



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 29, 2018

The Regular Park Board meeting was held on Monday, January 29, 2018, at 9:00 pm, at the Park Board Office.

PRESENT:

Commissioner John Coupar
Commissioner Casey Crawford
Commissioner Catherine Evans, Vice-Chair
Commissioner Sarah Kirby-Yung
Commissioner Stuart Mackinnon, Chair
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
Carol Lee, Meeting Clerk
Jessica Kulchyski, Meeting Assistant

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.

The Chair noted that in November 2005, the United Nations General Assembly designated January 27 as International Holocaust Remembrance Day to commemorate the tragedy of the Holocaust that occurred during the Second World War.

IN CAMERA

1. In Camera Meeting

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar

SECONDED by Commissioner Wiebe

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

- (a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the city or another position appointed by the city;

- (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the Council [Board] considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the city;
- (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 - January 15, 2018

MOVED by Commissioner Shum

SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Park Board minutes of the January 15, 2018 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

(Commissioner Wiebe abstained)

COMMUNICATIONS

The Board was advised that there was no communications of note other than that related to VanSplash: Vancouver Aquatics Strategy, which was referenced during the Park Board Committee meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Report of the Park Board Committee - January 29, 2018

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

- 1. REPORT: VanSplash: Vancouver Aquatic Strategy
- 2. REPORT: Special Events Calendar 2018 - Major Events.

MOVED by Commissioner Wiebe

SECONDED by Commissioner Shum

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Park Board Committee at its meeting of January 29, 2018, as contained in items 1 and 2.

CARRIED

(Commissioner Kirby-Yung opposed)

STAFF REPORTS

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- Park development:
 - Progress on the stream restoration in Tatlow and Volunteer Parks
 - Phase I repairs to the Stanley Park Seawall renewal will begin in late March 2018 and a new tender package for Phase II will be issued subsequently
 - Recommendations for the contract award for the Renfrew Ravine and Community Park and Douglas Park playground renewals are expected to be brought to the Board in February 2018
- Park planning and research:
 - Progress of the development of VanPlay, the Parks and Recreation Services Master Plan
 - Development of the public engagement approach for On Water (Non-Motorized Boating Strategy)
 - Request for Proposal (RFP) issued for design work for water conservation planning
 - Identification of water use efficiency opportunities for surface features at VanDusen Gardens
 - Continued planning on Northeast False Creek (NEFC) Park
- Council business:
 - Report on the United 2026 bid to host the 2026 FIFA World Cup will be received at the January 30, 2018 Council meeting
 - Report recommending five new Community Sport Hosting Grants will be received at the January 30, 2018 Council meeting
 - Report recommending a comprehensive plan for Northeast False Creek will be received at the January 31, 2018 meeting of the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services
- Board briefing memos issued from January 16 to 29, 2018
- Attendance at 2017 holiday events.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

1. Ray-Cam Cooperative Community Centre Renewal

Commissioner Mackinnon gave notice of motion on the following:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation support Ray-Cam Cooperative Community Centre's request to City Council for inclusion in the next capital plan.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Northeast False Creek Plan (“NEFC Plan”) and Viaducts Replacement Project January 31, 2018 Report to City Council

Commissioner Kirby-Yung introduced a motion and the Chair ruled that the motion was in order due to its time-sensitive nature.

MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung

SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

WHEREAS:

1. Vancouver City Council will receive a report and recommendations for approval at the January 31, 2018 Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting;
2. Northeast False Creek is located in the centre of Vancouver’s metropolitan core, connecting the downtown, Chinatown, historic communities of the Downtown Eastside, Citygate and the False Creek waterfront. The new parks, plazas and open spaces will be the largest downtown park built in decades, connecting to a series of flexible, inclusive and accessible public spaces. This project will also trigger the renewal of Andy Livingstone Park;
3. Section 488(1) of the Vancouver Charter grants the Park Board exclusive possession of, and exclusive jurisdiction and control over all areas designated as permanent public parks;
4. While the new Creekside and revitalized Andy Livingstone Parks will provide significant community benefit, at the same time there is equally potentially substantial and negative impact from the NEFC Project on Strathcona Park and the surrounding neighbourhood, due to the plan’s contemplated road alignment to William Street and the associated requirement to construct an elevated multi-lane busy road/highway through the middle of the park;
5. At this time, as the road alignment has not been determined, no formal recommendation has been brought publicly to the elected Vancouver Park Board regarding impact on Strathcona Park in order for the Board to take a decision;
6. The Park Board has not yet had the opportunity to complete an Environmental Impact Assessment on the potential roadway through Strathcona Park, nor conduct community consultation on the park impacts pursuant to (5) above; and
7. Vancouverites deserve to know the full extent and impacts of the Viaducts Replacement Project on all impacted neighbourhoods.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation direct staff to write to Mayor and Council asking them to defer the January 31 vote on the Northeast False Creek Plan until such time as the proposed road alignment has been determined and brought to the Vancouver Park Board for a vote if the City proposes it run through Strathcona Park; and
- B. FURTHER that sufficient time be allowed for the Park Board to conduct an Environmental Impact Assessment on a potential roadway through Strathcona Park and a community consultation on same pursuant to A above.

