



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MEETING MINUTES

JULY 24, 2017

The Regular Park Board meeting was held on Monday, July 24, 2017, at 9:45 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. September 18, 2017 Meeting

MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Board will go into a meeting on September 18, 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 - July 10, 2017

MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

THAT the Park Board minutes of the July 10, 2017 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED
(Commissioner Shum abstained)

COMMUNICATIONS

The Board was advised that there were 21 individual emails received in support of the motion titled "Skateboard Strategy" and one email that is considered neutral/other. Copies of the emails have been sent directly to Commissioners.

COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Report of the Park Board Committee - July 24, 2017

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

- 1. REPORT: City Wide Development Cost Levy Review - Park Board Implications.

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 July 24, 2017, as contained in item 1.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

STAFF REPORTS

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, referenced the General Manager's Report that was provided with the Commissioners' meeting materials and which will be posted to the Park Board website following the meeting. Mr. Bromley highlighted:

- A list of briefing memos issued to Commissioners during the month will be included in future General Manager's Reports
- Park related items to be considered at the July 26, 2017 meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Policy and Strategic Priorities.

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

- Park Board and City staff worked together in the development of the recommendations to Council regarding a floating pool at False Creek and the potential of integrating a swimming breach into park designs for the northeast side of False Creek to ensure consistency with the VanSplash Strategy that is under development
- An amendment to the current zoning of the Harbour Green site was approved by Council to accommodate the design of the restaurant roof, which will overhang the seawall.

Motion to Suspend Rules

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon
SECONDED by Commissioner Shum

THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation suspend the Park Board rules to allow the meeting to continue beyond 10:00 pm.

CARRIED

(Commissioner Kirby-Yung opposed)

Mr. Bromley responded to questions regarding the briefing memo issued on July 21, 2017, titled the Marpole Community Centre Renewal - Location Validation & Needs Assessment Study. The study responds to the City Manager's requirement to validate the location of the redeveloped Marpole Oakridge Community Centre at Oak Park to determine if another park location would leverage the benefit of the new Arbutus Corridor.

There was discussion on: request to amend the briefing note to reflect the recollection of Commissioner Kirby-Yung and Chair Wiebe regarding the discussions that occurred with the City Manager and the President of the Marpole Oakridge Community Centre Association with respect to the process to validate the location; concern regarding the delay in the timing for the completion of the validation of the location; jurisdiction of the Park Board and concern that a unanimous resolution of the Board to locate the Marpole Oakridge Community Centre at Oak Park has not been followed; and whether the City has the authority to interfere with a decision of the Board and inject a new location into the discussion.

REPORT REFERENCE

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon
SECONDED by Commissioner Crawford

That the Board receives the following reports for information:

- A. VanPlay - Phase 1 Project Update
- B. People, Parks and Dogs Strategy Update.

Commissioner Kirby-Yung requested that the motion be separated into distinct propositions.

Question on Item A

THAT the Board receives the VanPlay - Phase 1 Project Update for information.

CARRIED
(Commissioner Kirby-Yung opposed)

Question on Item B

THAT the Board receives the People, Parks and Dogs Strategy Update for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTIONS ON NOTICE

1. Skateboard Strategy

Commissioner Shum introduced the motion and commented on the need for a strategy that reflects the everyday needs of the wheeled sports community.

Commissioner Shum, along with Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, responded to questions from the Board. There was discussion on the feasibility of developing the Skateboard Strategy as a “living document”.

MOVED by Commissioner Shum
SECONDED by Commissioner Wiebe

WHEREAS:

- 1. Wheeled Sports like bike riding and skateboarding are recreation activities that are affordable, accessible and naturally encourage free play and physical activity;
- 2. Park Board wants to continue to encourage active, healthy and creative living;
- 3. Skateparks can open to a variety of wheeled-sports that includes in-line skates, roller skates, longboards, BMX, scooters, and skateboards for all ages and abilities;

4. Skateboarding offers a number of physical benefits including cardiovascular endurance, strength, agility mixed with opportunities to socialize and host charitable events and tournaments for the tourism community and more;
5. Skateparks cater and provide benefits to skateboarders of all ages and abilities as well as to a wide range of other demographics; and
6. Skateboarding provides children and youth with an opportunity to learn skills through after school programming and leadership programming roles.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to work with stakeholders, the City's Engineering, Planning, By-law, and Risk Management departments, as well as police and the community to create a "living document" that is to be discussed and reviewed by Park Board Commissioners throughout the public process to create a framework for achieving an effective city-wide network of skateboarding amenities that will accommodate current and future recreation needs of all residents.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

1. Prohibition of Balloons in Parks

Commissioner Mackinnon gave notice of motion on the following:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation prohibit the use, and/or display of balloons in parks, community centres, and other areas within the jurisdiction of the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Evans commended Park Board staff for their efforts in planning the Thunderbird Sharing Ceremony.

Chair Wiebe reported that the Thunderbird Community Centre Board of Directors has passed a motion to incorporate the traditional Musqueam word for thunderbird in the name of the community centre.

ENQUIRIES

1. A Board member suggested that the surplus boat storage under the Cambie Street Bridge be repurposed for the False Creek Community Centre racing program. Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, undertook to investigate.
2. A Board member enquired if staff is aware that the sealing of tree roots with asphalt collars will impact the long-term health of the trees. Howard Normann, Director of Park Operations, Park Board, advised that the Park Board does not have jurisdiction

over the sidewalk and undertook to contact the City Engineering Department to revisit the issue and request the consideration of options that will not negatively impact the health of the trees.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 10:38 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley
General Manager

Commissioner Michael Wiebe
Chair