



PARK BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING MEETING MINUTES

MAY 14, 2018

A Regular Park Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, May 14, 2018, at 6:33 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 – April 30, 2018

MOVED by Commissioner Evans
SECONDED by Commissioner Wiebe

THAT the Park Board Committee minutes of the April 30, 2018 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CHAIR'S REPORT

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

- Apr 21: Earth Day and 30th birthday celebrations at the Stanley Park Ecology Society
- Apr 22: City of Vancouver's official apology to Chinese Canadians at the special Council meeting at the Chinese Cultural Centre
- Apr 22: Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival's Sakura Night Gala
- Apr 28: Opening day at the Vancouver Lawn Bowling Club
- Apr 28: Opening ceremonies and 65th anniversary of Hastings Community Little League
- Apr 28: Annual Rotary Hoop-a-thon at Strathcona Community Centre
- Apr 28: Opening day of the Riley Park farmers market
- Apr 28: Intertidal walk at Jericho Beach
- May 03: Celebration of planting 100,000 trees, a significant milestone towards the goal of 150,000 trees by 2020

- May 06: Inaugural Vancouver International Little League Classic
- May 06: BMO Vancouver International Marathon
- May 11: Oakridge Park open house
- May 12 Annual spring tree sale at Hillcrest Centre.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. UPDATE: Environmental Stewardship Update

Dave Hutch, Manager of Research and Planning, Park Board, introduced Dana McDonald, Environmental Stewardship Coordinator, Park Board.

Ms. McDonald led the review of a presentation providing an update on environmental stewardship and education activities in 2017 and 2018, highlighting:

- Park Board's stewardship initiatives
- Changing landscape of stewardship
- Park Board strategies for building stewardship:
 - Cultivating and maintaining partnerships
 - Supporting initiatives and innovation
 - Providing funding
- Examples of success in each of the strategies
- Stewardship opportunities
- Next steps.

Ms. McDonald, along with Howard Normann, Director of Park Operations, Park Board, Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, and Mr. Hutch, responded to questions from the Committee. There was discussion on:

- Opportunities for partnering with the Vancouver Aquarium and Surfrider Foundation's Great Canadian Shoreline Clean-up activities; Georgia Strait Alliance's water testing and bird count projects; and City of Vancouver's Green Streets and Keep Vancouver Spectacular volunteer teams
- Volunteers:
 - Environmental Stewardship Coordinator's role in responding to and directing enquiries from potential volunteers
 - Union acceptance of volunteer participation in park stewardship programs is generally dependent upon the amount and frequency of the work
 - Request for information on the number of volunteers and results of volunteer work
 - Need to clarify the process for potential volunteers to communicate with the Park Board
- Dog Park Stewardship Ambassadors Program:
 - Request for information regarding where the two Dog Park Stewardship Ambassadors will be active in summer 2018
 - Dog Park Stewardship Ambassador Program will be shaped on the basis of the experience and lessons learned from the summer 2018 pilot program
- Whether the costs of protecting parks from animals and invasive species is considered before embarking on measures

- Engagement with Community Centre Association (CCA) park committees in stewardship opportunities
- Consideration is being given to creating a "Friends of Park" movement to connect residents to their local park, modelled on the experience in Toronto
- Effectiveness of the Tree Guardians Program will be monitored during the summer 2018
- Opportunity to engage teachers during professional days that are currently being scheduled for the 2018/19 school year
- Opportunities to partner with the Vancouver School Board, "Friends of Park" movement and CCAs to augment resources allocated in the Park Board operating budget and capital plan
- Involvement of children's groups in park stewardship programs.

The Committee adjourned at 7:30 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley
General Manager

Commissioner Casey Crawford
Chair



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MEETING MINUTES

MAY 14, 2018

The Regular Park Board meeting was held on Monday, May 14, 2018, at 7:38 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
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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 Evans

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

- (g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the City or Park Board;
- (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 – April 30, 2018

MOVED by Commissioner Wiebe
SECONDED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung

THAT the Park Board minutes of the April 30, 2018 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNICATIONS

The Board was advised that there were no communications of note.

COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Report of the Park Board Committee – May 14, 2018

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

1. UPDATE: Environmental Stewardship Update.

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Wiebe

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Park Board Committee at its meeting of May 14, 2018, as contained in item 1.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

STAFF REPORTS

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- Park development:
 - Blossoming cherry trees were replaced on Alder Bay Walk
 - Opening of the separated cycling and pedestrian paths on the South False Creek Seawall

- People Parks and Dogs strategy roll-out
- Stanley Park Seawall restoration project
- Recreation:
 - Update on the Strathcona Community Centre Association (CCA) funding model
 - Opening of the rehabilitated Kitsilano Pool on May 19, 2018
 - Hosting of the BC Recreation and Parks Association (BCRPA) 2018 Symposium
 - Park Board recognized as the leaders in the country during the Canadian Parks and Recreation Association (CPRA) 2018 Conference
- Council business:
 - Council be receiving a report on the Heather Lands Policy Statement at the May 15, 2018 meeting
 - Council be receiving a report on the Single-Use Item Reduction Strategy at the May 16, 2018 meeting
 - Council is scheduled to receive a presentation on the draft 2019–2022 City-wide Capital Plan on May 16, 2018
- Board briefing memos issued from May 1 to 14, 2018.

Mr. Bromley, along with Donnie Rosa, Director of Recreation, Park Board, Shauna Wilton, Deputy General Manger, Park Board, and Dave Hutch, Manager of Research and Planning, Park Board, responded to questions from the Board. There was discussion on:

- Concern with the delay that will be caused by the inclusion of a curling rink in the new Marpole Community Centre. Mr. Bromley undertook to investigate and provide a report to the Board
- The role of the consultant in the development of a community centre funding model
- Request that the Board be advised prior to the release of in-camera minutes
- Estimated timing for commencement of construction of the Smithe and Richards Park
- Expectation that the draft 2019–2022 Capital Plan will be discussed and posted on June 4, 2018
- Success of the BCRPA 2018 Symposium
- Timing to address areas of deficiency at the Guelph Park and Granville Loop dog parks. Mr. Bromley will follow up with staff and provide information to the Board
- An update on the Concession Strategy will be presented to the Board in the fall of 2018
- Concern that the Heather Lands Policy Statement does not provide sufficient east-west connectivity between Queen Elizabeth Park and VanDusen Botanical Garden and that the Park Board has not been actively involved in the planning of the enhanced streetscape and pollinator path
- Concern with the use of black plastic by the Park Board due to the issues with recycling the material. Mr. Bromley undertook to investigate and report back to the Board

REPORT REFERENCE

1. On Water - Non-motorized Watercraft Strategy - Overview and Next Steps

Dave Hutch, Manager of Research and Planning, Park Board, introduced Erin Embley, Planner II, Park Board.

Ms. Embley led the review of a presentation providing an update on the On Water, Non-motorized Watercraft Strategy, highlighting:

- Project schedule
- Phase 2 public engagement events and feedback received
- Revise strategic directions developed following Phase 2 public engagement to be tested in Phase 3:
 - Create greater opportunity
 - Improve safety
 - Protect and enhance the environment
 - Foster and encourage opportunities to socialize and build community
 - Increase physical access to the water
- Phase 3 public engagement on strategies and actions to be undertaken in May/June 2018
- Next steps.

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

- Prioritization and opportunity for construction of new facilities in the 2019–2022 Park Board Capital Plan
- Water quality:
 - Suggestion to include a section in the report on water quality to provide information on initiatives to improve water quality and the impact of poor water quality on public access
 - Suggestion to provide information of the cause of the poor water quality in False Creek during Phase 3 public engagement in order to assess public support for the City to remediate the sewer separation issue
 - Communication to the public of water quality testing results and actions taken to protect public health
 - Suggestion that the City Engineering Department mark the location of unseparated sewer outfalls in the interest of public safety
- Suggestion that parkland acquisition be included as a goal to support the strategy of increasing access to the water
- Phase 3 public engagement:
 - Suggestion to engage users beyond those that are affiliated with community organizations
 - Suggestion to include questions on the support required by high-performance athletes
- Diversity in the characteristics of water access sought by users
- Need to assess the equity and capacity of storage facilities that could be provided to users
- Engagement with local Indigenous communities regarding their water access needs
- Discussions with regulatory agencies regarding the safe operation of non-motorized watercraft
- Whether the Park Board can successfully advocate for improved transit to water access points:
 - Opportunity to locate new facilities in close proximity to transit service
- Suggestion to learn from other cities about opportunities to provide access to water

- Suggestion to expand the scope of the strategy to include new access points, such as at Riverfront Park.

