**1. October 3, 2016 Meeting**

MOVED by Commissioner Shum  
SECONDED by Commissioner Crawford

THAT the Board will go into a meeting on October 3, 2016, which is closed to the public, pursuant to Section 165.2(1) of the *Vancouver Charter*, to discuss matters related to paragraph(s):

- (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 - July 25, 2016

MOVED by Commissioner Wiebe

SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Park Board minutes of the July 25, 2016 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## COMMUNICATIONS

The Board was advised that there was no correspondence of note.

## COMMITTEE REPORT

### 1. Report of the Park Board Committee - September 19, 2016

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

#### 1. REPORT: Public Bike Share Stations in Parks

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 September 19, 2016, as contained in item 1.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## STAFF REPORTS

### GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, reported that an administrative report titled "Making the City of Vancouver a Living Wage Employer would be considered at the September 20, 2016 Council meeting

Mr. Bromley further noted:

- The September 24, 2016 workshop with Community Centre Associations on the Joint Operating Agreement
- Tree sale on October 1 and 2, 2016 at the Hillcrest Community Centre (trees can be ordered online at [vancouver.ca/tree-sale](http://vancouver.ca/tree-sale))
- New Director of Recreation, Donna-Lynn Rosa, will be commencing employment on September 26, 2016.

## MOTIONS ON NOTICE

### Motion to Vary the Agenda

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar

SECONDED by Commissioner Wiebe

THAT the Board varies the agenda to consider Item 3 prior to Item 2.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Commissioner Shum introduced the motion and commented on the need to provide service to the seniors residing in south Vancouver. Commissioner Shum responded to questions from the Board and confirmed that the intention of the motion is to restrict potential site options for the development of a seniors' centre to lands under the jurisdiction of the Park Board.

Commissioner Kirby-Yung distributed a letter from the Honourable Harjit Sajjan, Member of Parliament Vancouver South, supporting a seniors' centre at the Sunset Community Centre.

MOVED by Commissioner Shum

SECONDED by Commissioner Evans

#### WHEREAS:

1. Over 28,000 seniors' live in south Vancouver and numbers are expected to increase as the growing population continues to age;
2. Although the long awaited South East Vancouver Seniors Centre is expected to be completed in 2018, there is an overwhelming need for seniors' facilities to provide recreation, programming and resources for seniors in Vancouver;
3. All levels of government contributed to the South East Vancouver's Seniors Centre; the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation allocated land next to the Killarney Community Centre and the successful financial model included matched contributions of \$2.5 million each, from federal and provincial governments and the City of Vancouver;
4. The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation has a mandate to provide, preserve and advocate for parks and recreation to benefit all people, communities and the environment;
5. The Sunset area is served by the Sunset Community Centre that was re-built and opened on December 17, 2007; there are concerns the centre was underbuilt and cannot meet the high demands for programmable space, especially for seniors and a growing population;
6. The Sunset Community Centre is centrally located in the Sunset Area and is near transit; there are currently 13 seniors centres in Vancouver and only one

of these centres is located in East Vancouver; Vancouver Park Board staff have indicated the need for recreation facilities for seniors, especially on the east side of Vancouver;

7. Kerrisdale Seniors Centre and the soon to be developed Killarney Seniors Centre are both connected to Community Centres; staff have indicated this to be a successful model; and
8. At the July 12, 2016 Vancouver City Council Meeting, a notice of motion was called entitled "Building a Seniors' Centre in South Vancouver/ Sunset Area"; this motion calls for staff to explore funding models, governance models, design, site selection and consultation with the Sunset Community with the goal of developing a new seniors centre in the sunset area.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT 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 Southeast 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. THAT 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, and on the governance model, planning and design.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### Agenda Varied

In accordance with the Motion to Vary the Agenda, the order of the Agenda was varied to now consider Item 3.

### 3 Serving Seniors in South Vancouver Sunset

Commissioner Evans withdrew the notice of motion provided at the July 25, 2016 Park Board Meeting.

## Agenda Varied

The order of the Agenda was now resumed.

### 2. A Vancouver Park Board Youth Ranger Program

Commissioner Crawford introduced the motion and commented on the proposal to create a Youth Ranger Program to educate, involve and inspire youth in Vancouver. Commissioner Crawford responded to questions from the Board.

