



**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MEETING MINUTES**

**NOVEMBER 14, 2016**

The Regular Park Board meeting was held on Monday, November 14, 2016, at 9:00 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:** Shawna Wilton, Deputy General Manager  
Cheryl Chan, Business Support Lead/Manager Admin Services  
Jessica Kulchyski, Recorder  
Carol Lee, Meeting Clerk

**IN CAMERA**

**1. November 28, 2016 Meeting**

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar  
SECONDED by Commissioner Shum

THAT the Board will go into a meeting on November 28, 2016, which is closed to the public, pursuant to Section 165.2(1) of the *Vancouver Charter*, to discuss matters related to paragraph(s):

- (g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the City or Park Board;
- (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 Wiebe absent from the vote)

## **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

### **1. Regular Board Meeting - October 24, 2016**

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon  
SECONDED by Commissioner Crawford

THAT the Park Board minutes of the October 24, 2016 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

The Board was advised that there were three letters of support received for the “Building Inclusive Communities Through Autism Spectrum Disorder Awareness” motion. Copies of the correspondence have been distributed to Commissioners.

The Board was reminded that notices of special meetings on Tuesday, December 6, 2016 and Wednesday, December 14, 2016 have been provided.

## **COMMITTEE REPORT**

### **1. Report of the Park Board Committee - November 14, 2016**

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

2. REPORT BACK: Marking National Flag of Canada Day 2017
3. REPORT BACK: Access to Park Board Services Without Fear Policy

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 November 14, 2016, as contained in items 2 and 3.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT**

Shauna Wilton, Deputy General Manager, Park Board, acknowledged the success of the raising of the Survivors’ Totem Pole on November 5, 2016. Ms. Wilton thanked Commissioners for their participation in various Remembrance Day ceremonies across Vancouver.

## MOTIONS ON NOTICE

### 1. Building Inclusive Communities Through Autism Spectrum Disorder Awareness

Commissioner Shum introduced the motion and commented on the need to raise the awareness of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and to include those afflicted with ASD in the community. Commissioner Shum responded to questions from the Board.

MOVED by Commissioner Shum

SECONDED by Commissioner Crawford

#### WHEREAS:

1. The Park Board's mission is to provide, preserve, and advocate for parks and recreation services to benefit all people, communities, and the environment;
2. Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is a neurodevelopmental disorder characterized by impaired social interaction, difficulties with verbal and nonverbal communication, and restricted or repetitive behaviour;
3. One in 68 children have been identified as having ASD, with boys being 4.5 times more likely (1 in 42) than in girls, (1 in 189). According to BC Ministry of Education numbers (January 2016), 7,795 students have been diagnosed with autism, and many more students fall under the category of undiagnosed autism;
4. There is no known cure for autism but there is treatment. Scientifically validated forms of intensive early intervention have been shown to help individuals with autism acquire meaningful skills and learning techniques;
5. People living with autism and their families envision a life of full community inclusion and work opportunities the same as their typically developing peers. However, the social communication impairments that impact people with ASD are direct barriers to accessing activities in the community, and gaining and sustaining employment;
6. Training and education for public community oriented staff and personnel is a necessary component of success for people with ASD to gain community inclusion and sustained employment;
7. Training and education will open dialogue, enhance internal communication regarding autism provide a safer, innovative and collaborative work environment, and attract, engage and retain passionate staff members;
8. The Autism Society of British Columbia (ASBC) is a non-profit, registered charity founded in 1975. ASBC's purpose is to assist and educate, work with families and support workers in their communities impacted by ASD, on early treatment options and deliver programs for continued support throughout adulthood; and

9. ASBC has recognized a need to change the way people with ASD are viewed and valued in society, and the need for more inclusive community programming and employment practices.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation direct staff to investigate the development of a training and education program for interacting with persons with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), to be delivered to Park Board staff, management and Board by fall 2017;
- B. THAT staff work with community organizations such as the Autism Society of British Columbia, Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee, our community partners, and senior levels of government to develop and fund such training; and
- C. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the staff investigate the implementation of a pilot program by summer 2018, which could include adaptive programs, apprenticeships, and work experience, in partnership with the Autism Society of British Columbia, our community partners and the BC Provincial Government, with the goal of creating meaningful long-term work opportunities for people with ASD.

Amendment to the Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Shum  
SECONDED by Commissioner Crawford

THAT Items B and C be amended to:

- B. THAT staff work with community organizations such as the Autism Society of British Columbia, Canucks Autism Network, Pacific Autism Family Network, Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee, our community partners, and senior levels of government to develop and fund such training; and
- C. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the staff investigate the implementation of a pilot program by summer 2018, which could include adaptive programs, apprenticeships, and work experience, in partnership with the Autism Society of British Columbia, Canucks Autism Network, Pacific Autism Family Network, our community partners and the BC Provincial Government, with the goal of creating meaningful long-term work opportunities for people with ASD.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amendment to the Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Wiebe

SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

THAT Items A and C be amended to:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation direct staff to investigate the development of a training and education program for interacting with persons with disabilities, including Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), to be delivered to Park Board staff, management and Board by fall 2017;
  
- C. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the staff investigate the implementation of a pilot program by summer 2018, which could include adaptive programs, apprenticeships, and work experience, in partnership with the Autism Society of British Columbia, our community partners and the BC Provincial Government, with the goal of creating meaningful long-term work opportunities for people with disabilities, including ASD.

