



**PARK BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING
MEETING MINUTES**

JULY 10, 2017

A Regular Park Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, July 10, 2017, at 7:30 pm, at the Park Board Office.

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Erin Shum (Leave of Absence)

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Park Board Committee Meeting - June 19, 2017

MOVED by Commissioner Evans

SECONDED by Commissioner Wiebe

THAT the Park Board Committee minutes of the June 19, 2017 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AGENDA ITEMS

1. REPORT: China Creek North Park Upgrades and Glen Pump Station

Tiina Mack, Manager of Park Development, Park Board, Lehran Hache, Landscape Designer, Park Board, and Wally Konowalchuk, Civil Engineer II - Pump Stations, Engineering Services, City of Vancouver, jointly led the review of a presentation on the proposed China Creek North Park upgrades and the Glen Pump Station replacement and highlighted:

- China Creek North Park Upgrades:
 - Background on old streams and an overview of current conditions
 - Public consultation process
 - Proposed improvements in China Creek North Park
 - Feedback received on pedestrian and accessibility improvements, playground replacement and dog off-leash issues

- Creek daylighting and green infrastructure opportunities
- Schedule of proposed park improvements
- Glen Station Pump Station:
 - Purpose of the pump station
 - Utility statutory right-of-way
 - Public feedback received in January 2017
 - Conceptual design and site layout
 - Interpretive graphic display on pump station
 - Public feedback in June 2017
 - Schedule for pump station and financing.

Ms. Mack, Ms. Hache and Mr. Konowalchuk, along with Jerry Dobrovolny, Chief Engineer and General Manager of Engineering Services, City of Vancouver, and Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, responded to questions from the Committee. There was discussion on: a proposed motion to refer the report to staff until the Dogs, People and Parks Strategy is brought forward on July 24, 2017; whether the playground can be located closer to the washrooms; recognition of the challenge of balancing multiple uses in parks; concern that some groups of park users may not have been consulted; concern regarding missed opportunities in the park; and support to investigate further opportunities for green infrastructure projects.

MOVED by Commissioner Wiebe
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board refer the matter of China Creek North Park upgrades and Glen Pump Station replacement to staff to investigate the possibility of positioning the playground closer to the washrooms; and to clarify how the dog off leash area integrates with the Dogs, People and Parks Strategy that will be considered by the Board on July 24, 2017.

DEFEATED
(Commissioner Wiebe in favour)

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the proposed playground replacement, stairway, and accessible pathway improvements in China Creek North Park, as described in this report;
- B. THAT the Board approve the replacement of the Glen Pump Station and building, including a public washroom facility, in China Creek Park North as described in this report; and

- C. FURTHER THAT the Board authorize the establishment of one or more right of way agreements for the development and operations of the Pump Station facility and other sewerage infrastructure in form and content satisfactory to the Park Board General Manager, City Engineer, and Director of Legal Services.

CARRIED

(Commissioner Wiebe opposed)

2. REPORT: Mount Pleasant Park Basketball Court Mural - Corporate Sponsorship Funding

Commissioner Wiebe declared a Conflict of Interest on the basis of his relationship with the Mount Pleasant Business Improvement Association and left the meeting at 8:35 pm.

Dave Hutch, Manager of Research and Planning, Park Board, and jil p. weaving, Coordinator, Arts, Culture and Engagement, Park Board, jointly led the review of a presentation on a proposal to install and maintain the first basketball court mural in Vancouver Park and highlighted:

- Background on mural festivals held in 2016 and 2017
- Request received to install a court mural and proposed artist
- Connection between art and sport
- Proposed location, materials and project budget
- Expressions of support from various sources for the proposed mural.

Ms. weaving along with Mr. David Lewis, Team Lead, Integrated Graffiti Management Program, Park Board, responded to questions from the Committee.

The Committee heard from three speakers who spoke in support of the recommendation, noted their appreciation for the involvement of youth in the project and commented on the importance of the connection between art and sport. The speakers responded to questions from the Committee.

There was discussion on: support for the proposed mural theme; and suggestion that this mural art be incorporated on all of Vancouver's basketball courts reflecting the neighbourhoods in which they are located.

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon

SECONDED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve a contribution of \$35,000 from the Corporate Sponsorship Fund toward the installation and maintenance of a unique initiative proposed by the Vancouver Mural Festival to create a mural on the basketball court in Mount Pleasant Park, with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager of the Park Board.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Commissioner Wiebe absent from the vote)

Commissioner Wiebe rejoined the meeting at 9:10 pm.

3. REPORT: Vancouver Biennale 2018-2030 Partnership Agreement

Dave Hutch, Manager of Research and Planning, Park Board, and jil p. weaving, Coordinator, Arts, Culture and Engagement, Park Board, jointly led the review of a presentation on a proposed agreement with the Vancouver Biennale Foundation for three temporary exhibitions of multiple public artworks and highlighted:

- History of temporary exhibitions and Biennale Exhibitions
- Community programming, including artist residencies, events and the Big Ideas educational program
- Lasting legacies
- Current Biennale proposal for three temporary exhibitions for 2018 - 2030
- New responsibilities for the Park Board relative to landscaping of bases, and costs for relocating artworks in the event that the Park Board requires it to be moved.

