



**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MEETING MINUTES**

MARCH 27, 2017

The Regular Park Board meeting was held on Monday, March 27, 2017, at 9:08 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
Rae Ratslef, Meeting Clerk

WELCOME

The Chair acknowledged that the meeting was being held on the unceded traditional territory of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations.

IN CAMERA

1. March 27, 2017 Meeting

MOVED by Commissioner Evans
SECONDED by Commissioner Shum

THAT the Board will go into a meeting on April 10, 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. Regular Board Meeting - March 6, 2017 and Special Board Meeting - March 8 and 9, 2017

MOVED by Commissioner Evans

SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

THAT the Park Board minutes of the March 6, 2017 Regular Board meeting be adopted and that the Park Board minutes of the March 8 and 9, 2017 Special Board meeting be adopted with the amendment to the second bulleted list on Page 2 to add a bullet indicating that the Vancouver Aquarium confirmed its ability to continue after major changes relative to the display of cetaceans, and the Vancouver Aquarium's expectations that it would continue successfully without belugas.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNICATIONS

The Board was advised of a letter from the Strathcona Community Centre expressing support for the "Strathcona Community Centre Association Funding Model" Notice of Motion.

COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Report of the Park Board Committee - March 27, 2017

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

1. PRESENTATION: Bright Nights in Stanley Park - Burn Fund Cheque
2. REPORT: Kitsilano Yacht Club - Liquor Licence Application
3. REPORT: Stanley Park Lawn Bowling Club - Liquor Licence Application

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar

SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

THAT the Board approves the recommendations and actions taken by the Park Board Committee at its meeting of March 27, 2017, as contained in items 1 through 3.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, led the review of a presentation providing an overview and update on recent and upcoming activities within the Park Board, and highlighted:

- Park Development:
 - South False Creek Seawall
 - Charleson Park
 - Lost Lagoon Fountain
 - Kits Beach Park (Western Path)
- Park Research and Planning:
 - Dogs in Parks Strategy
 - Indigenous/Non-Indigenous Reconciliation Art Program
 - Parks and Recreation Services Master Plan
 - North East False Creek parks and opens spaces
- Public engagement for projects including Tatlow Creek Daylighting and Brewers Creek Park Renewal
- Recreation relating to Britannia Community Services Center and Kensington Community Center
- Communications:
 - Heron Cam Year 3
 - VanDusen Garden Award on March 15, 2017
 - News Release and Easter Train Media Event on April 6, 2017
 - April 29 - 30, 2017 Spring Tree Sale
 - Parks and Recreations Services Master Plan launch.

Mr. Bromley responded to questions from the Committee.

MOTIONS ON NOTICE

1. Strathcona Community Centre Association Funding Model

Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Crawford
SECONDED by Commissioner Evans

WHEREAS:

1. The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation is committed to supporting the variety of community centres within the community centre network;
2. The Park Board recognizes the complex funding models that some community centre associations must operate within, and in partnership with the City and

other organizations, has developed unique funding models to support select community centers;

3. The unique make-up of the Strathcona neighbourhood and challenges the Strathcona Community Centre Association and other community organizations face in delivering support for families and individuals in need, was made clear through presentations to Commissioners;
4. The Park Board desires that all citizens receive quality programming across our community centre network; and
5. The Park Board and the City recognize the value of delivering appropriate food security programs specific to each neighbourhood served by our community centres.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation direct staff to engage with the Board of Strathcona Community Association (SCCA) to develop a proposal for additional funding that meets their need for a more sustainable model;
- B. THAT the Board direct staff to explore all options to develop funding for this model including working with the City and any other potential funding partners that may contribute; and
- C. THAT staff report back to the Board on the proposed funding model.

Commissioner Crawford introduced a substitution motion, intended to replace the Main Motion under consideration, and provided related background.

There was discussion regarding:

- Need for a process to educate the Board on the current situation and the best strategy on a broader scale going forward
- Concern regarding the disparity between community centres and their programming
- Expectation that staff will provide information on an appropriate funding model.

Substitution Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Crawford
SECONDED by Commissioner Evans

BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation direct staff to engage with the Board of Strathcona Community Association (SCCA) and potential funding partners to develop an interim as well as a long-term strategy for a sustainable funding model;

- B. THAT the Board direct staff to report back to the Board on the proposed interim funding model by June 30, 2017; and
- C. FURTHER THAT staff report back to the Board before November 30, 2017 on a long-term sustainable funding strategy for Strathcona and other community centres facing similar funding challenges.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion to Suspend Rules

MOVED by Commissioner Shum
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 UNIMOUSLY

2. Inner City Strategy

MOVED by Commissioner Evans

WHEREAS:

1. There is a wide disparity in the economic circumstances of residents in different parts of Vancouver, leading to differences in the way in which residents are able to access recreation, cultural and other programs provided by community centres;
2. Community centre associations in predominantly poor neighbourhoods in Vancouver go to great lengths to equalize access to programs by making programs available at low or no cost to residents and make up these costs through such things as fundraising, grant writing and securing partnerships; and
3. It is incumbent on the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation under its Mission, Priority Directions and Strategic Objectives to provide recreation facilities and services for all.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation develop a strategy, with its partner group, aimed at meeting the need for additional and ongoing funding by community centre associations serving residents in predominantly poor neighbourhoods.

