



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 18, 2017

The Regular Park Board meeting was held on Monday, September 18, 2017, at 8:52 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, Manager, 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. In-Camera Meeting

MOVED by Commissioner Shum
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

THAT the Board will go into meetings, prior to the next Regular Board Meeting, which is closed to the public, pursuant to Section 165.2(1) of the *Vancouver Charter*, to discuss matters related to paragraphs:

- (i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;
- (j) information that is prohibited, or information that if it were presented in a document would be prohibited, from disclosure under Section 21 [*disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party*] of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*;

- (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 24, 2017

MOVED by Commissioner Evans

SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Park Board minutes of the July 24, 2017 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNICATIONS

The Board was advised that seven emails were received regarding the “Prohibition of Balloons in Parks” motion, of which four were opposed and three were in support. Copies of the emails have been forwarded directly to Commissioners and are included in the meeting materials.

COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Report of the Park Board Committee - September 18, 2017

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

- 1. REPORT: Brewers Park and Clinton Park Renewal Concept Plans
- 2. REPORT: Water Conservation Action Plan

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar

SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Park Board Committee at its meeting of September 18, 2017, as contained in items 1 and 2.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Agenda Varied

By consensus, the agenda was varied to consider the General Manager’s Report following the Community Centre Association Joint Operating Agreement Update and Motions on Notice.

REPORT REFERENCE

1. Community Centre Association Joint Operating Agreement - Update

Donnie Rosa, Director of Recreation, Park Board, led the review of a presentation providing an update on the Community Centre Association (CCA) Joint Operating Agreement (JOA):

- Foundational principles established in 2008
- Efforts to renew the JOA
- Park Board approval of the form of the new JOA on April 10, 2017
- Current CCA JOA signing status
- Issues raised in the September 12, 2017 letter from twelve CCAs indicating concerns with body of JOA
- Next steps.

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

Ms. Rosa, along with Karin Grubb, Solicitor, City of Vancouver, and Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, responded to questions from the Board. There was discussion regarding: the embodiment of a renewal mechanism in the JOA; requirement for CCAs to settle any arrears prior to being offered a new JOA; steps that would be taken by the Park Board if CCAs do not enter into a new JOA by September 30, 2017; clarification on numerous terms in the JOA; anticipated timeline for finalization of the JOA appendices with each CCA; and whether the outstanding issues identified by CCAs are business terms or legal issues.

Recess

The meeting recessed at 10:30 pm and reconvened at 10:41 pm.

MOTIONS ON NOTICE

1. Prohibition of Balloons in Parks

Commissioner Mackinnon introduced the motion and commented on the impact of balloons on the environment and animals and the danger that they pose to children.

Motion to Suspend Rules

MOVED by Commissioner Crawford
SECONDED by Commissioner Shum

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

Commissioner Mackinnon responded to questions from the Board. There was discussion on: concern with the impact of the prohibition on Community Centre Associations (CCAs) and the Park Board's restaurant partners; and whether public education would be a viable alternative to prohibition.

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon
SECONDED by Commissioner Evans

WHEREAS:

1. Balloons being made of latex or plastic are non-renewable, and non-renewables are an ever-increasing product in our landfills, beaches, waterways, oceans and other natural areas;
2. Animals both on land and in the oceans frequently misidentify deflated balloons as sources of food. Sea turtles are especially vulnerable as jellyfish are a common prey item and often the animals consume deflated balloons floating on the water's surface, thinking they are a suitable food source which leads to stomach or intestinal blockages and eventual starvation;
3. Naturally curious animals, such as birds and dolphins, are attracted to bright colours and shiny objects, and end up mistakenly ingesting balloons;
4. Accidental consumption isn't the only danger associated with balloons - the strings or ribbons attached to them are just as harmful. Birds often get entangled, and, once unable to fly, face certain death. Flippers and fins of sea turtles, seals, and dolphins can also become wrapped in string, causing infections, amputations and/or death by drowning; and
5. Balloons can also be harmful or even fatal to young children—one study found that balloons cause more childhood deaths than any other toy.

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.

Motion to Refer

MOVED by Commissioner Evans
SECONDED by Commissioner Wiebe

THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation directs staff to develop a consultative approach to address the issues posed by balloons in parks, community centres, and other areas within the jurisdiction of the Board.

DEFEATED
(Commissioners Evans, Mackinnon and Wiebe voted in favour)

Question on the Main Motion

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.

Amendment to the Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Evans
SECONDED by Commissioner Wiebe

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation prohibit permit users in parks from using balloons that can be released.

DEFEATED
(Commissioners Evans, Mackinnon and Wiebe voted in favour)

Question on the Main Motion

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.

DEFEATED
(Commissioners Mackinnon and Wiebe voted in favour)

Agenda Varied

The order of the agenda was resumed.

STAFF REPORTS

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

By consensus, the Board received the General Manager's Report for information without the necessity for a presentation.

Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, invited Commissioners to contact him with any questions on the General Manager's Report and agreed to copy all Commissioners on his responses.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

1. **Review of Real Estate and Facility Management Provision of Services to Vancouver Park Board**

Commissioner Kirby-Yung gave notice of motion on the following:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation directs staff to initiate a review of facility and infrastructure service requests and related data (such as, but not limited to, 311 cases and public complaints, Community Centre Association and partner complaints and concerns), as may be available prior to and post implementation of the shared services model;
- B. THAT staff present an analysis and report to the Board of the findings of the review no later than the end of November 2017, giving due consideration to the upcoming 2018 operational year; and
- C. THAT staff present the Board with recommendations such as returning management of facilities back to the Park Board or implementation of a service level agreement, in order to identify solutions for delivering an acceptable level of service for the Vancouver public and for Park Board partners.