### Motion to Suspend Rules

MOVED by Commissioner Crawford  
SECONDED by Commissioner Wiebe

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

MOVED by Commissioner Crawford  
SECONDED by Commissioner Wiebe

### WHEREAS:

1. Engaging Vancouver youth and encouraging their civic involvement is an objective supported by and valued by the citizens of Vancouver and by the Vancouver Board of Parks Recreation;
2. The City of Vancouver's youth strategy seeks to ensure that youth have a place in our city, that they have a voice in decision-making, and that they and their contributions are seen as a resource to the city;
3. The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation supports the establishment of initiatives, structures, and strategies within the city of Vancouver to promote youth outreach and civic engagement;
4. Vancouver youth are looking for opportunities to learn more about potential careers and to explore opportunities to volunteer and participate in their community;
5. Within the facilities and responsibilities of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation, there is a unique range of experiences that could provide our youth civic engagement opportunities - recreation and sport, horticulture, park rangers, park maintenance, planning and development, community centres;
6. The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation existing Community Youth Worker program, in partnership with our community centres, plans, organizes and

operates many programs for youth across the city that could benefit from additional opportunities to enhance and build upon the programs;

7. The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation engages with a variety of community partners who deliver youth programs. These community partners may be interested in assisting with the development and delivery of a Youth Ranger Program; and
8. There is an opportunity to build community connections - particularly connections to youth - by creating Park Board programs that are engaging and educational for youth while also allowing them to develop lifelong interpersonal and career skills.

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, including consideration of a pilot for the summer season 2017.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## NOTICE OF MOTIONS

### 1. Building a New Track and Field Facility in Vancouver

Commissioner Crawford gave notice of motion on the following:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation direct staff to investigate the opportunity to construct a new competitive track and field facility in Vancouver with options relating to the costing, Park Board capital budget resources available for the project and additional potential funding sources including matching funding from the Provincial and Federal governments;
- B. THAT staff investigate the options for potential site locations within the City; and
- C. BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED THAT the Board directs staff to work with the sport community in Vancouver, including but not limited to, track and field clubs, the Vancouver Sport Network and the Vancouver Field Sport Federation for their consultation and input, and report back to the Board with recommendations at the earliest opportunity.

## 2. Seniors Fitness in Parks

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation direct staff to review potential opportunities to install senior friendly fitness equipment in Vancouver parks;
- B. THAT staff give consideration to engaging stakeholders such as seniors' associations, community centre associations, Seniors' Advisory Committee, and Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee as may be beneficial; and
- C. THAT staff report back to the Board with options for installation of such equipment, including giving due consideration to an initial pilot installation at Memorial Park South.

## NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Coupar requested that a leave of absence be granted from the October 3, 2016 Regular Park Board meeting.

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar

SECONDED by Commissioner Wiebe

THAT the Vancouver Park Board grant a leave of absence to Commissioner Coupar for the October 3, 2016 meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## ENQUIRIES

1. A Board Member questioned if there is a plan to maintain the traffic median on Knight Street, from 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue south to the Knight Street Bridge. It was noted that there are gaps occurring in many centre medians, where plant material has been replaced with bark mulch. Howard Normann, Director of Park Operations, Park Board, advised that the Park Board is working with the City of Vancouver Engineering Department to develop a maintenance plan for the Knight Street medians that will accommodate the heavy truck traffic destined to the Port of Vancouver. The medians on Granville and Park Streets have not been maintained during the construction work in the vicinity of the Arthur Laing Bridge but will recommence in the fall of 2016. Park Board staff continues to work closely with the City to find optimal times to maintain the traffic medians throughout the city.
2. A Board Member advised that the shipping containers have now been removed from the grass area east of Ontario Street, between the Olympic Village and Science World and questioned if the surface area will be rehabilitated. Mr. Normann advised that rehabilitation work is scheduled for October 2016.

3. A Board Member requested a progress report regarding the removal of invasive plants.
4. A Board Member requested a report on efforts to develop an effective, permanent solution to the maintenance of the Marker of Change, the Women's Monument in Thornton Park. Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, agreed to provide a report.
5. A Board Member noted that, due to budget cuts, there are flowerbeds throughout the city that are no longer being planted with annuals in the spring. It was requested that alternate plantings be considered to maintain the appearance of the flowerbeds.
6. A Board Member requested a status report on the development of the Access Without Fear policy. Mr. Bromley advised that a report is scheduled to be submitted to the Board for consideration by end of the year and undertook to advise the Board Member of the anticipated meeting date.
7. A Board Member suggested that a proactive approach be taken, such as the placement of signs, advising the public to call 311 if there are park areas where pick up of large amounts of waste material is required. Mr. Bromley advised that Park Board and City staff are working together on an ongoing basis to address the issue.
8. A Board Member questioned whether there is public consultation in progress regarding cycling routes at Kits Point. Mr. Bromley advised that staff research, rather than public consultation, is underway and undertook to clarify the nature of the communication with the public.
9. A Board member questioned the anticipated timing of the information report, which was requested earlier in the year, on the impact of the Park Board paying a living wage to concession operators and other third-party contractors, with which the Park Board has agreements. Mr. Bromley advised that Park Board and City staff are working on the analysis of the impact of a living wage policy. It is anticipated that the report would be considered by Council and forwarded to the Park Board for consideration by year-end.
10. A Board member questioned how to raise public awareness of the many beautiful horticultural arrangements in parks. It was suggested that social media could be used as an effective communications tool.



## ADJOURNMENT

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