



**PARK BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING
MEETING MINUTES**

NOVEMBER 14, 2016

A Regular Park Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, November 14, 2016, at 7:10 pm, at the Park Board Office.

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

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Park Board Committee Meeting - October 24, 2016

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Wiebe

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AGENDA ITEMS

1. REPORT BACK: South False Creek Seawall Upgrades - Final Design Plan

Tiina Mack, Manager, Park Development, Park Board, introduced Joe McLeod, Landscape Designer, Park Board and representatives from the City of Vancouver Engineering Department:

- Paul Storer, Manager of Transportation Design
- David Rawsthorne, Civil Engineer.

Mr. McLeod led the review of a presentation on the final design of the South False Creek seawall upgrades and highlighted:

- Progress of the project since Park Board approval in May 2016
- Detailed design of Sutcliffe Park and Charleson Park
- Tree replacement
- Next steps.

Mr. McLeod responded to questions from the Committee. There was discussion regarding the demarcation of cyclist and pedestrian traffic to address safety concerns, the timeline for the removal and replacement of trees and whether there will be additional maintenance costs incurred by the Park Board as a result of the final design plan.

2. REPORT BACK: Marking National Flag of Canada Day 2017

Tiina Mack, Manager, Park Development, Park Board, introduced Lehran Hache, Landscape Designer, Park Board.

Ms. Hache led the review of a presentation on proposed location for the installation of a flag pole in Queen Elizabeth Park to commemorate National Flag of Canada Day 2017 and highlighted:

- Background of the Bloedel Conservatory plaza
- Exploration of three options for the location of the flag pole
- Next steps.

Ms. Hache, along with Ms. Mack, responded to questions from the Committee. There was discussion regarding the respective impacts of Options A and B on activities at the plaza and a suggestion to approach Heritage Canada regarding partnering on the informational plaque to be installed with the flag pole.

The Committee heard from one speaker who spoke in support of the recommendation and offered the services of the Canadian Club of Vancouver in the planning of the unveiling of flag pole on February 15, 2017.

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approves the installation of a flag pole in Queen Elizabeth Park, near the Bloedel Conservatory, to commemorate National Flag of Canada Day 2017, as described in the report, subject to successful engineering studies.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. REPORT BACK: Access to Park Board Services Without Fear Policy

Donnie Rosa, Director of Recreation, Park Board, introduced Paul Czene, Recreation Coordinator, Access and Volunteer Services, Park Board.

Mr. Czene led the review of a presentation on a proposed “Access to Park Board Services Without Fear Policy” and highlighted:

- Goal of the proposed policy
- History and background of the development of the proposed policy
- Policy implementation.

Mr. Czene responded to questions from the Committee. There was discussion regarding whether current Park Board policies offer protection of personal privacy to the greatest extent possible and the need to raise public awareness of the existence of the policy.

The Committee heard from five speakers who spoke in favour of the recommendation. The Access without Fear Policy is seen as a huge step to enable long-term residents with uncertain immigration status to access services to participate in the fabric of life in the City of Vancouver and to break down barriers between people. A speaker noted that program fees often pose a barrier to services for many members of vulnerable populations. The speakers responded to questions from the Committee.

MOVED by Commissioner Evans
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approves the “Access to Park Board Services Without Fear Policy” to support residents of Vancouver with uncertain or no immigration status who fear detention, psychological or physical harm, or deportation when accessing Park Board services.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 8:50 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley
General Manager

Commissioner Casey Crawford
Chair



**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

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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

Sauna 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

Commissioner Sarah Kirby-Yung
Chair