



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: 30th 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 100th 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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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Commissioner Casey Crawford
Chair



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MEETING MINUTES

JULY 23, 2018

The Regular Park Board meeting was held on Monday, July 23, 2018, at 9:34 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

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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 Coupar
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:

- (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;
- (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 – June 18, 2018 and July 9, 2018

MOVED by Commissioner Crawford

SECONDED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung

THAT the Park Board minutes of the June 18, 2018 and July 9, 2018 meetings be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNICATIONS

The Board was advised of the receipt of one piece of public correspondence in support of Commissioner Evan's notice of motion titled "Learning from Children's Experience with Playgrounds". The correspondence has been sent directly to Commissioners.

COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Report of the Park Board Committee – July 23, 2018

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

1. REPORT: Exploring Park Board's Colonial Roots and Current Practices
2. REPORT: VanPlay – Parks and Recreation Inventory and Analysis and Goals.

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 July 23, 2018, as contained in items 1 and 2.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- Park development:
 - Progress on the development of the Alder Bay Dock concept plan
 - Update on the construction of the Douglas Park playground
- Special events:
 - Free open-air concert at Sunset Park in collaboration with the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra on July 14, 2018
 - Blooming of the rare Titan Arum or Corpse Flower between July 15 and 17, 2018 led to over 10,640 guests visiting the Bloedel Conservatory

- Upcoming events:
 - Vancouver Mural Festival celebration concert at Jonathan Rogers Park on August 11, 2018
 - Participation in the 40th annual Vancouver Pride Parade on August 5, 2018
 - Inaugural Vancouver International Bird Festival from August 19–26, 2018
- Staff update:
 - Promotion of Dave Hutch to the position of Acting Director of Planning and Park Development
- Council will be receiving the following reports at the July 24, 2018 meeting:
 - Final 2019–2022 Capital Plan and Plebiscite Questions
 - 2018 Q2 Capital Budget Adjustments and Closeouts
 - 2019–2023 Budget Outlook
- Briefing notes issued from July 10 to 23, 2018.

MOTIONS ON NOTICE

1. Activating Community Space in Chinatown

The Chair reported that Commissioner Shum has withdrawn the notice of motion.

2. Learning from Children’s Experience with Playgrounds

Commissioner Evans introduced the motion and noted that the purpose of the motion is to provide a mechanism to learn from and gather data to evaluate new playgrounds. Commissioner Evans responded to questions from the Board.

MOVED by Commissioner Evans
SECONDED by Commissioner Shum

WHEREAS:

1. The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation is forecast to complete up to nine new or renewed playgrounds in 2018, at a cost of \$2.8 million;
2. Extensive community consultations were held with neighbourhood and other affected groups during the design phase of these playgrounds;
3. Many of these playgrounds reflect new trends in playground design including natural features and inclusive play areas;
4. In some cases, community groups including community centre associations have contributed funds to assist in the construction of these playgrounds; and
5. Post-construction evaluation and reporting on the experience of children using new playgrounds and new playground features is not a regular practice of the Park Board.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation implement a policy and practice of evaluating new playgrounds within one to two years of completion;
- B. THAT this evaluation include reports from children who use the playgrounds and their caregivers, as well as any community organizations that contributed to the construction costs; and
- C. THAT a summary report of these evaluations be published and provided to Park Board Commissioners and the general public on an annual basis.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion to Suspend Rules

MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Park Board Committee suspends the Park Board rules to allow the meeting to extend to the conclusion of the items of business on the agenda.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

1. Recognition of Traditional Place Names within the Jurisdiction of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation

Commissioner Mackinnon gave notice of motion on the following:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation work with the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations on identifying the traditional names of places within the jurisdiction of the Park Board;
- B. THAT the use of traditional names be recognized by the Park Board; and
- C. THAT staff work with the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations on ways to acknowledge those names at parks, beaches, and other public spaces within the jurisdiction of the Park Board, in a way deemed most appropriate by the Nations.

2. Ensuring Public Access to Privately-Owned Public Spaces (“POPS”)

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board write a letter to Vancouver City Council in support of the Privately-Owned Public Spaces motion being brought forward to Council;
- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to identify a list of POPS sites that may be under its care;
- C. THAT the Vancouver Park Board explore steps to ensure sites under its care are welcoming and accessible to all including, but not limited to, signage; and
- D. THAT the Vancouver Park Board indicate its willingness to work with the City to extend its signage program to POPS as may be beneficial, in order convey these are public spaces.

3. Closing the Loop on Organic Waste in Stanley Park

Commissioner Wiebe gave notice of motion on the following:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation direct staff to conduct a feasibility study on implementing a community composter in Stanley Park to create a closed loop waste management system for all organic materials produced within the park.

ENQUIRIES

1. A Board member enquired regarding the timing of the installation of the Park Board plaque on the new Killarney Seniors Centre. Donnie Rosa, Director of Recreation, Park Board, advised that the plaque has been ordered.
2. A Board member expressed concern that food trucks located at parks are blocking views and enquired regarding the Board approval process to allow food trucks to locate at parks. Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, undertook to investigate.
3. A Board member enquired regarding the status of the renewal of the walkways at Roedde House, whether the adjacent area will be a public space maintained by the Park Board and the design and delivery of the park.
4. A Board member requested that staff investigate whether the lights hung by the Landmark Hotel display suite on Alberni Street are damaging the street trees.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 9:58 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley
General Manager

Commissioner Stuart Mackinnon
Chair