WITHDRAWN

NOTICES OF MOTION

1. Recreation Fees for Pre-Schoolers and Families

Commissioner Crawford gave notice of motion on the following:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation direct staff to review the current pricing structure for the pre-school category at Park Board facilities during the development of the 2018 operating budget;
- B. THAT staff investigate the budget implications of adjusting the pre-school age category from the current '2 years of age and under', to '5 years of age and under'; and
- C. FURTHER THAT staff report back to the Board with recommendations on how to proceed before finalizing the 2018 operating budget.

NEW BUSINESS

1. 4/20 Protest Event

Commissioner Coupar read aloud a [communication](#) from four Commissioners, requesting that staff limit their involvement to measures that support public safety and traffic management at the 4/20 Protest Event at Sunset Beach, consistent with a protest, rather than a special event. The letter dated March 15, 2017 from Commissioners Crawford, Coupar, Kirby-Yung and Mackinnon is appended to the minutes.

2. 2017 Dragon Boat Season

Commissioner Mackinnon advised that the 2017 Dragon Boat season has begun. He encouraged fellow Board members to try the sport, and noted his honour to paddle for the Conquering Waves team.

3. Port of Vancouver

Commissioner Crawford, liaison to the heritage portfolio, indicated his receipt of a presentation on the Port of Vancouver proposed terminal, noting that the related information package was available for perusal.

ENQUIRIES

1. A Board member acknowledged the upcoming April 5, 2017 celebration of the right of women to vote in BC, and requested that the Francis E. Ward plaque in the Stanley Park Rock Garden be cleaned and maintained in advance of that celebration. Howard Normann, Director of Parks, Park Board, confirmed that staff would attend to the plaque.

2. A Board member commented on the rapid damage that chafer beetles are causing to key destinations, and enquired whether there was funding in place for treatment. Mr. Normann informed that in assessing 46 sports fields, staff have noticed some damage in peripheral areas. He confirmed that there is funding set aside to continue the program in 2017, focusing only on sports fields at this time.
3. A Board member enquired if the process has been initiated to identify a new community centre association for Creekside Community Recreation Centre. Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, advised that staff efforts are currently focussed on the CCA JOA process; an approved JOA will need be in place to offer to the potential new association. In the meantime, staff will indicate that the Park Board is seeking an association for the site.
4. A Board member commented on the Board's prior direction for the development of an ice rink strategy and requested a report back on its status. Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, advised that the strategy has been included in the Parks and Recreation Services Master Plan.
5. A Board member enquired how the funds from user playing fees are allocated. Mr. Bromley advised that there is a reserve for maintenance of synthetic fields, and indicated that staff would report back with a breakdown of how the fees are used.
6. A Board member enquired whether there has been any newly planted tree loss due to the winter weather. Mr. Normann advised that information would be available in the next several weeks. Mr. Bromley added that the most significant damage was done to the greens at McCleery Golf Course and to other courses on the west of the City, Mr. Normann added some courses having lost nearly three quarters of their putting surfaces.
7. A Board member recalled the City's approval of a new daycare beside Riverfront Park with public accessible washrooms, and enquired as to the date of completion for the washrooms. Mr. Bromley advised that staff would report back to the Board on this matter.
8. A Board member commented on Tatlow Creek daylighting, and enquired whether there have been discussions regarding Point Grey Road with the City's Engineering Department in terms of the redirection of stormwater to support the Creek. Mr. Bromley advised that staff is looking into groundwater management with the daylighting of the stream.
9. A Board member commented on the perception of Killarney neighbourhood residents that there are not sufficient preventative measures being taken to prevent damage to its field, and that its field has been out of commission for longer than necessary. Mr. Normann advised that there has been extensive overseeding and aeration of the park, and that although staff did more renovation work, the winter conditions have caused delays. It was expected that the park would be reopened in the next two to three months. Mr. Bromley advised that staff were available to speak directly with concerned neighbourhood residents.
10. A Board member enquired on the status of the senior fitness in parks motion that was brought forward in October 2016. Mr. Bromley advised that staff would report back on

age service initiatives indicated in the larger Parks and Recreation Services Master Plan initiatives that are taking place.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

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Malcolm Bromley
General Manager

Commissioner Michael Wiebe
Chair