



**PARK BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING
MEETING MINUTES**

FEBRUARY 20, 2017

A Regular Park Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, February 20, 2017, at 7:00 pm, at the Park Board Office.

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Sarah Kirby-Yung (Leave of absence)

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Park Board Committee Meeting - February 6, 2017

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Wiebe

THAT the Park Board Committee minutes of the February 6, 2017 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AGENDA ITEMS

1. REPORT BACK: Youth Matters - Pledge, Guiding Principles and "Paige's Story"

Susie Hutchison, Manager of City-Wide Recreation, Park Board, introduced volunteers and members of the Ray-Cam Cooperative Community Centre and members of community groups in the audience.

Ms. Hutchison and Kate Hodgson, Centre Coordinator, Ray-Cam Cooperative Community Centre, jointly led the review of a presentation providing an update on the Park Board response to recommendations from the BC Representative for Children and Youth report, "*Paige's Story*" and highlighted:

- The reason for the call to action
- Purpose and principle of youth development initiatives in community centres

- Park Board is a funding partner of MoreSports, a program to increase participation and youth leadership through a city-wide network
- Responsible Indigenous Strategy for Empowerment (RISE) program
- Video on the RISE Aboriginal Life in Vancouver Enhancement Society (ALIVE) program (<https://vimeo.com/137296590>)
- Objectives of the partnership between ALIVE, Community Centre Associations (CCAs) and the Park Board
- Paige's story
- Key Park Board actions arising from the recommendations of the BC Representative for Children and Youth's report into Paige's death
- Youth Matters partners table
- Youth Matters Pledge of Support and Guiding Principles.

Ms. Hutchison, along with Ms. Hodgson, responded to questions from the Committee. There was discussion regarding the access to programming provided at the Ray-Cam Cooperative Community Centre, the community centres that currently lack a youth worker, whether there is support for the Youth Matters Pledge by CCAs across the system and the specifics of the duty to report.

Commissioners heard from six speakers. One speaker elaborated on Paige's story; three speakers offered ideas for the Park Board and community centres to advance reconciliation; and two speakers spoke on the positive personal impact of the RISE program and the Ray-Cam Cooperative Community Centre. The speakers responded to questions from the Commissioners.

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board:

- A. Receives, for information, staff's report back on the Park Board's progress made on implementing recommendations related to the City of Vancouver from the May 2015 report from the BC Representative for Children and Youth entitled [*Paige's Story: Abuse Indifference and a Young Life Discarded*](#); and
- B. Endorses the *Youth Matters Pledge of Support and Guiding Principles of Youth Matters Community Accountability*, as described in Appendix A to the report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Commissioner Mackinnon read aloud the full *Youth Matters Pledge of Support and Guiding Principles of Youth Matters Community Accountability*.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioners heard from a delegation that spoke in opposition to the Vancouver Aquarium's announcement that they would continue to keep cetaceans in captivity until 2029.

The Committee adjourned at 8:45 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley
General Manager

Commissioner Casey Crawford
Chair