



**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



## 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
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- 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

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Commissioner Stuart Mackinnon  
Chair