



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 5, 2017

The Regular Park Board meeting was held on Monday, June 5, 2017, at 8:26 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

WELCOME

The Chair acknowledged that the meeting is taking place on the traditional territory of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations. The meeting is being held on the land respectfully and with honour to each other, the land and the communities that the Commissioners serve. The Chair invited Commissioners to join him in committing to actions of reconciliation in their deliberations and decisions.

IN CAMERA

1. June 26, 2017 Meeting

MOVED by Commissioner Shum
SECONDED by Commissioner Crawford

THAT the Board will go into a meeting on June 26, 2017, which is closed to the public, pursuant to Section 165.2(1) of the *Vancouver Charter*, to discuss matters related to paragraphs:

- (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the Council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the city or Park Board;
- (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 - May 15, 2017

MOVED by Commissioner Evans
SECONDED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung

THAT the Park Board minutes of the May 15, 2017 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNICATIONS

The Board was advised that there was no communication of note.

COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Report of the Park Board Committee - June 5, 2017

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

- 1. REPORT: Ireland Canada Monument in George Wainborn Park - Final Design
- 2. REPORT: Vancouver Pride Sunset Beach Festival - Special Event

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 June 5, 2017, as contained in items 1 and 2.

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:
 - Condition assessment of Park Board marine and bridge structures

- Upgrading of Sunset Park is scheduled for a Board decision in July 2017
- Final concept design for the Tatlow Creek restoration is expected to be presented to the Board in early fall 2017
- Park Research and Planning:
 - Public engagement on the VanPlay (Parks and Recreation Services Master Plan)
 - Finalization of the draft People Parks and Dogs Strategy (Dogs in Parks Strategy) to be presented to the Board in July 2017
 - Draft recommendations developed for the VanSplash (Aquatics Strategy) will be reviewed with the Board in June 2017, prior to public engagement
 - Refinement of the design for North East False Creek Parks and the June 7, 2017 public presentation by the consultants, James Corner Field Operations
 - Community engagement on the new Marpole Oakridge Community Centre
 - Installation of a mural by artists from the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations and a young Philippian artist on the doors of the Nature House at Lost Lagoon
- Park Operations:
 - May 23, 2017 storm clean-up efforts
 - Park Ranger activity
 - Design and planting of gardens as part of the south False Creek seawall improvement project
 - Hinge Park horticulture revitalization
 - Stanley Park seawall signage to provide information on safety usage rules and a public awareness campaign to promote the safe use of the seawall
- Recreation:
 - Preparation of a report on the use of community centres as warming centres in the winter 2017 for presentation to the Board
 - Update on the Community Centre Association (CCA) Joint Operating Agreement (JOA)
 - Safety, cleanliness and customer service enhancements at outdoor pools
 - Launch of the “Swim to Survive” program offering lifesaving sessions for 1,600 youth at Second Beach and New Brighton Pools
 - Community engagement on the Britannia Community Centre redevelopment plan in partnership with Britannia Society Vancouver Public Library, City of Vancouver and Vancouver School Board
- Communications:
 - Naming of Anna’s Hummingbird as the official City Bird
 - Stanley Park and Vancouver Parks map have been refreshed
 - Integration of Park Board water stations and drinking fountains into the Metro Vancouver Tap App
 - Refinement of the intake of Park Board service requests in the City’s 3-1-1 Operations
- City Council approval of a motion to establish a waterfront initiative for major natural waterways.

Mr. Bromley responded to questions from the Board including enquiries regarding:

- Concerns that the goals and priorities identified by elected Commissioners has not been reflected in the draft VanPlay strategy. Mr. Bromley advised that experts have been retained to lead the process of developing the strategy and the Board will be provided with several opportunities in the future to ensure that their priorities are addressed in the strategy.
- Expected timing for the presentation of the recommendation on the location of an outdoor swimming pool in the VanSplash Strategy to the Board. Dave Hutch, Manager of Research and Planning, Park Board, reported that a briefing will be provided to the Board on June 13, 2017 and expects that the final recommendation would be presented in September 2017. Mr. Bromley noted that he would investigate whether the scheduling for the presentation of the final recommendation on the location of an outdoor pool could be advanced.
- Request for comparative data from the previous year with respect to the number of calls to which Park Rangers responded and the nature of the calls. Mr. Bromley advised that he would request Howard Normann, Director of Park Operations, Park Board, to determine if the data exists to provide the information requested and report back to the Board.
- Whether there will be an opportunity to relaunch the Keep it Clean Campaign in 2017. Mr. Bromley confirmed that it would be repeated and noted that the City's involvement in the campaign may result in additional resources to expand services.
- Whether the significant increase in Park Ranger activity between the months of April and May 2017 was anticipated. Mr. Normann advised that the extent of the increase was unexpected and undertook to provide details of the categories and number of activities in a detailed report.
- Whether a staff report would be provided to the Board on the integration of Park Board and the Vancouver Waterfront Initiatives. It was noted that some of the natural waterways are located on Park Board properties. Mr. Bromley confirmed that the City is aware of the Park Board's leadership role and jurisdiction in the recreational use of the water and there may be some additional resources provided as a result of the City's decision.
- Concern that the VanPlay strategy does not include an adequate focus on gardens and horticulture. Mr. Bromley confirmed that if the Board were not satisfied with the draft VanPlay strategy that is developed through the input received from the public, it would be amended to the Board's satisfaction.
- Whether Park Rangers are permitted to issue tickets for by-law infractions. Mr. Bromley advised that Park Rangers are not authorized to enforce Park By-laws, other than for smoking in parks. A recommendation is being included in the People Parks and Dogs Strategy to have Park Rangers qualified as Peace Officers to allow them to enforce Park Board By-laws.

STAFF REPORTS

1. REPORT BACK: 4/20 Protest Event at Sunset Beach

Octavio Silva, Manager of Business Development, Park Board, led the review of a presentation reporting back on the 4/20 protest event at Sunset Beach and highlighted:

- Event overview
- Pre-event day set-up

- Observations regarding the execution of the event
- Post-event impact on the turf
- Field restoration expenses are approximately \$9,200
- Neighbourhood impacts
- Event organizers have been invoiced for the financial impact to the Park Board
- Next steps.

Mr. Silva, along with Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, responded to questions from the Board. There was discussion on: the rationale for including non-incremental expenses in the invoice to the event organizers, given that the Park Board refused to issue a permit for the event; whether the issuance of a permit would have improved the ability of the Park Board to recover costs; whether the issuance of the invoice will help or hinder the relationship between the event organizers and the Park Board; necessity of the Park Board to negotiate with the event organizers on the recovery of costs; the event organizer publicly public declaration by the event organizer that it would cover all Park Board costs associated with the 4/20 protest event; identification of an alternate site for the 2018 4/20 protest event; request that staff inform Commissioners of options to secure costs in advance or to prevent a future event, given that the event organizers have declared that they will not pay the Park Board invoice; and announcement by Cannabis Day organizers that they will be holding a future event at Thornton Park.

MOTIONS ON NOTICE

1. Petition to Recognize International Women’s Day as a Statutory Holiday

Commissioner Mackinnon introduced the motion and commented on the need to pause and reflect on the past, present and future role that women play in a modern society.

Commission Mackinnon, along with Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, responded to questions from the Board. There was discussion on: confirmation that the petition is to have International Women’s Day observed as a paid holiday for Federal Government employees; and whether political activities are permitted to occur in community centres.

Motion to Suspend Rules

MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

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

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon
SECONDED by Commissioner Evans

WHEREAS:

1. On April 12, 2017, Brendan Boylan initiated a petition to the House of Commons, this was sponsored by Don Davies, Member of Parliament for Vancouver Kingsway;
2. Britannia Community Centre endorsed this petition on May 10,2017;
3. Petition to the House of Commons reads:
 - i. Women have long been underrepresented, underpaid and treated unequally in Canada;
 - ii. We as Canadians recognize the importance of addressing our historical and present sexist practices;
 - iii. We need to recognize all past, present and future contributions women have made to every aspect of society; and
 - iv. We the undersigned, citizens of Canada, call upon the House of Commons to make International Women's Day (March 8th), a National and statutory holiday in Canada.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation endorse the above petition; and
- B. The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation will have petitions available at Community Centres and other Park Board facilities for the public to sign.

