



**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MEETING MINUTES**

**OCTOBER 3, 2016**

The Regular Park Board meeting was held on Monday, October 3, 2016, at 7:45 pm, at the Park Board Office.

**PRESENT:** Commissioner Casey Crawford  
Commissioner Catherine Evans  
Commissioner Sarah Kirby Yung, Chair  
Commissioner Stuart Mackinnon  
Commissioner Erin Shum, Vice-Chair  
Commissioner Michael Wiebe

**ABSENT:** Commissioner John Coupar (Leave of Absence)

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

**IN CAMERA**

**1. October 24, 2016 Meeting**

MOVED by Commissioner Shum  
SECONDED by Commissioner Evans

THAT the Board will go into a meeting on October 24, 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 considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the city;
- (g) litigation or potential litigation affecting 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 Board, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the City and Park Board if they were held in public.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**  
(Commissioner Crawford absent from the vote)

## **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

### **1. Regular Board Meeting - September 19, 2016**

MOVED by Commissioner Wiebe  
SECONDED by Commissioner Shum

THAT the Park Board minutes of the September 19, 2016 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

The Board was advised that there was one letter of support received for the “Seniors Fitness in Parks” motion. Copies of the correspondence have been distributed to Commissioners.

## **COMMITTEE REPORT**

### **1. Report of the Park Board Committee - October 3, 2016**

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

#### **1. REPORT: “Uninterrupted” Cinematic Project - Special Event**

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 October 3, 2016, as contained in item 1.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT**

Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, reported on Park Board related items that would be considered at the October 5, 2016 Standing Committee of Council on Policy and Strategic Priorities:

- A presentation on the Northeast False Creek Area Plan Update by Kevin McNaney, Director, Northeast False Creek Project Office
- Proclamation and presentation for Homeless Action Week by Housing Policy staff.

Mr. Bromley further noted:

- Donna-Lynn Rosa has joined the Park Board as the New Director of Recreation
- The success of the tree sale over the weekend, where approximately 2,500 trees were sold to the residents of Vancouver.

## **MOTIONS ON NOTICE**

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

Commissioner Crawford introduced the motion and commented on the need for a competitive track and field facility in Vancouver. Commissioner Crawford, along with Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, responded to questions from the Board.

MOVED by Commissioner Crawford

SECONDED by Commissioner Wiebe

#### **WHEREAS:**

1. The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation is committed to supporting sport and active play in our communities;
2. A key direction in the current Park Board strategic plan is to develop additional resources to deliver best value for money and meet community need;
3. The strategic plan also identifies the requirement to deliver relevant services that meet the needs of our communities now and in the future;
4. The demand for sport facilities in the City of Vancouver is ever increasing and many facilities are utilized beyond expectations;
5. While there are growth pressures for sport-specific facilities across many disciplines, Park Board staff have worked with user groups to recognize there is a need for a competitive track and field facility to be located in Vancouver;
6. Recognizing the need, the Park Board has allocated funding for a new track and field facility in the previous and current capital plan;
7. Sport hosting in the City of Vancouver has also identified the opportunity that a competitive facility could provide in bringing more competitions to Vancouver that challenge and inspire our athletes; and
8. Many community organizations have expressed an interest in seeing a new facility, and there is an opportunity to build connections with partners that could assist in funding a new track and field facility.

#### **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 RESOLVED 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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 2. Seniors Fitness in Parks

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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 need for senior friendly fitness equipment to be installed in Vancouver parks. Commissioner Kirby-Yung, along with Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, responded to questions from the Board. Mr. Bromley offered to provide an inventory of senior friendly fitness equipment installed in other Vancouver parks, at a future meeting.

MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung  
SECONDED by Commissioner Evans

WHEREAS:

- 1. The Vancouver Park Board has a mandate to provide recreational services that are inclusive and welcoming to all;
- 2. Seniors are a growing demographic in the City of Vancouver;
- 3. The Park Board has been taking steps towards expanding services to seniors including the build of the new Killarney Seniors Centre, hosting a Community Dialogue engagement session, and Board direction to develop a comprehensive strategy that addresses how seniors can be best served and supported by Park Board facilities and programming;

4. By 2041, Vancouver's population aged 65-74 is expected to increase by 74% and age 75 plus by 105%;
5. The Park Board needs to adapt programming and facilities design in concert with changing demography in Vancouver;
6. Memorial Park South has an active group of cross-cultural seniors that gather daily for fitness and exercise in the park; and
7. There is a call from the community to add senior suitable exercise equipment in Memorial Park South; a petition with excess of 1,500 resident signatures has been received.

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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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At 8:16 pm Commissioner Kirby-Yung resumed as Chair.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Release of In Camera Decisions**

Chair Kirby-Yung reported on actions taken by the Park Board at the September 19, 2016 In Camera meeting:

**1. Park Naming Committee Ad Hoc Member Appointments**

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board appoint the following Park Naming Committee ad hoc members for the naming of the park opened at Main Street and 18th Avenue in 2013, and for the new park opening at Yukon Street and 17th Avenue:
  - Lynn Warwick
  - Jim Boothroyd;

- B. THAT the terms of these ad hoc appointments be for the duration of the local park naming process only; and
  - C. THAT these appointments be made public once staff have notified the individuals listed above.
2. Parks and Recreation Master Plan - Contract Award
- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board authorize staff to negotiate to the satisfaction of the Park Board's General Manager, City's Director of Legal Services, and the City's Chief Purchasing Official and enter into a contract with Design Workshop Inc., for the development of a Parks and Recreation Master Plan, with a contract value of \$735,000 plus applicable taxes to be funded through approved capital budgets;
  - B. FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services, Chief Purchasing Official and Park Board General Manager be authorized to execute on behalf of the Board the contract contemplated by Recommendation A; and
  - C. THAT no legal rights or obligations will be created by Board adoption of Recommendations A and B above unless and until such contract is executed by the authorized signatories of the City as set out in these Recommendations.

## ENQUIRIES

1. A Board member enquired about the removal of a piece of playground equipment from Guelph Park and the intention regarding the renewal of the playground.
2. A Board member enquired about the installation of a sharps disposal in the washroom or in the vicinity of Nelson Park to address the concerns regarding needles being found in the park. Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, advised that Howard Normann, Director of Park Operations, would follow-up on this request.
3. A Board member enquired about whether the City and Park Board have considered the construction of a new community centre to provide amenities for the anticipated population increase in northeast False Creek. Mr. Bromley advised that a feasibility study for additional recreation facilities in northeast False Creek is in progress and an update will be provided to the Park Board at a future meeting.
4. A Board member commented on the inability to hear during Park Board meetings due to a hearing impairment and enquired if there is an ability to improve the acoustics or the sound system in the meeting room to accommodate his disability. Mr. Bromley advised that staff will investigate hearing assistance devices and alternate microphones have been ordered.
5. A Board member enquired about the Park Board's involvement in the City's consultation on the Heather Street lands. Mr. Bromley advised that he would request Dave Hutch, Manager of Planning and Research, Park Board, to provide a briefing memo to the Park Board.

6. A Board member enquired regarding actions that the Park Board is planning in collaboration with Homeless Action Week. Mr. Bromley advised that while the Park Board does not have a specific homeless campaign, a significant amount of staff time is expended liaising with and managing the homeless who find themselves living or sleeping in parks.
7. A Board member enquired about the arrangements to have Pigeon Park cleaned and maintained for the raising of the Survivors' Pole in November. Mr. Bromley provided an update on discussions taking place to prepare the park for the ceremony to ensure that the needs of the community, neighbourhood businesses and tourists are met. In the long-term, there is a need to secure more green space in the Downtown Eastside.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 8:30 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley  
General Manager

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Commissioner Sarah Kirby-Yung  
Chair