



**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MEETING MINUTES**

FEBRUARY 6, 2017

The Regular Park Board meeting was held on Monday, February 6, 2017, at 8:40 pm, at the Park Board Office.

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

GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE: Malcolm Bromley, General Manager
Shauna Wilton, Deputy General Manager
Cheryl Chan, Executive Office and Board Relations
Jessica Kulchyski, Recorder
Carol Lee, Meeting Clerk

IN CAMERA

1. February 20, 2017 Meeting

MOVED by Commissioner Shum
SECONDED by Commissioner Evans

THAT the Board will go into a meeting on February 20, 2017, which is closed to the public, pursuant to Section 165.2(1) of the *Vancouver Charter*, to discuss matters related to paragraphs:

- (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. January 12, 2017 Special Board Meeting and January 23, 2017 Regular Board Meeting

MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Commissioner Shum

THAT the Park Board minutes of the January 12, 2017 Special Board meeting and January 23, 2017 Regular meeting be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Commissioner Evans abstained)

COMMUNICATIONS

The Board was advised that there were 20 letters of support received for the “Implementation of a Community Centre Association for Creekside Community Recreation Centre to Serve the Residents” motion. Copies of the correspondence have been distributed to Commissioners.

COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Report of the Park Board Committee - February 6, 2017

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

1. VanSplash (Aquatic Strategy) Phase 1 Findings - Report Reference
2. 2017 Calendar of Special Events
3. Riley Park Farmer’s Market

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Shum

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Park Board Committee at its meeting of February 6, 2017, as contained in Items 1 through 3.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

STAFF REPORTS

GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

Mr. Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, advised that this is the first monthly General Manager’s Report utilizing a new format that will provide more fulsome information on activities in which the General Manager and the Park Board is involved.

Mr. Bromley provided an overview and update on recent and upcoming activities within the Park Board:

- BC Hydro public engagement, utilizing open houses and small group roundtable discussions, regarding the possible construction of underground electrical substations in Nelson Park, Emery Barnes Park and Cathedral Square Park
- First round of public consultation on the emerging directions for the future of Northeast False Creek utilizing online surveys, open houses and an engagement day
- Participation in the City’s resident engagement process to develop a vision for the Arbutus Greenway
- Launch of the second round of public consultation on the Park Board’s Dog Strategy, consisting of small group meetings with stakeholders and two public open houses
- Presentation of two concept plans for the renewal of Brewers Park at the February 23, 2017 open house at the Cedar Cottage Neighbourhood House
- Staffing updates.

MOTIONS ON NOTICE

1. Safety Resources at Community Centres

In response to a question from the Board, Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, confirmed that staff have commenced with the installation of safe sharps disposal containers at all recreation facilities under its jurisdiction.

MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung

SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

WHEREAS:

1. The Vancouver Park Board has a mandate to provide recreational services and is responsible for provision of services at 24 community centres together with community centre association partners;
2. Community Centres are valued facilities that deliver vital fitness, recreation and social programs for residents across the city in support of healthy and active lifestyles;
3. The Park Board is responsible for ensuring the safe enjoyment of community centres by all residents including children of all ages, families, seniors and all visitors;
4. Used hypodermic needles have been found improperly disposed of at community centres and;
5. Vancouver Park Board management have confirmed that not all community centres operated by the Vancouver Park Board have any, or have sufficient, safe needle disposal containers for use by the public to help reduce the risk of injury and infections from sharps.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation install safe sharps disposal containers effective immediately at all community centres under its jurisdiction.

WITHDRAWN

2. Implementation of a Community Centre Association for Creekside Community Recreation Centre to Serve the Residents

Commissioner Shum introduced the motion and commented on the need to pursue a Community Centre Association (CCA) for the Creekside Community Recreation Centre. Commissioner Shum responded to questions from the Board.

MOVED by Commissioner Shum

SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

WHEREAS:

1. Community Centre Associations are essential to the success of a Community;
2. To have representation of the community where Park Board, City of Vancouver, Province of British Columbia and Federal Levels of Government are able to collaborate on initiatives to better serve the neighbourhood efficiently and cost effectively;
3. Community Centre Associations help Park Board to facilitate public consultation and recommendations to engage residents of Vancouver at a grassroots level; and
4. The Park Board has a historical jointly operated agreement relationship with Community Centre Associations and understands that Community Centre Associations foster direct involvement with individual communities, which contributes to the success of each community centre.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Park Board Commissioners direct staff to initiate a process to promote, advertise and encourage members of the community to be involved in forming a Community Centre Association for Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation's Creekside Community Recreation Centre.