DEFEATED

(Commissioners Evans, Mackinnon and Wiebe voted in favour)

Question on the Main Motion, as Amended

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation direct staff to investigate the development of a training and education program for interacting with persons with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), to be delivered to Park Board staff, management and Board by fall 2017;
  
- B. THAT staff work with community organizations such as the Autism Society of British Columbia, Canucks Autism Network, Pacific Autism Family Network, Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee, our community partners, and senior levels of government to develop and fund such training; and
  
- C. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the staff investigate the implementation of a pilot program by summer 2018, which could include adaptive programs, apprenticeships, and work experience, in partnership with the Autism Society of British Columbia, Canucks Autism Network, Pacific Autism Family Network, our community partners and the BC Provincial Government, with the goal of creating meaningful long-term work opportunities for people with ASD.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## NOTICE OF MOTIONS

### 1. Increased Accessibility to Public Washrooms

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Park Board request staff to:

- A. Report back to the Board with an assessment of locations in the Vancouver parks and recreation system that may be underserved with accessible public washroom facilities, and identify any budgetary or operational constraints to providing sufficient regular servicing of public washrooms in the parks and recreation system;
- B. Establish appropriate design specifications for accessible public toilets, in consultation with groups such as the Seniors Advisory Committee, the Vancouver Field Sports Federation, Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee, TGVI Steering Committee, and other advisory committees as may be relevant; and
- C. Include accessible public toilets in needed locations in current and future park planning projects, as well as include provisions for proper maintenance to ensure well-functioning, safe, and accessible facilities.

## NEW BUSINESS

### 1. 2016 Park Board Meeting Schedule Adjustment - Year-End Meeting

Chair Kirby-Yung noted the requirement to reschedule the final Regular Committee and Board meeting, currently scheduled on December 12, 2016, to accommodate the Special Public Meeting that has been called on December 14, 2016 to consider the Community Centre Association (CCA) Joint Operating Agreement (JOA).

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar

SECONDED by Commissioner Crawford

WHEREAS:

1. The Vancouver Park Board approved the 2016 Meeting Dates at their first regular meeting in December 2015, as per the Procedure By-laws;
2. An annual report is provided at the final regular meeting in 2016, which is currently scheduled for December 12, 2016; and
3. A Special Meeting has been called for December 14, 2016, which would occur after the scheduled year-end meeting for 2016.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to reschedule the December 12, 2016 Committee and Regular Board meetings to a date following the mid-December CCA JOA Special Meeting so that the final meeting of 2016 officially concludes business for the year.

Amendment to the Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Crawford  
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Motion be amended to:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to reschedule the December 12, 2016 Committee and Regular Board meetings to December 15, 2016 and request the CCA JOA Special Meeting be rescheduled to December 12, 2016 so that the final regular meeting of 2016 officially concludes business for the year.

CARRIED  
(Commissioner Mackinnon, Shum and Wiebe opposed)

Amendment to the Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon  
SECONDED by Commissioner Evans

THAT the Motion be amended to:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to reschedule the Special Meeting scheduled for December 14, 2016 to January 10, 2017, and include it with the business of 2017.

**Motion to Suspend Rules**

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar  
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

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

**Recess**

The meeting recessed at 9:55 pm and reconvened at 10:04 pm.

The Meeting Clerk ruled that the amendment was out of order as it is not germane to the motion, the topic of which is the rescheduling of the December 12, 2016 Committee and Regular Board meetings.

Amendment to the Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung  
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Motion be amended to:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to reschedule the December 12, 2016 Committee and Regular Board meetings to January 12, 2017.

DEFEATED  
(Commissioners Coupar, Crawford and Kirby-Yung voted in favour)

Amendment to the Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung  
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Motion be amended to:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to cancel the December 12, 2016 Committee and Regular Board meetings.

The Meeting Clerk ruled that the amendment was out of order as it is not germane to the motion, the topic of which is the rescheduling of the December 12, 2016 Committee and Regular Board meetings. It was noted that there is a requirement to hold a year-end meeting therefore the meeting can be rescheduled but not cancelled.

Question on the Main Motion, as Amended

THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to reschedule the December 12, 2016 Committee and Regular Board meetings to December 15, 2016 and request the CCA JOA Special Meeting be rescheduled to December 12, 2016 so that the final regular meeting of 2016 officially concludes business for the year.

Motion to Refer

MOVED by Commissioner Evans  
SECONDED by Commissioner Crawford

THAT the motion, as amended, be referred to staff to canvass Board members to determine a mutually convenient date to which the final regular meeting of 2016 can be rescheduled.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 10:46 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley  
General Manager

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Commissioner Sarah Kirby-Yung  
Chair