CARRIED

(Commissioner Evans opposed and Commissioner Shum abstained)

2. A Non-Motorized Boating Facility in Northeast False Creek

Commissioner Wiebe introduced a motion and the Chair ruled that the motion was in order due to its time-sensitive nature.

MOVED by Commissioner Wiebe

SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

WHEREAS:

- 1. Vancouver City Council will debate the Northeast False Creek Plan starting January 31, 2018. The Northeast False Creek Plan includes an optimal area to build a non-motorized boating facility;
- 2. Vancouver City Council has passed motions expressing support for a permanent facility in 2001, 2002, 2006, 2009, 2011, and 2014. The Vancouver Park Board passed a motion on July 8, 2013 supporting a permanent paddling facility in False Creek;
- 3. Canoe, kayak, dragon boat and outrigger programs operating from the Creekside Community Centre boating area have grown by over 10% per year, which has increased the need for a facility in False Creek;
- 4. The 2018 'On Water' Vancouver's Waterway Recreation Strategy will determine non-motorized facility uses, needs and opportunities by engaging with Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations, the boating community, disability groups, the Community Centre Associations, regulatory bodies and the general public; and
- 5. The creation of a non-motorized boating facility will address community needs, gaps, and concerns with an opportunity to connect with the long history of non-motorized boating while respecting and honouring the traditional unceded land and waters of the local First Nations, known now as the Northeast False Creek Area.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation reaffirms its support of the development of a non-motorized boating facility to serve to the benefits of the community confirming a non-motorized boating should be included as a priority for the Northeast False Creek Area; and
- B. AND FURTHER THAT the Vancouver Park Board be fully informed of all City of Vancouver initiatives that are of consequence to the Vancouver Park Board and the paddling community in False Creek.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Request for Leave of Absence

Commissioner Kirby-Yung requested that a leave of absence be granted from the February 19, 2018 meeting.

MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Board grants a leave of absence to Commissioner Kirby-Yung for the February 19, 2018 meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Commissioner Kirby-Yung requested that the report on the Kits Point cycling and pedestrian enhancements not be included on the agenda of the February 19, 2018 meeting.

4. March 2018 Special Meeting

Commissioner Coupar requested that the Special meeting to consider VanSplash: Vancouver Aquatics Strategy not be scheduled during the week of March 12 - 16, 2018.

ENQUIRIES

- 1. A Board member advised that Stanley Park Drive, between Brockton Point and Lumberman's Arch, requires repaving. Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, advised that repaving of the entire road would be included in the next capital plan. Howard Normann, Director of Parks, Park Board, undertook to repair the noted section of Stanley Park Drive as soon as the weather permits.
- 2. A Board member advised that a member of the public expressed a safety concern with the location of the parking meter at the parking lot near the Vancouver Aquarium.
- 3. A Board member requested that a water bottle refilling station be installed at the Vancouver Aquatic Centre as soon as possible.

4. A Board member questioned if the tidal debris at Jericho Beach will be removed shortly. Mr. Normann advised that the approved 2018 operating budget included a reduction in beach maintenance during the winter months. Maintenance will occur after a major storm however there are no current plans to remove the debris.
5. A Board member requested confirmation of the hours that washrooms at beaches are available for public use. Mr. Normann reported that washrooms are all open from dawn to dusk.
6. A Board member requested an update on the status of the October 2, 2017 motion regarding the review of Real Estate and Facility Management (REFM) provision of services to the Vancouver Park Board. Mr. Bromley advised that a meeting was held with the City Manager and General Manager of Real Estate Facilities during the week of January 22, 2018. Shauna Wilton, Deputy General Manager, Park Board, advised that a full public report would be provided to the Board in the spring 2018, with an interim step of communicating to the Board before the full report back.
7. A Board member enquired regarding the status of the installation of the Home and Away public art piece at Empire Fields Plateau Park. Mr. Bromley undertook to follow up with the City, as it was the party that commissioned the artist.
8. A Board member enquired regarding the status of the development of the Smithe and Richards Park. Dave Hutch, Manager of Research and Planning, Park Board, advised that there has been a delay in receiving the development permit. Mr. Bromley undertook to request that Tiina Mack, Manager of Park Development, Park Board, provide a detailed schedule to Commissioners.
9. A Board member commented on the erroneous communication regarding consultation on the location of the Marpole pool, after the Board had provided clear direction that the preferred location is Oak Park. Mr. Bromley advised that the social media posts had overstated the topic. There were questions in the survey regarding the proximity to the Arbutus Corridor and there was overwhelming support for the Oak Park location. A process has been instated requiring social media posts to be reviewed to ensure that they reflect the Board's wishes before they are issued.
10. A Board member enquired regarding the status of the roll-out of red bins for dog waste in parks. Mr. Normann undertook to investigate and report back to the Park Board. The Board member requested that the Board be kept informed of the timing of the roll-out.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 9:50 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley
General Manager

Commissioner Stuart Mackinnon
Chair