



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 4, 2018

The Regular Park Board meeting was held on Monday, June 4, 2018, at 8:10 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.

IN CAMERA

1. In Camera Meeting

MOVED by Commissioner Evans
SECONDED by Commissioner Shum

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:

- (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;
- (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;

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Regular Board Meeting – May 14, 2018

MOVED by Commissioner Crawford
SECONDED by Commissioner Shum

THAT the Park Board minutes of the May 14, 2018 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNICATIONS

The Board was advised that a letter had been received from the Mount Pleasant Community Centre Association requesting that the Mount Pleasant Outdoor Swimming Pool be prioritized in the 2019–2022 Capital Plan.

The letter has been distributed to the Commissioners.

COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Report of the Park Board Committee – June 4, 2018

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

1. PRESENTATION: Horticultural Excellence in Vancouver Parks
2. REPORT: Vancouver Mural Festival Celebration Concert – Special Event

MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Park Board Committee at its meeting of June 4, 2018, as contained in items 1 and 2.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

STAFF REPORTS

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- Park development:
 - Development of Alder Bay Dock concept plans
 - Clark Park playground renewal
- Recreation:
 - Opening of outdoor pools for the 2018 season

- Second phase of the round-table discussions with youth around the country about youth policies
- Training for summer day camp and playground leaders
- Council business:
 - Council will be receiving a report on the 2019–2022 Draft Capital Plan at the June 5, 2018 meeting
 - Briefing memos issued from May 15 to June 4, 2018.

Mr. Bromley, along with Donnie Rosa, Director of Recreation, Park Board, responded to questions from the Board. There was discussion on:

- Attendance at the May 19, 2018 opening of outdoor pools compared to prior years
- Council discussion regarding the randomization of ballots for the October 2018 General Local Election
- Concerns with the decommissioning of the whirlpools at the Dunbar, Kitsilano and Marpole Community Centres without adequate community consultation:
 - Request for information prior to the decommissioning on: the usage of the whirlpools; source of funds for decommissioning and repurposing the spaces; a comparison of the costs for upgrading and retaining the whirlpools vs. repurposing the spaces; and opportunities to provide alternate wellness facilities.

REPORT REFERENCE

1. Draft 2019–2022 Park Board Capital Plan

Dave Hutch, Manager of Research and Planning, Park Board, and Tiina Mack, Manager of Park Development, Park Board, introduced the Park Board staff members that developed the Draft 2019–2022 Park Board Capital Plan:

- Justin Dykstra, Senior Landscape Architect
- Erin Embley, Planner II
- Katherine Howard, Planner II
- Steve Jackson, Director, Financial Planning & Analysis.

Mr. Hutch and Ms. Mack jointly led the review of the Draft 2019–2022 Park Board Capital Plan and the public engagement process:

- Capital Plan development process
- High-level priorities impacting capital planning
- Results of Phase 1 public engagement
- Park and Open Spaces budget of \$264 million:
 - Park land acquisition budget of \$80 million (30%)
 - Urban forests and natural areas budget of \$14.4 million (6%)
 - Seawall and waterfront budget of \$24.4 million (9%)
 - Programmed activity areas budget of \$24.4 million (9%)
 - Park amenities budget of \$89.4 million (34%)
 - General features and infrastructure budget of \$10.9 million (4%)

- Park buildings budget of \$21 million (8%)
- Community Facilities and Civic Facilities budget of \$123 million:
 - Recreation facilities budget of \$114 million
 - Service yards budget of \$9 million
- Possible projects
- Next steps.

Mr. Hutch, along with Ms. Mack, Mr. Jackson, Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, Howard Normann, Director of Parks, Park Board, and Donnie Rosa, Director of Recreation, Park Board, responded to questions from the Board. There was discussion on:

- Sufficiency of the budgeted amounts for:
 - Completion of the Marpole Oakridge Community Centre renewal
 - New dog parks and renewals
 - Baseball and softball diamond renewals
 - Implementation of the Washroom Strategy
- Confirmation that the \$80 million park land acquisition budget is funded from development cost levies (DCLs)
- Status of land acquisition negotiations for the East Fraser Lands Park
- Requirement for partnership funding for the Alder Bay Dock and Jericho Pier projects
- Capital funding for:
 - Replacement of light standards
 - Implementation of the VanSplash and VanPlay Strategies
 - Expansion of the concession and gift shop at the VanDusen Botanical Garden
 - Seismic upgrading for community centres
 - Turf field at the East Fraser Lands Park
 - Sunset Park renewal
 - Upgrade of facilities at the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden
 - Sunset Seniors Centre
 - Public drinking fountains
 - Park amenities at Pearson, Dogwood and Langara Gardens
 - Construction of an outdoor swimming pool
- Future adjustments to address emerging priorities, within the approved 2019–2022 Park Board Capital Plan, will be accomplished through the annual capital planning process
- State of readiness of projects for senior government grant applications
- Potential for significant change to the Draft 2019–2022 Park Board Capital Plan during the public engagement process
- Request for information on the expenditures from the 2014–2018 Park Board Capital Plan and the roll-over of unexpended amounts
- Allocation of user fees and asset renewal levies to renewal of programmed activity areas
- Future uses of field houses
- Responsibility of the Vancouver Park Board to fund the use of community centres as warming centres

- Request for a list of phased projects and the phased funding provided in the Draft 2019–2022 Park Board Capital Plan.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

1. Strengthening Access to Recreation Programs for Children and Youth in Care and Aging Out of Care

Commissioner Evans gave notice of motion on the following:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT Park Board staff report back to the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation on ways to increase the opportunities for children and youth in care to participate in recreation activities and programs throughout Vancouver; and
- B. FURTHER THAT staff report back on ways to eliminate barriers to the on-going engagement in recreation programs of youth aging out of care.