2. **Renaming Siwash Rock**

Commissioner Evans gave notice of motion on the following:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT staff engage with the Stanley Park Intergovernmental Working Group to develop a process for renaming Siwash Rock; and
- B. THAT staff report back to the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation as soon as practicable, on the design of this process as well as the timeframe for achieving it.

3. **Park Ranger Funding and Safety**

Commissioner Coupar gave notice of motion on the following:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation formally requests that Vancouver City Council authorize additional funding for the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation - on a priority basis for the 2018 Operating Budget - to enable 24-hour-a-day Park Ranger patrols at all Vancouver parks impacted by

the significant challenges of drug use and garbage, as well as additional funding to maintain the cleanliness and safety of impacted Vancouver parks on an ongoing basis;

- B. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation directs Park Board staff to draft a budget, for submission to Vancouver City Council and the City of Vancouver, outlining the Operating Budget funding necessary to enable 24-hour-a-day Park Ranger patrols as well as the funding necessary to maintain the cleanliness and safety of all Vancouver parks impacted by the significant challenges arising from drug use and garbage; and
- C. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation directs Park Board staff to continue to liaise with their City of Vancouver staff counterparts to explore ways in which the Park Board can assist in efforts to locate appropriate housing and support for those struggling with mental health and addiction challenges.

ENQUIRIES

- 1. A Board member enquired if the algae collection on Trout Lake would dissipate naturally or if proactive action is required. Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, advised that the question would be referred to Nick Page, Biologist, Park Board, for a response.
- 2. A Board member enquired about the three-week outage of the lights on the Riverfront Park river path, between Jellico Street and Kerr Street. The 311 operators have been unwilling to accept residents' reports of the outage. Howard Normann, Director of Park Operations, Park Board, and Shauna Wilton, Deputy General Manager, Park Board, will be requested to investigate the outage and the 311 response, respectively.
- 3. A Board member requested an update on the clean up of Andy Livingstone Park and the development of a strategy to ensure maintenance of the park. Mr. Normann advised that Park Rangers are deployed to Andy Livingstone Park from 7am to 10pm daily. The Park Board is working closely with the Crosstown Elementary School to ensure the playground is safe for children in the morning and these efforts will continue. Mr. Bromley advised that there is an update in the General Manager's Report regarding current and planned actions.
- 4. A Board member questioned if the Twitter photographs and messages regarding concerns with Andy Livingstone Park are being addressed through social media. Mr. Bromley advised that the Park Board monitors social media very carefully and responds to messages. It is not within the Park Board's mandate to resolve the homelessness and other issues that lead to the situations at Andy Livingstone Park and Creekside Park.
- 5. A Board member requested an update on the autism strategy. Mr. Bromley advised that Donnie Rosa, Director of Recreation, Park Board, would be requested to follow up.

6. A Board member enquired regarding the structure under construction at McAuley Park. Tiina Mack, Manager of Park Development, Park Board, advised that a Vietnamese monument is being constructed.
7. A Board member requested an update on the construction of the field house at Oak Meadows. Ms. Mack reported that the current estimated completion of construction is the end of the 2017 calendar year.
8. A Board member enquired regarding the possibility of blight impacting some of the maple trees in Riley Park. Mr. Normann advised that the trees have actually died and so will be replaced.
9. A Board member enquired on the status of the concession strategy. Ms. Wilton reported that recommendations are being developed for presentation to the Park Board in November 2017.
10. A Board member enquired on the status of the establishment of the Vancouver Foundation. Ms. Wilton advised that an update is scheduled for the October 2, 2017 Park Board meeting.
11. A Board member enquired on the status of the Sunset Seniors Centre location review. Ms. Rosa advised that a report would be presented to the Park Board in October 2017, prior to the presentation to Vancouver City Council.
12. A Board member enquired on the issues and status regarding the use of a Park Board dock for commuter and tourist ferry services. Ms. Wilton reported that the dock is rated for non-pleasure boating use and there are several commercial business that are using the dock. The tourist ferry services have been informed of the need to provide the Park Board with a formal proposal if they wish to continue to use the dock in the next tourist season. The Bowen Island taxi service has been granted an extension to October 31, 2017, with requirements to obtain a business license and adequate insurance. The extension is intended to provide adequate time for the taxi service to finalize a longer-term arrangement with the Park Board without impacting commuters.
13. A Board member enquired on the status of signage regarding amplified music at Kitsilano Beach. Mr. Normann reported that the signs have been installed on the tennis courts and a sign will be erected at the volleyball court next season.
14. A Board member enquired regarding consultation with Elsie Roy School in relation to work being done in the adjacent park and offered to provide contact information of an individual at the school.
15. A Board member enquired on the progress for recognition for Grace McCarthy and Dal Richards. Mr. Bromley undertook to report back on the steps being taken on the Grace McCarthy recognition. In addition, staff will be reviewing all outstanding motions to establish timelines for the information of Commissioners.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 11:44 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley
General Manager

Commissioner Michael Wiebe
Chair