The Regular Park Board meeting was held on Monday, December 12, 2016, at 7:42 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  
Shauna Wilton, Deputy General Manager  
Cheryl Chan, Business Support Lead/Manager Admin Services  
Jessica Kulchyski, Recorder  
Carol Lee, Meeting Clerk

The Chair advised of the decision of the Board to suspend the rules to hear from a group of concerned citizens regarding the captivity of cetaceans at the Vancouver Aquarium.

IN CAMERA

1. January 2017 Meeting  

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar  
SECONDED by Commissioner Crawford

THAT the Board will go into a meeting in January 2017, 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
ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Regular Board Meeting - November 28, 2016

MOVED by Commissioner Wiebe
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Park Board minutes of the November 28, 2016 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNICATIONS

The Board was advised that there were several pieces of correspondence of note:
- Reassignment of the liaison responsibility for the Vancouver Public Library to Commissioner Kirby-Yung
- Reassignment of the liaison responsibility for the Stanley Park Ecological Society to Commissioner Evans
- Receipt of a petition containing 531 signatures requesting that the Park Board not recognize the Riley Park Hillcrest Community Association until such time as good governance is restored.

COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Report of the Park Board Committee - December 12, 2016

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

1. REPORT: Monthly Report: Commissioners in the Community

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Evans

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Park Board Committee at its meeting of December 12, 2016, as contained in items 1 and 2.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

STAFF REPORTS

GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, reported that the 2017 Operating and Capital Budget will be considered at the December 13, 2016 Council meeting and will include the request from
the Park Board Chair for an additional $1.2 million to enable the completion of all five public washroom renewal projects.

Mr. Bromley expressed appreciation to Chair Kirby-Yung for her work during the past year.

**STAFF REPORT**

1. **REPORT: Community Centre Association Joint Operating Agreement**

Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, led the review of a presentation on the proposed new contractual arrangement between the non-profit Community Centre Associations (CCAs), referred to as a Joint Operating Agreement (JOA):

- Background
- A new consultation approach launched in April 2016 to achieve a new JOA with CCAs
- Outcomes to be achieved with a new JOA
- Highlights of the proposed new JOA
- Next steps.

The Chair acknowledged the efforts and the willingness of the CCAs to engage in the consultation process to arrive at a new JOA.

Mr. Bromley, along with Shauna Wilton, Deputy General Manager, Park Board, responded to questions from the Board. There was extensive discussion regarding:

- The tone and tenor of the December 3, 2016 meeting with the CCAs
- The rationale for the recommendation to implement an opt-in membership model
- Confirmation that an opt-in membership model will not impact CCA eligibility for grants
- The impact of the opt-in membership model on the Access to Park Board Services Without Fear policy
- Concerns regarding the fairness of the Equity Fund
- Confirmation that there is no ability for the Park Board to terminate the agreement during the first five year term unless there is a material breach by a CCA
- Changes to the JOA in response to the feedback received through the consultation process
- Confirmation that the Investment Fund is intended to provide funding for programs within the community centres
- The issues that would be eligible to be taken to third-party arbitration as a means to resolve a dispute
- Whether new community centres will automatically be included in the new JOA
- The concern expressed by CCAs that the JOA would result in their being in breach of the Societies Act
- The unique practices currently applied at each community centre will be documented in the appendices and will be subject to amendments as changes occur.
MOVED by Commissioner Coupar  
SECONDED by Commissioner Crawford  

THAT the Vancouver Park Board receive the proposed Joint Operating Agreement between the Park Board and Community Centre Associations as outlined in and attached to this report; and  

FURTHER THAT a Special Board Meeting be held on January 25, 2017 for the Board to hear from the public, including any Community Centre Associations that attend, and to consider staff recommendations.  

CARRIED  
(Commissioner Shum opposed)  

Recess  
The meeting recessed at 9:33 pm and reconvened at 9:45 pm.  

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar  
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  

NOTICE OF MOTIONS  
1. Special Event Permits  
Commissioner Evans gave notice of motion on the following:  

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation direct staff to review its permitting process and to consult with community groups, interested individuals, stakeholders, and partners - and report back to Commissioners in July 2017, on actions that can be taken to address community concerns including developing new procedures that support and facilitate the efforts of community event organizers.  

