



## PARK BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 29, 2018

A Regular Park Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, January 29, 2018, at 6:42 pm, at the Park Board Office.

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

**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

### ADOPTION OF MINUTES

#### 1. Park Board Committee Meeting - January 15, 2018

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar  
SECONDED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Commissioner Wiebe abstained)

### CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Mackinnon highlighted the participation of Park Board Commissioners at community events that occurred in January 2018:

- Jan 01: Thousands participated in the 98<sup>th</sup> annual Polar Bear Swim in English Bay
- Jan 12: Youth Matters Forum at the Hastings Community Centre promoting new relationships and shared understanding
- Jan 13-14: National Skating Championships at UBC, a qualifying event for the 2018 Olympic Winter Games
- Jan 17: Tour of the Killarney Seniors Centre currently under construction with the Honourable Harjit Sajjan, Minister of National Defence and Member of Parliament for Vancouver South
- Jan 17: Marpole Community Centre renewal open house was held at the community centre

- Jan 23: Lighting of the Burrard Bridge Memorial Braziers, which were installed in 1932 as a memorial to Canadian soldiers in the First World War
- Jan 26: VanPlay Deep Dive to develop a parks and recreation master plan for the next 25 years
- Jan 27: Rugby World Cup qualifier match between Canada and Uruguay was held at BC Place
- Jan 27: Tatlow Creek open house where residents were shown a refined concept for the restoration of an historic stream through Tatlow and Volunteer Parks.

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

### **1. REPORT: VanSplash: Vancouver Aquatic Strategy**

The Chair noted that Commissioners received the staff report on VanSplash: Vancouver Aquatics Strategy on December 11, 2017 and heard from numerous speakers over two evenings. A supplementary staff memo, responding to questions raised by speakers and Commissioners, has been posted to the Park Board website.

The Committee was informed of correspondence received in the General Manager's Office from December 12, 2017 to 12:00 p.m. on January 29, 2018 regarding this agenda item:

- 120 emails or letters expressing opposition to Recommendations A and B of the VanSplash Strategy
- 51 emails or letters opposing the closure of Lord Byng Pool and one in support
- Three emails or letters opposing the closure of Templeton Pool and one in support
- 17 individual emails opposing the closure of community pools
- 10 emails or letters opposing the new Connaught destination pool, and one in support.

All correspondence has been sent directly to Commissioners.

In addition, a petition containing 41 signatures opposing the closure of the Templeton Pool was received at the Committee meeting.

The Clerk noted that 47 of the above noted have previously spoken or submitted correspondence.

Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, and the Chair, thanked the public for their interest in the development of VanSplash: Vancouver Aquatic Strategy.

### **Main Motion**

MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung  
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve "VanSplash: Vancouver Aquatics Strategy", as outlined in this report and attached within Appendix A, to guide the planning of aquatic facilities in Vancouver;

- B. THAT the Board endorse the 10-year Implementation Plan attached within Appendix A, as the basis for making submissions to the City's 2019-2028 Capital Strategic Outlook and 2019-2022 Capital Plan processes; and
- C. THAT the Board approve the location for a new outdoor pool in South Vancouver per either OPTION 1: Co-located at Killarney Community Centre in Killarney Park, or OPTION 2: Co-located at Marpole Community Centre in Oak Park.

**Amendment to the Motion**

MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung

SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the motion be amended to:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approves "VanSplash: Vancouver Aquatics Strategy", as outlined in this report and attached within Appendix A, to guide the planning of aquatic facilities in Vancouver with the following amendments to the report recommendations:
  - 1.1 Support a balanced delivery model that includes neighbourhood scale pools as well as larger community and destination scale facilities to deliver a greater diversity of aquatic experiences.
  - 1.2 Insert: "full-size" before "outdoor pools".
  - 1.4 Strike from recommendations.
  - 1.5 Recognizing the opportunity for a cohesive program delivery model at the current pools at the Vancouver Aquatic Centre (VAC) and Kitsilano Beach Park and a potential future new destination pool with a sport training focus at Connaught Park, initiate a comprehensive planning process to review how these three facilities could be best integrated, taking into consideration: current state of the facilities; potential for short-term refit or renovation to accommodate sport or leisure needs; innovative possibilities to increase the seasonal usage at Kitsilano outdoor pool; and an analysis of the costs of renovation of VAC in comparison with the build cost of a new facility.
  - 1.6 Strike from recommendation.
  - 1.10 Continue to consider building partnerships with other agencies to gain opportunities for public use of non-park board aquatic facilities consistent with Park Board goals of accessibility and equity.
  - NEW Develop an upgrade and renovation plan, extending operational life-span for neighbourhoods pools not undergoing renewal as part of this strategy, to increase sustainability and operational efficiency including consideration of implementing green technologies.

