



**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MEETING MINUTES**

NOVEMBER 28, 2016

The Regular Park Board meeting was held on Monday, November 28, 2016, at 8:36 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
Shawna Wilton, Deputy General Manager
Cheryl Chan, Business Support Lead/Manager Admin Services
Jessica Kulchyski, Recorder
Carol Lee, Meeting Clerk

IN CAMERA

1. November 30, 2016 Meeting

MOVED by Commissioner Crawford
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

- A. THAT the Board will go into a meeting on November 30, 2016, which is closed to the public, pursuant to Section 165.2(1) of the *Vancouver Charter*, to discuss matters related to paragraph(s):
- (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; and
- B. THAT the Board will go into a meeting on December 12, 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;

- (l) 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 - November 14, 2016

MOVED by Commissioner Wiebe
SECONDED by Commissioner Evans

THAT the Park Board minutes of the November 14, 2016 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNICATIONS

The Board was advised that there was one letter of support received for the “Increase Accessibility to Public Washrooms” motion. Copies of the correspondence have been distributed to Commissioners.

COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Report of the Park Board Committee - November 28, 2016

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

- 1. REPORT: Stanley Park Brewing at the Fish House - Proposed Design and Agreement

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Park Board Committee at its meeting of November 28, 2016, as contained in item 1.

CARRIED
(Commissioner Wiebe abstained)

STAFF REPORTS

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, reported that the City would be holding a Special Council Meeting on December 7, 2016 to consider the 2017 Operating Budget. The Park Board will be holding a Special Meeting on December 6, 2016 to consider its budget for the ensuing year.

Mr. Bromley highlighted the opening of holiday season events:

- Festival of Lights at VanDusen Botanical Garden on December 1, 2016
- Holiday Heights at Bloedel Conservatory on December 9, 2016.

MOTIONS ON NOTICE

1. Increase Accessibility to Public Washrooms

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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 increasing need for accessibility to public washrooms in the parks and recreation system. Commissioner Kirby-Yung, along with Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, responded to questions from the Board. There was discussion on the availability of funds within the budget for the construction and maintenance of additional public washrooms and the need for all public washrooms to be accessible to persons with disabilities.

MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

WHEREAS:

1. Vancouver City Council unanimously passed a motion at the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on November 2, 2016 supporting increased public washrooms;
2. The Vancouver Seniors Advisory Committee passed a motion on September 23, 2016 regarding increased access to public washrooms;
3. Access to public toilets is a basic human need and is a component of delivering recreational services that are inclusive and welcoming to all;
4. Older adults require access to public washrooms. Seniors are a growing demographic in Vancouver with the city's population aged 65-74 expected to increase by 74%, and age 75+ to increase by 105% by 2041;

5. Sports field users including children and youth (noting that fields in Vancouver experience sustained high use) require access to public washrooms;
6. Park users require access to public washrooms;
7. Such facilities provide comfort for all. Ready availability can encourage Vancouverites to get outside more often and for longer periods, thus encouraging active, healthy living; and
8. One of the most frequent complaints received from the public are related to the cleanliness of and access times for public bathrooms in parks.

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, TGVF 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.

Amendment to the Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon
SECONDED by Commissioner Wiebe

THAT Item D be added:

- D. That all new public washrooms maintained by the Park Board will include soap and, where possible, hot water.

CARRIED

(Commissioner Coupar and Crawford opposed; Commissioner Shum abstained)

Question on the Main Motion, as Amended

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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At 9:07 pm Commissioner Kirby-Yung resumed as Chair.

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NOTICE OF MOTIONS

1. Cetaceans at the Vancouver Aquarium

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Park Board:

- A. Support inclusion of an assent question on the 2018 Municipal Election ballot to determine if Vancouver residents support keeping cetaceans at the Vancouver Aquarium Marine Science Centre;
- B. Request the City of Vancouver to add such an assent (plebiscite) question to the 2018 Municipal Election ballot per section 130 of the Vancouver Charter; and
- C. Write to the Vancouver Aquarium asking it consider not bringing cetaceans into the facility until after the results of the 2018 plebiscite are received.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Release of In Camera Decisions

Chair Kirby-Yung reported on actions taken by the Park Board at the October 3, 2016 In Camera meeting with respect to the Northeast False Creek Park Schematic Design 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 James Corner Field Operations, for Schematic Design of the Northeast False Creek Parks and Open Spaces, for a term of two (2) years, plus the option to extend for one (1) additional year, with an estimated contract value of \$875,319.00, plus applicable taxes, to be funded through the NEFC Viaducts Replacement Project capital budget;
- 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;
- C. THAT no legal rights or obligations will be created by the Park Board's 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; and
- D. THAT the Board direct staff to release the award once all parties have been notified and contract documents finalized.

2. New Start Strategy

Commissioner Evans advised of the City of Vancouver's newly released settlement and integration strategy for immigrants and refugees that will be deployed from 2016 to 2025. The Park Board was one of the 120 partners involved in the development of the strategy. Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, has advised that a briefing on the strategy will be provided to the Board in the New Year.

ENQUIRIES

1. A Board member requested that staff provide the previous recommendation regarding keeping cetaceans at the Vancouver Aquarium and associated information to allow Commissioners to make an informed decision on Commissioner Kirby-Yung's notice of motion. Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, advised that discussions related to this sensitive topic had been held during in camera meetings in the past and offered to discuss the matter directly with the Commissioner.
2. A Board member enquired if the Park Board has the authority to order a moratorium to bringing new cetaceans until a public process has been completed. Mr. Bromley advised that the authority does not exist under the existing agreement.

3. A Board member enquired if the complement of gardeners at VanDusen Botanical Garden is adequate. Mr. Bromley advised that he would report directly to the Commissioner on this human resources matter.
4. A Board member enquired with respect to a strategy to remove the tents in the vicinity of Plaza Skateboard Park. Howard Normann, Director of Park Operations, Park Board, advised that the Engineering Department is developing a strategy to remove the tents and intends to implement the strategy shortly.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 9:15 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley
General Manager

Commissioner Sarah Kirby-Yung
Chair