Commissioners were welcomed to provide additional comments to Ms. Embley and Mr. Hutch.

2. Draft 2019–2022 Park Board Capital Plan

The consideration of the draft 2019–2022 Park Board Capital Plan was deferred to June 2018 to align the City Council's process.

NEW BUSINESS

On behalf of the VanDirt Society, Commissioner Wiebe thanked Park Board staff for their contribution to the construction of the Vanier Park Dirt Jumps.

ENQUIRIES

1. A Board member requested a status report on the remedial drainage work to be undertaken at Langara Golf Course. Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, advised that a report on the feasibility of phasing the drainage upgrades would be provided at the June 18, 2018 meeting.
2. A Board member enquired regarding the timing for the opening of the English Bay concession, in relation to other concessions in Vancouver, when this is a busy location and there is demand from the public. Shauna Wilton, Deputy General Manager, Park Board, advised that each concessionaire has different contractual obligations and undertook to investigate the contractual arrangements with the English Bay concessionaire.
3. Board members expressed concern that the timing of reports being posted to the Park Board website does not allow sufficient time for the public to provide feedback and for Commissioners to fully consider the report. Mr. Bromley advised that report references are not typically sent to Commissioners or published in advance. Staff will be developing a practice and policy document outlining the required timing for publication of reports for Commissioners' information.
4. A Board member noted that the zipline handle at the Creekside Park playground is missing. Howard Normann, Director of Park Operations, Park Board, advised the part has been ordered and undertook to advise the Board when the replacement part would be installed. Mr. Bromley suggested that it would be beneficial to utilize social media to provide updates to residents on the expected timing for installation of the replacement zipline handle.
5. A Board member expressed concern regarding the availability of disabled parking spaces at Kitsilano Pool. Mr. Bromley advised that accessibility is a priority and that he would investigate the feasibility of increasing the number of disabled parking spaces at the Kitsilano Pool.

6. On behalf of the Vancouver Lawn Bowling Club, a Board member requested that one or two parking spaces in the parking lot adjacent to the club be designated as accessible parking. Mr. Bromley undertook to consider the feasibility of this request.
7. A Board member commented on the high utilization of the See Saw Seat public art piece.
8. A Board member enquired if a wet/organics disposal bin could be included with the recycling bins located in picnic areas in parks. Mr. Normann advised that organics disposal bins will be rolled out at five new locations in Stanley over the next several weeks, followed by another two locations. Mr. Normann will prepare a report on the current state and future plans for organics disposal bins to the Board. In response to an earlier comment, Mr. Bromley confirmed that Park Board concessionaires have phased out the use of black plastic.
9. A Board member commented on the unsafe condition of the running track at Balaclava Park. Mr. Bromley will request that Tiina Mack, Manager of Park Development, Park Board, provide a report to the Board on the status of the repairs.
10. A Board member requested an update on the construction of the new three-acre park in False Creek. Mr. Bromley advised that Concord Pacific is developing the publicly accessible green space and that he will request that Ms. Mack provide an update to the Board.
11. A Board member enquired regarding initiatives to address the washroom cleanliness issues that were identified in 2017. Mr. Norman reported that the cleanliness of all washrooms under Park Board jurisdiction would be assessed, with 60% completed to date. Real Estate and Facilities Management (REFM) and the Park Board are working together to open all beach washrooms by the May 2018 long weekend and to prioritize the remaining washrooms.
12. A Board member enquired about safety measures at washroom facilities. Mr. Norman advised that a safety strategy for troublesome parks is being developed. Ms. Wilton advised that a memorandum on the longer-term and shorter-term strategies would be provided to the Board.
13. A Board member requested an update on the Home and Away public art piece. Dave Hutch, Manager of Research and Planning, Park Board, reported that this is a City project and undertook to investigate and provide a status report to the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 9:08 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley
General Manager

Commissioner Stuart Mackinnon
Chair