



## PARK BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING MEETING MINUTES

JULY 23, 2018

A Regular Park Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, July 23, 2018, at 6:36 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 – July 9, 2018

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon  
SECONDED by Commissioner Evans

THAT the Park Board Committee minutes of the July 9, 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 June and July 2018:

- Jun 21: Media event announcing Symphony at Sunset
- Jun 22: 30<sup>th</sup> annual Dragon Boat Festival at Creekside Park
- Jun 23: Annual Douglas Park Community Day
- Jun 23: Annual Point Grey Fiesta at Trimble Park
- Jun 24: Quilchena Skate Park opening
- Jun 26: Unveiling of the installation of "Paradise Has Many Gates" at Vanier Park
- Jun 28: Opening of the Killarney Senior Centre at Killarney Community Centre
- July 01: Canada Day celebrations at various locations
- July 14: Symphony at Sunset, in celebration of the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary

- July 15: Annual Walk with the Dragon S.U.C.C.E.S.S. fundraiser at Stanley Park
- July 16: Corpse flower media event at the Bloedel Conservatory
- July 19: Media event regarding the expansion of local food in parks and community centres
- July 21: African Descent Festival at Thornton Park
- July 22: Pride Sports Day in Stanley Park.

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

### **1. REPORT: Exploring Park Board's Colonial Roots and Current Practices**

Dave Hutch, Acting Director of Planning and Park Development, Park Board, introduced Rena Soutar, Reconciliation Planner, Park Board.

Ms. Soutar led the review of a presentation on a Colonial Audit to provide the Park Board with opportunities for new models of stewardship and equity, highlighting:

- Key drivers for colonial analysis
- Major areas of colonial impact:
  - Dispossession
  - Archaeology
  - Culture
  - Prioritizing non-Indigenous ways of knowing
- Rationale for undertaking a Colonial Audit.

Ms. Soutar responded to questions from the Committee. There was discussion on: expectation that future opportunities will unfold as the reconciliation work progresses; importance of engaging the public during the process; and the need to correct misunderstandings and undertake truth telling.

### **Main Motion**

MOVED by Commissioner Evans  
SECONDED by Commissioner Wiebe

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation receive and acknowledge the Initial Findings for a Park Board Colonial Audit, attached as Appendix A; and
- B. THAT the Board direct staff to undertake a comprehensive "Colonial Audit" in order to identify both short term and long term opportunities and specific ways to improve Park Board policies and practices with regard to Reconciliation.

### **Amendment to the Main Motion**

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon

SECONDED by Commissioner Wiebe

THAT Item C be added:

- C. FURTHER THAT the Board seek an opportunity to formally acknowledge and apologize to representatives of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh peoples for the colonial history and actions of the Vancouver Park Board.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **Question on the Main Motion, as Amended**

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### **Recess**

The meeting recessed at 7:25 pm and reconvened at 7:37 pm.

## **2. REPORT: VanPlay – Parks and Recreation Inventory and Analysis and Goals**

Dave Hutch, Acting Director of Planning and Park Development, Park Board, introduced the members of the VanPlay project team:

- Kurt Culbertson, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Design Workshop
- Katherine Howard, Project Manager, Park Board
- Doug Shearer, Senior Planner, Park Board.

Messrs. Culbertson and Hutch and led the review of a presentation on the first two deliverables of the VanPlay – Parks and Recreation Services Master Plan project and highlighted:

- Background of the Park Board and previous Master Plans
- Project vision of “A new paradigm that will maximize access to high-quality parks and recreation experiences that connect people with themselves, each other and nature”
- Report 1 – Inventory and analysis:
  - Consultation and document review processes

- Chapter 1 – Introduction
- Chapter 2 – Parks
- Chapter 3 – Recreation
- Chapter 4 – Facilities
- Chapter 5 – Nature
- Survey assessing physical activity and how neighbourhood parks influence physical activity utilizing the System for Observing Play and Recreation in Communities (SOPARC)
- Park Provision study
- Report 2 – 10 Goals to Shape the Next 25 Years:
  - Document review and consultation processes
  - Draft goal 1 – Grow and renew parks, community centres and other assets to keep pace with population growth and evolving needs
  - Draft goal 2 – Protect existing parks and recreation spaces from loss, encroachment and densification
  - Draft goal 3 – Prioritize the delivery of resources to where they are needed most
  - Draft goal 4 – Focus on core responsibilities of the Park Board, and be a supportive ally to partners
  - Draft goal 5 – Adapt our parks and recreation amenities to a changing climate
  - Draft goal 6 – Create a green network that will connect our parks, waterfront and recreation areas
  - Draft goal 7 – Restore Vancouver’s wild spaces and vital biodiversity
  - Draft goal 8 – Foster a system of parks and recreation spaces that are safe and welcoming to all
  - Draft goal 9 – Seek truth as a foundation for reconciliation with Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations
  - Draft goal 10 – Secure adequate and ongoing funding for the repair, renewal and replacement of our aging parks and recreation system
- The final two components of the Master Plan will be delivered in 2019.

Mr. Hutch, along with Ms. Howard, Donnie Rosa, Director of Recreation, Park Board, and Mr. Culbertson, responded to questions from the Committee. There was discussion on:

- Process for the selection of the 24 parks for the SOPARC survey
- Suggestions:
  - Central Park and Pacific Spirit Park should be considered in the walkability analysis
  - Reconsider the wording of the project vision
  - Measure the utilization of sub-regions of destinations parks
  - Include an analysis on pools and ice rinks in Report 1 – Inventory and Analysis
  - Incorporate the Park Board taking a leadership role in mitigating climate change and developing green infrastructure in draft goal 5
  - Specifically incorporate the elements of health, wellbeing and the promotion of sport into the draft goals
  - Reference the source of the baseline data included in Report 1 – Inventory and Analysis

- Conduct the SOPARC survey during inclement weather to determine park usage during the winter months
- Need to gain an understanding of the threat posed to parks by invasive plants
- Importance of collaborating with the City to deliver several of the draft goals
- Whether draft goal 10 will be valid for the life of the Master Plan
- Need to consider the quality of park space in addition to the metric of walkability to parks
- Whether 25 years is an appropriate timeframe for draft goal 9, given the Park Board's desire to be a leader in reconciliation.

The Chair noted that Commissioners had received a copy of a memo on this item that a member of the public had sent to City Council.

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar  
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation approve "Vancouver's Parks and Recreation: Inventory and Analysis", as outlined in this report and attached within Appendix A, to describe the current state of parks and recreation in Vancouver; and
- B. THAT the Board approve "Vancouver's Parks and Recreation; 10 Goals to shape the next 25 years", as outlined in this report and attached within Appendix B, to set guiding principles the future of parks and recreation in Vancouver.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 9:29 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley  
General Manager

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Commissioner Casey Crawford  
Chair