The motion was separated into distinct propositions.

Question on Item A

- A. The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation endorses the above petition.

CARRIED
(Commissioner Crawford opposed)

Question on Item B

- B. The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation will have petitions available at Community Centres and other Park Board facilities for the public to sign.

DEFEATED
(Commissioner Mackinnon and Evans voted in favour)

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

1. **Recognition of Grace McCarthy**

Commissioner Coupar gave notice of motion on the following:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Park Board directs staff to work with Grace McCarthy's family to develop an outdoor space that recognizes and tells the story of Grace's tremendous contribution to the Park Board, our City and Province of British Columbia.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Evans presented a certificate of appreciation to the Vancouver Park Board from the Stanley Park Ecology Society.

Commissioner Evans requested that the June 26, 2017 Board and Committee meetings be rescheduled to June 19, 2017, as both she and Commissioner Crawford would be unable to attend the meetings on June 26, 2017.

MOVED by Commissioner Evans
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

THAT the Park Board meeting schedule be amended to move the Committee and Regular meetings scheduled for June 26, 2017 to June 19, 2017.

CARRIED
(Commissioner Coupar opposed)

ENQUIRIES

1. A Board member enquired if signage could be placed at Fraser River Park, Riverfront Park and Gladstone Park, stating that swimming in the Fraser River is not recommended. Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, advised that Donnie Rosa, Director of Recreation, Park Board, would consult with the City's Risk Management Department on the liability associated with the Park Board placing the signage.
2. A Board member suggested that information be published in a publicly accessible location regarding the rationale for the requirement for permits to hold fitness classes and yoga lessons in parks. Mr. Bromley undertook to develop the communication material.
3. A Board member enquired regarding the installation of the new washroom at Guelph Park. Howard Normann, Director of Park Operations, Park Board, advised that a temporary washroom facility would be available during the construction of a permanent washroom, a component of the approved park enhancement.
4. A Board member enquired regarding discussions to allow yoga to continue at Guelph Park. Mr. Bromley advised that the Park Board is supportive of providing free yoga at Guelph Park and discussions are underway to resolve the issue.

5. A Board member enquired if staff is reviewing the request to remove the sound barrier at the Mount Pleasant Skateboard Park. Mr. Bromley reported that staff is consulting with neighbours and skateboarders regarding the continued requirement for the sound barrier.
6. A Board member enquired regarding the status of the repair of the water fountain at Lost Lagoon. Dave Hutch, Manager of Research and Planning, Park Board, undertook to follow up with Tiina Mack, Manager of Park Development, Park Board, and provide an update to the Board. Mr. Bromley advised that the scope of the project has changed to allow the fountain to function both high and low tides if the reconnection of the fountain to the ocean is achieved.
7. A Board member enquired whether the maintenance at CRAB Park would be completed in advance of Canada Day 150 celebrations. Mr. Normann reported that all clean up, with the possible exception of painting, would be completed prior to the celebratory event.
8. A Board member enquired on the status of the Concession Strategy. Shauna Wilton, Deputy General Manager, Park Board, advised that work has resumed on the development of the strategy and that a presentation on recommendations would be provided to the Board in fall 2017 with implementation in 2018.
9. A Board member enquired regarding the status of the restaurant proposal approved for the Fish House at Stanley Park and Harbour Green Park. Mr. Bromley advised that he would request that Sev Araujo, Manager of Commercial Operations, Park Board, provide an update to Commissioners.
10. A Board member enquired whether the architectural concrete containers that were removed from Andy Livingstone Park would be returned and replanted. Mr. Normann reported that the containers are being cleaned and will be replaced, however the taller features are difficult to plant. Staff is considering what to place in the taller planters.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 10:21 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley
General Manager

Commissioner Michael Wiebe
Chair