



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 17, 2018

The Regular Park Board meeting was held on Monday, September 17, 2018, at 6:55 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:

- Shauna Wilton, Deputy General Manager
- Cheryl Chan, Manager, Executive Office and Board Relations
- Carol Lee, Meeting Clerk
- Jessica Kulchyski, Meeting Assistant

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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 Wiebe

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. Special Board Meeting – July 19, 2018 and Regular Board Meeting – July 23, 2018

MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Park Board minutes of the July 19, 2018 Special Board Meeting and July 23, 2018 Regular Board Meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNICATIONS

The Board was advised that there was one letter in support and one email providing information on Commissioner Kirby-Yung's motion titled "Ensuring Public Access to Privately-Owned Public Spaces ("POPS)". There was also correspondence received providing information on Commissioner Mackinnon's motion titled "Recognition of Traditional Place Names within Jurisdiction of Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation".

The correspondence has been distributed to Commissioners.

COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Report of the Park Board Committee – September 17, 2018

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

1. REPORT: China Creek North Park Construction Contract

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 September 17, 2018, as contained in item 1.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

STAFF REPORTS

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Shawna Wilton, Deputy General Manager, Park Board, provided the General Manager's Report on behalf of Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board:

- Park development:
 - First phase of the two phase Seawall Rehabilitation Project was completed in early September 2018
 - Expectation that the Renfrew Ravine and Community Park redevelopment will be 95% complete by the end of September 2018

- Park planning:
 - Fall urban forest tree sale
 - The first development permit application for the Oakridge Centre redevelopment will be reviewed by the Development Permit Board on October 29, 2018
- Park operations:
 - Status of the invasive Japanese Beetle eradication in the False Creek area
 - Deployment of a special mobile unit to monitor fire risks in Stanley Park during the summer's extreme hot weather and fire restrictions
 - Actions underway to respond to the significant challenges to park cleanliness and security as a result of increased tents, garbage, and problematic behavior over the summer, particularly the Downtown Eastside areas
- Recreation services:
 - Park Board's Community Youth Workers hosted the second annual city-wide camping trip to Camp Sasamat
 - Park Board Community Youth Workers organized training on a range of youth-related topics, which was attended by recreation staff and Community Centre Association (CCA) Board Members
 - Receipt of a 2018 REACH Grant from the Michael Smith Foundation to support the implementation of integrated, adaptive fitness programs at community centres
 - Involvement in a number of Pride events over the summer
 - "All the Trees" interactive art project
- Special events:
 - Inaugural SKOOKUM Festival hosted in Stanley Park from September 7 to 9, 2018
 - Inaugural Vancouver International Bird Festival and the 27th International Ornithological Congress hosted in Vancouver from August 19 to 26, 2018
- Council business:
 - Council will consider a motion to direct staff to review testing results for drinking water lead levels in City and Park Board facilities on September 18, 2018
 - On September 19, 2018, Council will be receiving a report seeking approval for a revised form of development for the Oakridge Centre redevelopment including recommendations that relate to delivery of a new 9-acre park
- Briefing notes issued from July 24 to September 17, 2018.

Ms. Wilton, along with Dave Hutch, Acting Director of Planning and Park Development, Park Board, and Donnie Rosa, Director of Recreation, Park Board, responded to questions from the Board. There was discussion on: future involvement of Park Board operations staff in the maintenance of the 9-acre park that will be created as part of the Oakridge Centre redevelopment; public concerns regarding park cleanliness and encampments; and autism training for Park Board staff.

ITEMS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Crawford

THAT the Board adopts the following motions on notice on consent:

1. Recognition of Traditional Place Names within Jurisdiction of Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation
2. Ensuring Public Access to Privately-Owned Public Spaces ("POPS")
3. Closing the Loop on Organic Waste in Stanley Park.

DEFEATED
(Commissioner Evans opposed)

MOVED by Commissioner Crawford
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Board adopts the following motions on notice on consent:

1. Recognition of Traditional Place Names within Jurisdiction of Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation
3. Closing the Loop on Organic Waste in Stanley Park.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTIONS ON NOTICE

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

The following motion was adopted on consent:

WHEREAS:

1. The Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh people have inhabited this land known as Vancouver since time immemorial;
2. The lands the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation maintains jurisdiction over remain unceded, and the Park Board's occupation of this territory and commitment to UNDRIP demand that local Indigenous rights be respected and acknowledged;
3. The Park Board approved eleven Reconciliation Strategies in support of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action; one of those strategies calls for acknowledgement that "Aboriginal rights include Aboriginal language rights; that preservation, revitalization and strengthening of Aboriginal languages and cultures are best managed by Aboriginal people and communities;
4. Names form an integral part of culture and heritage; and

5. The traditional names of places are known to the Indigenous peoples of Vancouver.

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 introduced the motion and noted challenges experienced with residents using and accessing some public spaces under the care of the Park Board. Commissioner Kirby-Yung responded to questions from the Board.

Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

WHEREAS:

1. Privately-Owned Public Spaces (“POPS”) are provided by developers in exchange for bonuses with the intent that these spaces will be fully accessible to the public;
2. POPS can play an important role in expanding much-needed public space and green space and enhancing our public realm;
3. There are concerns that POPS may not always be welcoming or fully accessible to the public.
4. The Vancouver Seniors Advisory Committee unanimously passed the following motion at its regular meeting on July 20, 2018:
 - “1) In 2013, Vancouver City Council approved the Age-friendly Action Plan and the City’s intention to seek recognition from the World Health Organization as a “Global Age-friendly City;”
 - 2) Key features of an age-friendly city are adequate, safe, and accessible public spaces designed for relaxation and social activity;
 - 3) The Seniors’ Advisory Committee recently published a report (www.seniorsloneliness.ca) underscoring the role that such spaces play in preventing social isolation and loneliness; and
 - 4) Developers are often required to provide such spaces for public use as a condition of rezoning:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Seniors' Advisory Committee recommend that Council direct staff to:

- a. Seek a statutory right-of-way for all current and future privately-owned public spaces to ensure that they remain fully accessible to all members of the public;
 - b. Prohibit property managers from restricting or discouraging access to these spaces; and
 - c. Ensure that there is appropriate signage"
5. The above-noted motion will be submitted to Vancouver City Council for consideration.
 6. The Vancouver Park Board's mandate is to protect, advocate and champion for parks and green space across the city.