Amendment to the Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

THAT Item B be added:

- B. THAT a new Community Centre Association not be offered an agreement with the Park Board until the new Joint Operating Agreement, currently under development by the Vancouver Park Board, is approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Question on the Main Motion, as Amended

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Park Board Commissioners direct staff to initiate a process to promote, advertise and encourage members of the community to be involved in forming a Community Centre Association for Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation's Creekside Community Recreation Centre; and
- B. THAT a new Community Centre Association not be offered an agreement with the Park Board until the new Joint Operating Agreement, currently under development by the Vancouver Park Board, is approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Warming Centres at Park Board Facilities

Commissioner Evans introduced the motion and commented on the need to be able to act expediently and effectively in using public facilities as warming centres and to ensure that Community Centre Associations are informed, in advance, of the operations protocol. Commissioner Evans, along with Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, responded to questions from the Board.

MOVED by Commissioner Evans
SECONDED by Commissioner Shum

WHEREAS:

- 1. Winter conditions in Vancouver can give rise to the need for emergency warming centres to be open and available for the use of residents on an overnight basis;
- 2. The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation has jurisdiction over public assets that are suitable for use as warming centres; and

3. The need to open one or more warming centres may arise on very short notice requiring that a decision be made at the discretion of the General Manager or designate.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation affirms that the General Manager or designate has the discretion to direct that one or more facilities under the jurisdiction of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation be made available for use as extreme weather response centres should the need arise; and
- B. THAT a policy and protocol related to the use of Park Board facilities as extreme weather response centres be prepared by staff and made in consultation with Community Centre Associations in advance of the 2017/18 winter season.

Amendment to the Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Evans
SECONDED by Commissioner Shum

THAT Item B be amended to:

- B. THAT a protocol related to the use of Park Board facilities as extreme weather response centres be prepared by staff and made in consultation with Community Centre Associations in advance of the 2017/18 winter season.

CARRIED
(Commissioners Coupar and Kirby-Yung opposed)

Amendment to the Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT Item C be added:

- C. THAT the Park Board seeks written confirmation from the City of Vancouver that it will be responsible for costs associated with the staffing and operation of extreme weather response centres at Park Board facilities.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Question on the Main Motion, as Amended

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation affirms that the General Manager or designate has the discretion to direct that one or more facilities under the jurisdiction of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation be made available for use as extreme weather response centres should the need arise;

- B. THAT a protocol related to the use of Park Board facilities as extreme weather response centres be prepared by staff and made in consultation with Community Centre Associations in advance of the 2017/18 winter season; and
- C. THAT the Park Board seeks written confirmation from the City of Vancouver that it will be responsible for costs associated with the staffing and operation of extreme weather response centres at Park Board facilities.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Mackinnon acknowledged the passing of Musqueam Nation Elder Henry Charles on January 28, 2017.

Commissioner Coupar acknowledged the January 25, 2017 passing of Roald Skov, who served as a Park Board Commissioner from 1986 to 1988.

Commissioner Kirby-Yung requested that a leave of absence be granted from the February 20, 2017 meeting.

MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Vancouver Park Board grant a leave of absence to Commissioner Kirby-Yung for the February 20, 2017 meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ENQUIRIES

1. A Board member enquired if any further actions could be taken to protect the trees in the Olympic Village neighbourhood that are being destroyed by the resident beavers. Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, acknowledged the challenge of balancing the protection of the landscape while encouraging biodiversity. He undertook to have the Park Board biologist and Howard Normann, Director of Park Operations, Park Board, visit and further assess the site.
2. A Board member enquired whether there is a Park Board signage policy in place that extends beyond playing fields. Mr. Bromley advised that there are policies in place related to signage in parks and Park Board facilities and indicated that he would provide them to Commissioners.
3. A Board member requested an update on the status of the Concession Strategy. Mr. Bromley advised that he would provide an update on this topic.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 9:55 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley
General Manager

Commissioner Michael Wiebe
Chair