2.3 Prioritize locating new full-size outdoor pools to fill current service area gaps.

NEW Provide a new outdoor pool at Mount Pleasant Park as described in the Mount Pleasant Park Upgrade Report, dated October 20, 2010.

NEW Investigate the potential to provide a new naturally-filtered outdoor swimming experience at Trout Lake (John Hendry Park) that addresses and compensates for water quality issues and swimming concerns.

\* Renumber original recommendations as required.

B. THAT given the amendments outlined in A above, the Board endorse the 10-year Implementation Plan attached within Appendix A, as the basis for making submissions to the City's 2019-2028 Capital Strategic Outlook and 2019-2022 Capital Plan processes; and

C. THAT the Board approve the location for a new outdoor pool in South Vancouver co-located at Marpole Community Centre in Oak Park.

#### **Motion to Refer**

MOVED by Commissioner Evans

SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

THAT the proposed amendments to Paragraphs A and B be referred to staff for further consideration, including the role of neighbourhood pools, in relation to the qualitative experience they offer residents.

#### **Amendment to the Motion to Refer**

MOVED by Commissioner Wiebe

SECONDED by Commissioner Shum

THAT the motion to refer be amended by requiring staff to report back to a Special Meeting in March 2018.

DEFEATED

(Commissioners Evans, Shum and Wiebe voted in favour)

#### **Question on the Motion to Refer**

THAT the proposed amendments to Paragraphs A and B be referred to staff for further consideration, including the role of neighbourhood pools, in relation to the qualitative experience they offer residents.

CARRIED

(Commissioners Coupar, Crawford and Kirby-Yung opposed)

**Amendment to the Main Motion**

MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung  
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

That Item C be amended to:

- C. THAT the Board approve the location for a new full-sized outdoor pool in South Vancouver co-located at Marpole Community Centre in Oak Park.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Amendment to the Main Motion**

MOVED by Commissioner Shum  
SECONDED by Commissioner Wiebe

THAT the motion be amended by adding Item D:

- D. THAT the Chair of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation, on behalf of Commissioners, write a letter to MLA Minister David Eby and Shane Simpson in response to their support for keeping the neighbourhood pools open, and furthermore direct Park Board staff to engage with the appropriate ministries to secure funding to support the proposed VanSplash strategy pertaining to Lord Byng and Templeton Pools.

CARRIED  
(Commissioners Coupar and Crawford opposed)

**Question on the Main Motion, As Amended (and renumbered)**

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Board approve the location for a new full-sized outdoor pool in South Vancouver co-located at Marpole Community Centre in Oak Park; and
- B. THAT the Chair of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation, on behalf of Commissioners, write a letter to MLA Minister David Eby and Shane Simpson in response to their support for keeping the neighbourhood pools open, and furthermore direct Park Board staff to engage with the appropriate ministries to secure funding to support the proposed VanSplash strategy pertaining to Lord Byng and Templeton Pools.

The motion was separated into distinct propositions.

### Question on Item A

- A. THAT the Committee recommend to the Board that the Board approve the location for a new full-sized outdoor pool in South Vancouver co-located at Marpole Community Centre in Oak Park.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### Question on Item B

- B. THAT the Committee recommend to the Board that the Chair of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation, on behalf of Commissioners, write a letter to MLA Minister David Eby and Shane Simpson in response to their support for keeping the neighbourhood pools open, and furthermore direct Park Board staff to engage with the appropriate ministries to secure funding to support the proposed VanSplash strategy pertaining to Lord Byng and Templeton Pools.

CARRIED

(Commissioners Coupar and Crawford opposed)

### Recess

The meeting recessed at 8:21 pm and reconvened at 8:32 p.m.

## 2. REPORT: Special Events Calendar 2018 - Major Events

Octavio Silva, Manager of Business Development, Park Board, introduced Jenny Jung, Supervisor of Special Events and Filming, Park Board.

Mr. Silva led the review of a presentation regarding the 2018 calendar of special events and highlighted:

- Key benefits of special events
- The 2018 calendar contains 90 major special events.

Mr. Silva, along with Ms. Jung, responded to questions from the Committee. There was discussion on: potential issues with two major special events occurring on the same date; and request that the Sun Run organizers be offered the use of Sunset Beach rather than the Stanley Park Ceperley Area.

The Committee heard from one speaker who encouraged the Park Board to become involved in discussions between the Vancouver Police Department and the Vancouver Pride Society regarding the participation of police officers in Vancouver Pride Festival events. The speaker responded to questions from the Committee.

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar  
SECONDED by Commissioner Evans

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board receive the 2018 Calendar of Major Special Events as information (see Appendix A).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 8:53 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley  
General Manager

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Commissioner Casey Crawford  
Chair