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.

Amendment to the Main Motion:

MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT Item A be deleted and the remainder of the items be renumbered accordingly.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Question on the Main Motion, as Amended

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

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- B. 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

- C. 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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Closing the Loop on Organic Waste in Stanley Park

The following motion was adopted on consent:

WHEREAS:

1. The Greenest City Action plan has a goal of 5 community compost facilities by 2020;
2. The Park Board has a goal to look for a facility to demonstrate a closed-loop food system;
3. The local food action plan goal 26 is to pilot a demonstration closed loop food system;
4. The local food action plan goal 29 is to look at Stanley Park to consider the development of a larger scale food system with educational opportunities;
5. The Vancouver Park Board has recently started a compost bin program in Stanley Park;
6. Stanley Park currently has many facilities including a soon to open brewery, restaurants, concessions, golf course and the Aquarium that collect organic waste of approx. 100 tons a year; and
7. Harvest Power is closing down which is one of the major compost facilities in Metro Vancouver, which is putting pressure on municipalities to deal with waste internal.

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.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

1. 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 from the Corporate Sponsorship Fund; and

- B. FURTHER THAT, should additional funds be required, the Park Board staff work with other levels of government, agencies, associations to seek additional improvement funds and partnerships.

2. Equipping Park Board Washrooms with Universally Accessible Changing Stations

Commissioner Shum gave notice of motion on the following:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to review all Park Board owned restroom facilities, including all gender and accessible washroom facilities, with the goal that they be equipped with a child changing station;
- B. FURTHER THAT staff review the physical safety and sanitation of existing changing facilities and, where necessary, such facilities are improved or replaced; and
- C. FURTHER THAT the Park Board encourage City Council to undertake a similar initiative for all City facilities.

3. Community Parks Stewardship Plan

Commissioner Wiebe gave notice of motion on the following:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation direct staff to create an Urban Parks Stewardship Plan to address current urban park health and safety needs with community based staffing that can partner with our staff to address opportunities such as washroom attendants, youth park liaisons, shower program attendants, needle collectors, daily garbage collectors, 311 reporters, maintenance ticket creators, security patrol, minor repairs, facilitators, educators and caretakers.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Wiebe reported on the September 8, 2018 event at the Creekside Community Centre, marking the retirement of Glenn Shultz following 58 years of service to the Park Board.

ENQUIRIES

1. A Board member enquired regarding the possibility of providing closer accessible parking for seniors at the Killarney Seniors Centre. Shawna Wilton, Deputy General Manager, Park Board, undertook to investigate.
2. A Board member enquired if there are plans to install outdoor exercise equipment in close proximity to the Killarney Seniors Centre. Dave Hutch, Acting Director of Planning and Park Development, Park Board, will request Tiina Mack, Manager, Park Development, Park Development, to provide an update.
3. A Board member enquired regarding the extent of the consultation with immediate neighbours on a special event to be held at Queen Elizabeth Park. Ms. Wilton undertook to investigate and provide an update.

4. A Board member enquired regarding potential changes to Marina Square Park on Bayshore Drive to accommodate development on adjoining lots. Mr. Hutch undertook to investigate.
5. A Board member enquired whether the fields at Brockton Oval that were used for the SKOOKUM Festival will be remediated in time for the commencement of the rugby season on September 29, 2018. Ms. Wilton advised of the remediation plans and the intention to work with the rugby organization if additional work is required.
6. A Board member enquired whether there was public consultation on construction and changes to the nature of Sunnyside Park. Ms. Wilton undertook to investigate and report back.
7. A Board member enquired regarding the expected timing for the initiation of work to refresh the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen courtyard. Ms. Wilton will investigate and report back.
8. A Board member enquired regarding the timing of the Park Board's consultation on the impacts of the proposed construction of the BC Hydro substation beneath Nelson Park. Ms. Wilton advised that the public engagement will likely occur in late 2018 or early 2019.
9. A Board member enquired regarding the timing of the installation of outdoor equipment at South Memorial Park. Mr. Hutch will request that Ms. Mack investigate and report back.
10. A Board member enquired regarding the timing of the installation of a dedication plaque at the Killarney Seniors Centre. Donnie Rosa, Director of Recreation, Park Board, advised that the plaque has been ordered and will confirm if it has been installed.
11. A Board member noted the need to provide advance notification to patrons of the SKOOKUM Festival regarding the Park Board Smoking Regulation By-law. Ms. Wilton undertook to provide the feedback to the event organizers.
12. A Board member enquired regarding whether the vacancy in the Arts Planner position has been filled and the expected timing for the reintroduction of the Home and Away public art installation to Dude Chilling Park. Ms. Wilton confirmed that Art Planner has been hired and undertook to investigate the timing of the Home and Away art installation.
13. A Board member enquired regarding the expected timing for issuance of the permit to use the Killarney Senior Centre kitchen. Ms. Rosa advised that Park Board staff are actively working to address the deficiency to obtain the permit.
14. A Board member enquired regarding the expected timing for washroom construction at Jonathan Rogers Park. Mr. Hutch undertook to investigate.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 7:32 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley
General Manager

Commissioner Stuart Mackinnon
Chair