



## PARK BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING MEETING MINUTES

JULY 24, 2017

A Regular Park Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, July 24, 2017, at 7:07 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 Erin Shum  
Commissioner Michael Wiebe

**GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE:** Malcolm Bromley, General Manager  
Shauna Wilton, Deputy 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 - July 10, 2017

MOVED by Commissioner Evans  
SECONDED by Commissioner Wiebe

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Commissioner Shum abstained)

### CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Wiebe highlighted the following events and the participation of Park Board Commissioners:

- Car Free Day on Main Street on June 18, 2017
- June 20, 2017 launch of the Solar Now Project at the Creekside Paddling Centre
- June 21, 2017 National Aboriginal Day celebration at John Hendry Park
- Vancouver Dragon Boat Festival at Creekside Park from June 23 to 25, 2017
- Opening of the Farmers Market in the redeveloped Riley Park on June 24, 2017
- June 24, 2017 celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Viking Sailing Club at Jericho Sailing Centre
- June 27, 2017 announcement of Federal Government funding for upgrades to Kitsilano Pool infrastructure
- Premier of Uninterrupted at Cooper's Park on June 27, 2017

- Canada 150 celebrations at Creekside Park, Sunset Park and Kensington Community Centre and with the Chinatown Business Improvement Association
- Federal Government announcement of funding for Sunset Park upgrades during the Canada Day celebrations
- Arbutus Greenway temporary path celebration on July 8, 2017
- Lotus Light Community Caring Day at Oppenheimer Park on July 8, 2017
- July 8, 2017 Brock House Summer Fair
- July 8, 2017 Khatsahlano Street Party
- Launch of Disabled Sailing Association of BC sailboat on July 12, 2017
- Opening night of the 40<sup>th</sup> Vancouver Folk Music Festival on July 13, 2017
- July 13, 2017 proclamation of Day of Laughter
- Participation in the last segment of the Pulling Together Canoe Journey from Ambleside in West Vancouver to the shore of Vanier Park on July 14, 2017
- July 15, 2017 Thunderbird Sharing Ceremony in Stanley Park
- S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Walk with the Dragon fundraising event in Stanley Park on July 16, 2017
- Discussion regarding False Creek water quality at Simon Fraser University on July 20, 2017
- Sandcastle Competition at West Point Grey Community Centre on July 21, 2017
- Opening of the Drum is Calling Festival at Larwill Park that will run from July 22 to 30, 2017
- July 22, 2017 Pride Sports Day at Second Beach in Stanley Park
- July 22, 2017 Thai Festival at the Vancouver Art Gallery.

## AGENDA ITEMS

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

Dave Hutch, Manager of Research and Planning, Park Board, and Steve Jackson, Director of Financial Planning and Analysis, Park Board, jointly led the review of a presentation on the Park Board implications of the City-wide Development Cost Levy (DCL) review:

- Purpose of the City of Vancouver's DCL update
- Park Board use of DCLs for land acquisition and park development
- Forecasted population growth areas
- Strategies to guide the planning and development of parks and recreation services
- Park Board 10-year capital projection provided to the City of Vancouver for land acquisition and development totals \$551 million
- Proposed DCL allocation to the Park Board
- Park Board unallocated DCL reserve of \$111 million
- Financial impact of the proposed reduction in the DCL allocation from 41% to 18%
- Options to maintain investments in park acquisition and development
- City's Property Endowment Fund (PEF) holds over 700 properties of which over 50 PEF properties are current or planned park, which requires reconciliation with Park Board interests.

Messrs. Hutch and Jackson, along with Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, responded to questions from the Committee. There was discussion on:

- Confirmation that the updated report was posted to the Park Board website earlier in the day on July 24, 2017
- Concern regarding the increasing cost of land, particularly in downtown Vancouver, on the Park Board's purchasing power
- Whether the Park Board has the capacity to expend its annual DCL allocation
- Whether there is an opportunity for new park land acquisition through the reconciliation of the PEF
- Actual net decrease of \$6 million per year resulting from the 25% increase in the City's DCL rate, combined with the reduction in the percentage of the DCL to be allocated to the Park Board
- Impact of the DCL reduction on the ability to achieve the urban forest targets
- Suggestion that a Park Board liaison be appointed to the PEF Board
- Opportunity to acquire park spaces through developer contributions to supplement land acquisitions
- Whether there is consideration of the quality of the park space provided to meet the metric of the population being less than a five minute walking distance to a park
- Suggestion to utilize the existing reserves to fund the shortfall in the budget to develop the park at Smithe and Richards Street
- City's role in the acquisition of land for parks.

The Committee heard from two speakers. One speaker spoke in opposition to the City's proposed reduction to the Park Board's DCL allocation. The other speaker spoke on the need for increased funding to be provided to the Park Board to provide park space when density is created without a corresponding increase in floor space, as a result of infill housing and secondary suites. The speakers responded to questions from the Committee.

### **Main Motion**

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon

SECONDED by Commissioner Evans

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation directs staff to send a letter from its Board Chair to the Mayor of the City of Vancouver, requesting that, if Council approves the staff recommendation in its report titled "Vancouver City Wide Development Cost Levy Update (2017-2026)", Council also provide a guarantee to the Park Board that the Park Board's Development Cost Levy (DCL) allocation will be re-evaluated based on parks capital planning needs in four years (2022), in line with the capital planning process for the 2023-2026 Capital Plan; and
- B. FURTHER THAT the Board direct staff to:
  - i. Update park acquisitions strategy to align with the goals and priorities identified through the Parks and Recreation Services Master Plan

(VanPlay) process, to inform the re-evaluation of DCL rates, and report back in 2018;

- ii. Develop a strategy to identify opportunities and reconcile Park Board interests in the Property Endowment Fund (PEF) and other non-park City-owned lands with City staff to identify options and solutions for maintaining investment in park acquisition and development, and to help inform the re-evaluation of DCL rates; and
- iii. Report back to the Board on the above-noted strategies in 2018.

### **Amendment to the Main Motion**

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar  
SECONDED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung

THAT Item A be amended to:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation directs staff to send a letter from its Board Chair to the Mayor and Council of the City of Vancouver, advising that the Vancouver Park Board strongly objects to the staff recommendation in its report titled “Vancouver City-wide Development Cost Levy Update (2017-2026)”, further that should Council approve this recommendation against the stated wishes of the Vancouver Park Board, that Council also provide a guarantee to the Park Board that the Park Board’s Development Cost Levy (DCL) allocation will be re-evaluated based on parks capital planning needs in four years (2022), in line with the capital planning process for the 2023-2026 Capital Plan.

CARRIED  
(Commissioners Evans and Mackinnon opposed)

Commissioner Evans requested that the motion be separated into distinct propositions.

### **Question on Item A**

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

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CARRIED  
(Commissioner Evans opposed)

**Question on Item B**

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- B. THAT the Board directs staff to:
  - i. Update park acquisitions strategy to align with the goals and priorities identified through the Parks and Recreation Services Master Plan (VanPlay) process, to inform the re-evaluation of DCL rates, and report back in 2018;
  - ii. Develop a strategy to identify opportunities and reconcile Park Board interests in the Property Endowment Fund (PEF) and other non-park City-owned lands with City staff to identify options and solutions for maintaining investment in park acquisition and development, and to help inform the re-evaluation of DCL rates; and
  - iii. Report back to the Board on the above-noted strategies in 2018.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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The Committee adjourned at 9:36 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley  
General Manager

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Commissioner Casey Crawford  
Chair