ENQUIRIES  
1. A Board member enquired regarding the policy under which the Ferris wheel was installed in Queen Elizabeth Park, as part of the Holiday Heights at Bloedel event. Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, advised that he would provide written confirmation of the relevant policy provisions.  

2. A Board member enquired regarding the process to be followed by a member of the public to obtain a copy of the lease agreement between the Park Board and the
Vancouver Aquarium. Mr. Bromley advised that he would report back with this information.

3. A Board member enquired if the measure of tree planting has been changed from an absolute number to a percentage of canopy cover. Mr. Bromley advised that both measures are being tracked.

4. A Board member enquired if the volunteers were acknowledged at the Festival of Lights opening at VanDusen Botanical Garden. Mr. Bromley undertook to follow up on the enquiry.

5. A Board Member enquired regarding the status of the formal witnessing of the Survivors Totem Pole. Mr. Bromley reported that there are discussions underway with respect to organizing an event.

6. A Board Member requested a report on the impact that the planned enhancements to the Point Grey Road bike path will have on the access to parks in the area. Mr. Bromley advised that a report would be provided in the future.

ELECTION OF CHAIR

As set forth in the Park Board’s Procedure By-law, the General Manager, acting as Chair, called for nominations for Chair of the Board for December 2016 to December 2017.

Commissioner Kirby-Yung nominated Commissioner Crawford and Commissioner Shum nominated Commissioner Wiebe as Chair of the Board for December 2016 to December 2017. Commissioners Wiebe and Crawford accepted the nominations.

The General Manager called for additional nominations. There being no further nominations, the General Manager declared nominations for the Chair of the Board closed.

Ballots for the election of the Chair of the Board were distributed and counted by Park Board staff. The General Manager announced Commissioner Wiebe elected as Chair of the Board.

MOVED by Commissioner Evans
SECONDED by Commissioner Crawford

THAT the Board authorize the destruction of the ballots for the election of Chair of the Board.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ELECTION OF BOARD VICE-CHAIR

The General Manager called for nominations for the Vice-Chair of the Board for December 2016 to December 2017.
Commissioner Wiebe nominated Commissioner Shum and Commissioner Crawford nominated Commissioner Kirby-Yung as Vice-Chair of the Board for December 2016 to December 2017. Commissioners Kirby-Yung and Shum accepted the nominations.

The General Manager called for additional nominations. There being no further nominations, the General Manager declared nominations for the Vice-Chair of the Board closed.

Ballots for the election of the Vice-Chair of the Board were distributed and counted by Park Board staff. The General Manager announced Commissioner Shum elected as Vice-Chair of the Board.

MOVED by Commissioner Crawford  
SECONDED by Commissioner Evans  

THAT the Board authorize the destruction of the ballots for the election of Vice-Chair of the Board.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIR**

The General Manager called for nominations for the Chair of the Committee for December 2016 to December 2017.

Commissioner Shum nominated Commissioner Crawford as Chair of the Committee for December 2016 to December 2017. Commissioner Crawford accepted the nominations.

The General Manager called for additional nominations. There being no further nominations, the General Manager declared nominations for the Chair of the Committee closed and Commissioner Crawford acclaimed as Chair of the Committee.

**ELECTION OF COMMITTEE VICE-CHAIR**

The General Manager called for nominations for the Vice-Chair of the Committee for December 2016 to December 2017.

Commissioner Mackinnon nominated Commissioner Evans as Vice-Chair of the Committee for December 2016 to December 2017. Commissioner Evans accepted the nomination.

The General Manager called for additional nominations. There being no further nominations, the General Manager declared nominations for the Vice-Chair of the Committee closed and Commissioner Evans acclaimed as Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Commissioner Wiebe, on behalf of the Board, expressed gratitude for the dedication of the outgoing Chair, Commissioner Kirby-Yung, over the past year and noted the significant issues to be addressed by the Board in the coming year.
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 10:00 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley
General Manager

Commissioner Sarah Kirby-Yung
Chair