Mr. Hutch and Ms. weaving, along with Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, responded to questions from the Committee.

Mr. Bromley reported that Ms. weaving will be departing the Park Board on July 11, 2017, and acknowledged her significant contributions to the Park Board during the length of her employment, particularly in the areas of education in art and reconciliation.

The Committee heard from five speakers who spoke in support of the recommendation and commented on the advantages of the agreement to the Biennale, the Park Board, the City and its citizens; the importance of public art; and the opportunity that the model presents to bring world-class art to Vancouver. The speakers responded to questions from the Committee.

Motion to Suspend Rules

MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Commissioner Evans

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

The Committee heard from an additional speaker who spoke in support of the recommendation.

There was discussion on: appreciation for the beauty and functionality of art; recognition of the unrelenting enthusiasm and passion for art of Barrie Mowatt, Founder and President of the Vancouver Biennale Foundation; need for information to be provided about ways in which a community could retain its art before temporary art is removed; appropriateness of the Park Board supporting some of the costs relative to the temporary art installations; and importance of public art to the City and its citizens.

MOVED by Commissioner Wiebe
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board enter into an agreement to host three temporary artwork exhibitions over the period of 2018 through to 2030, curated and funded by the Vancouver Biennale Foundation with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager and the Director of Legal Services.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. REPORT: Bird Friendly Windows - Corporate Sponsorship Funding

Dave Hutch, Manager of Research and Planning, Park Board, and Alan Duncan, Environmental Planner, Park Board, led the review of a presentation on a proposal to increase the bird friendliness of the Park Board Administration building and highlighted:

- Policy for use of Corporate Sponsorship Funds
- Toronto's Green Standard for new development
- Seeing Spots project proposal and Feather Friendly film
- Collision data collected in October 2015
- Technologies and visual impacts
- Heritage implications.

Mr. Duncan, along with Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, responded to questions from the Committee. There was discussion on: appropriateness of the proposed use of Corporate Sponsorship Funds; support for this project to be funded in a future operating budget as part of regular maintenance costs; opportunity to benefit overall parks by leading by example; and significance issue of the loss of birds in North America, particularly song birds.

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Evans

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve an expenditure of up to \$40,000 from the Corporate Sponsorship Funds to apply a bird collision deterrent treatment to windows at the Park Board Administration Building at 2099 Beach Avenue.

CARRIED
(Commissioner Coupar and Kirby-Yung opposed)

The Committee adjourned at 10:36 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley
General Manager

Commissioner Casey Crawford
Chair



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MEETING MINUTES

JULY 10, 2017

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Commissioner Catherine Evans
Commissioner Sarah Kirby-Yung
Commissioner Stuart Mackinnon
Commissioner Michael Wiebe, Chair

ABSENT: Commissioner Erin Shum, Vice-Chair (Leave of Absence)

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WELCOME

Chair Wiebe 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. July 24, 2017 Meeting

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon
SECONDED by Commissioner Crawford

THAT the Board will go into a meeting on July 24, 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 - June 19, 2017

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNICATIONS

The Board was advised that there were four items of communications of note. Three letters of support were received for the Vancouver Biennale. There was also a letter received providing suggestions regarding the China Creek Park North upgrade. All items have been included in the Commissioners' meeting materials.

COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Report of the Park Board Committee - Monday, July 10, 2017

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

1. REPORT: China Creek North Park Upgrades and Glen Pump Station
2. REPORT: Mount Pleasant Park Basketball Court Mural - Corporate Sponsorship Funding
3. REPORT: Vancouver Biennale 2018-2030 Partnership Agreement
4. REPORT: Bird Friendly Windows - Corporate Sponsorship Funding.

MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Park Board Committee at its meeting of July 10, 2017, as contained in items 1 through 4.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, reported on:

- Increased safety efforts at Andy Livingstone Park
- Installation of nine beach wheelchairs and accessible beach mats at English Bay in August 2017
- Working with the organizers of Dude Chilling Yoga at Guelph Park to ensure that the minimum requirements for a permit are met
- Public engagement initiatives for the period of July 10 - 24, 2017, on Vancouver's Waterway Recreation Strategy, Hinge Park playground fence and Andy Livingstone Park (east) playground replacement
- List of briefing memos issued for the period of June 15 to July 5, 2017, which will be posted online.

STAFF REPORTS

1. REPORT REFERENCE: Strathcona CCA Funding Model - Interim Strategy

Donnie Rosa, Director of Recreation, Park Board, and Paul Czene, Recreation Coordinator, Access and Volunteer Services, Park Board, jointly led the review of a presentation on the interim funding model for the Strathcona Community Centre Association (SCCA) and highlighted:

- Demographics of the Strathcona neighbourhood, which has the highest percentage of individuals living at or below the living wage
- Background on the SCCA, operating and funding adjustments
- Proposed interim funding model that allows an adjustment to the Leisure Access Program (LAP) income threshold, with subsidy rates funded by the Park Board for the SCCA recreation programs
- Policy tools
- Living wage and low income cut off (before tax).