2. Creating a Public Square Legacy in Chinatown

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation ask the City of Vancouver to explore the opportunity to work on a redesign of the courtyard between Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden and Pender Streets with the goal of creating a true Public Square in this historically rich and priceless neighbourhood and support the UNESCO work with the engagement of key stakeholders;
- B. THAT such a project be broad-based including exterior architecture review, potential for light and/or art installations and other design strategies that would open the plaza more fully to the public and encourage broader usage;
- C. THAT consideration be given to involvement of the original Chinese Cultural Centre architect and opportunities for his support of such a project;
- D. THAT the Vancouver Park Board recommend an initial step of a high-level feasibility review with a report back to the City and Park Board on early findings; and
- E. THAT the Vancouver Park Board explore opportunities in partnership with the City of Vancouver, Sun Yat-Sen Garden, Chinese Cultural Centre, and local community organizations and stakeholders to identify programming opportunities that would create vitality and animate this important location in this historic neighbourhood.

3. Activating Community Space in Chinatown

Commissioner Shum gave notice of motion on the following:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to allocate up to \$50,000 towards the improvement of the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Courtyard located adjacent to the Chinese Cultural Centre and the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Park and Garden in the 2019–2022 Capital Plan; and
- B. FURTHER THAT, should additional funds be required, that Park Board staff work with other levels of government, agencies, associations to seek additional improvement funds and partnerships.

4. Enhancing the Park Board's Digital Platform

Commissioner Wiebe gave notice of motion on the following:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation direct staff to enhance the current platform to increase the ease to book at a Park Board or partnering facility, view a digital map, access event information, buy a ticket or send an enquiry.

ENQUIRIES

1. A Board member followed-up on the status of remediation of the running track at Balaclava Park.
2. A Board member enquired if the irrigation for the cherry trees planted along Alder Bay Walk is operational. Howard Normann, Director of Parks, Park Board, undertook to investigate.
3. A Board member advised that several light standards in the Olympic Village require attention to address a potential safety hazard. Mr. Normann advised the issue was recently reported to Real Estate and Facilities Management (REFM) and undertook to request that all newly installed light standards in the area be checked.
4. A Board member enquired regarding the appropriate contact person with which to discuss provision of medical services at special events. Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, identified Octavio Silva, Manager of Business Development, Park Board, as the appropriate contact person.
5. A Board member enquired about the water feature at Emery Barnes Park and when it would be operational. Mr. Normann noted that the water lines were severed when construction was being done and repair work was underway.
6. A Board member enquired regarding the installation of water bags for young trees. Mr. Normann reported that the installation of water bags is in progress.

7. A Board member enquired whether the construction at the Renfrew Ravine would meet the Salmon-Safe requirements. Mr. Normann undertook to investigate.
8. A Board member enquired if the family of former Park Ranger Dave Seraphim had been contacted regarding the proposed Junior Ranger award in his honour, and whether the award would be in place for the 2018 summer season. Mr. Normann advised that staff were in touch with the family and were also working with practicum students from the UBC Teacher Education Program on the curriculum for the 2018 summer program.
9. A Board member enquired if compensation has been offered for the loss of the use of the volleyball courts to the Vancouver Gay Volleyball Association (VGVA) groups who were displaced as a result of the Kinder Morgan rally at Creekside Park. Donnie Rosa, Director of Recreation, Park Board, advised that staff were in touch with VGVA to make suitable arrangements and are also investigating protocols to ensure recreation permit staff are informed of potential disruptions so they can notify impacted permit-holders.
10. A Board member enquired if the Park Board was aware of the recent celebration of the opening of the southeast False Creek cycle path. Mr. Bromley advised it was not a Park Board event.
11. A Board member enquired if Park Board staff routinely inspect sight lines at intersections in relation to overgrown trees and shrubs. Mr. Normann advised that Park Board staff responds to requests prune as needed to maintain visibility at intersections, however notification is generally provided via 311 or other City departments when issues are identified.
12. A Board member requested a status update on the Home and Away public art piece. Dave Hutch, Manager of Research and Planning, Park Board, advised that he had followed-up and would be providing an update memo to the Commissioners in the coming weeks.
13. A Board member enquired about the status of the Langara Golf Course drainage improvement project. Mr. Bromley advised that a report would be presented at the next meeting on June 18, 2018 to address both the drainage project and the Council motion requesting consideration of alternate uses.
14. A Board member requested an update on the development of the Seniors Strategy. Mr. Bromley advised that the Seniors Strategy has been nested in the VanPlay Strategy and offered to provide an update.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 9:59 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley
General Manager

Commissioner Stuart Mackinnon
Chair