Motion to Suspend Rules

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar

SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation suspend the Park Board rules to allow the meeting to continue beyond 11:00 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ms. Rosa and Mr. Czene, along with Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, responded to questions from the Board. It was confirmed that the presentation was to provide an interim solution and that a report for decision would be presented to the Board in future.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Mackinnon shared a Twitter post thanking a Park Ranger for a kind exchange with an individual at Andy Livingstone Park earlier in the day.

Commissioner Wiebe advised of a motion from the Peoples with Disabilities Advisory Committee, which should be considered by staff before the related matter was presented to Council on July 25, 2017.

ENQUIRIES

1. A Board member acknowledged the Remarkable Women display for Door Open Vancouver.
2. A Board member enquired about the location of benches in Strathcona Park and if they are encouraging unwanted behaviour, and whether there had been any studies relative to bench locations in parks. The Director of Park Operations advised that seating in parks is important but bench location will be looked at in this case to see if relocation can help. The General Manager advised that there benches with different designs could also assist.
3. A Board member enquired if there is a way to track costs being born by the Park Board, over the course of a week, by failure of senior governments to solve homelessness. Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, advised that Howard Normann, The Director of Park Operations, has been tracking the cost incurred by his team.
4. A Board member enquired if about a theft at the Stanley Park Train and wondered if there had been any security enhancements to Stanley Park. Shauna Wilton, Deputy General Manager, advised that existing security protocols are working well, and a larger project is underway with Corporate Security and update will be provided to the Board. Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, advised that a detailed update will be provided on security enhancements, and advised that the Park Board received additional funding from the City to dedicate a person to the Park Board for security.
5. A Board member enquired if there is planning taking place with Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services in terms of quick response to fires in parks, and whether there is an ability to pump water out of water bodies if there is need. Howard Normann, Director of Park Operations advised that there are two wild fire brush units in Downtown, Champlain Heights that would be utilized in trail and other “back country” fires. Further, there are also two Park Rangers who are canvassing for encampments and any signs of fires.
6. A Board member enquired about dogs on Habitat Island, as well as amplified music and who is responsible for enforcing by-laws pertaining to these issues. It was requested that there is need to clarify the responsibilities of the City and Park Board relative to enforcement. Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, advised that Park Control By-laws are currently being updated.

7. A Board member enquired on the status of the Vancouver Park Foundation. Shauna Wilton, Deputy General Manager, advised that staff are currently working on the strategic plan and fundraising plan and will present to the Board in the fall. Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, advised that the Foundation has been registered and are meeting with other foundations and professions to learn best practices.
8. A Board member enquired about the status of homeless campers in Nelson Park. Howard Normann, Director of Park Operations advised that Park Rangers have been working with VPD to address this sensitive issue.
9. A Board member enquired about the upcoming City Wide Development Cost Levy Review that will be going forward to Council on July 26, 2017, and the status of a member motion that asked staff to identify recommendations for the Park Board to preserve green space in the event of the DCL cuts, and whether there has been consideration to holding a special meeting before the Council meeting due to time constraints. Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, advised that this matter will be brought to the Board on July 24, 2017, and as such staff are not contemplating a special meeting.
10. A Board member enquired about the snow fencing Kitsilano Beach Park. Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, advised that an update would come to the Board by July 24, 2017.
11. A Board member enquired about the removal of the picnic tables in Grandview Park as concerns have been raised at Britannia Community Centre and if foldable picnic tables that could be removed at night and brought back during the day be placed in the park. Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, advised that there are concerns about portable items, and will have Donnie Rosa and Howard work with Britannia Community Centre to look at some solution.
12. A Board member enquired about heavy algae bloom in the False Creek beaver's pond and the absence of the beavers. Howard Normann, Director of Park Operations advised that this is an annual occurrence as the weather warms. Staff will see look into cleaning the algae by adding water.
13. A Board member enquired if Marpole Museum and Historical Society would like to have a community garden next to its building where there is currently an empty lot. Wondering about an Indigenous education garden with potable plants that could be utilized by the seven seniors coop housing in the area, and connect the park to the Arbutus greenway. Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, advised to have the enquirer contact his office directly.
14. A Board member advised the Kanata Festival had agreed to donate their stage, long house, art, totem poles and other structures to the Park Board in the hope that they would be used in a park or reconciliation area. Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, asked Howard Normann to coordinate transportation of the materials.
15. A Board member enquired if the current Park Board bylaws might not be congruent with constitutional decisions in the Abbotsford and Victoria. Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, advised that staff have been meeting with Pivot Legal Society to discuss this

matter as Park Control By-laws are an area of concern that will be managed sensitively.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 11:35 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley
General Manager

Commissioner Michael Wiebe
Chair