



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 1, 2018
OCTOBER 2, 2018 (Reconvened)

The Regular Park Board meeting was held on Monday, October 1, 2018, at 9:38 pm, at the Park Board Office. Subsequently, the Regular meeting reconvened at 6:38 pm on Tuesday, October 2, 2018.

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 (October 1, 2018 only)
Cheryl Chan, Manager, Executive Office and Board Relations
Carol Lee, Meeting Clerk
Jessica Kulchyski, Meeting Assistant (October 1, 2018 only)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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IN CAMERA

1. In Camera Meeting

MOVED by Commissioner Shum
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. Regular Board Meeting – September 17, 2018

MOVED by Commissioner Shum
SECONDED by Commissioner Wiebe

THAT the Park Board minutes of the September 17, 2018 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNICATIONS

The Board was advised that there was no correspondence of note beyond the emails regarding the Park Board Concession Strategy that were referenced during the Committee meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Report of the Park Board Committee – October 1, 2018

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

1. REPORT: Park Board Concession Strategy: A Fresh Approach
2. REPORT: Rare Indigo – Private Special Event
3. REPORT: Park Board Procedure By-law - Update

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Park Board Committee at its meeting of October 1, 2018, as contained in items 1 through 3.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

STAFF REPORTS

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- Park development:
 - Results of public engagement on the Alder Bay Dock Replacement final concept plan
 - Finalization of construction drawings and budget projects relative to the Beaver Lake Ecological and Culturally Sensitive Enhancement Plan
- Recreation services:
 - Impact of the Positive Ticket initiative
 - State of the Practice annual exhibition at the Roundhouse Community Centre from September 17 to 29, 2018
 - Collaboration on the annual Wild Salmon Caravan which launched on September 22, 2018
 - Receipt of fourteen responses to the Fieldhouse Studio Activation call for six fieldhouses that will become available on January 1, 2019
- Board briefing memos and enquiries issued from September 17 to October 1, 2018.

MOTIONS ON NOTICE

1. Activating Community Space in Chinatown

Commissioner Shum reported that the community has expressed concern that funding has not been committed to the activation of the community space in Chinatown.

The Chair ruled the motion out of order as it presupposes the outcome of the actions, feasibility review, and report back that staff were directed to undertake in the motion approved in June 2018 titled: "Creating a Public Square Legacy in Chinatown."

Commissioner Shum withdrew the motion.

2. Equipping Park Board Washrooms with Universally Accessible Changing Stations

Commissioner Shum introduced the motion and noted the need to equip and maintain universally accessible child changing stations in Park Board washrooms.

MOVED by Commissioner Shum

SECONDED by Commissioner Evans

WHEREAS:

1. Young Vancouver families are struggling with housing affordability, exacerbated by rising taxes and fees, and many young people are considering leaving Vancouver to start families elsewhere;
2. The majority of Vancouver parents and caretakers have used a changing station;

3. Parents are more likely to visit facilities, venues, and businesses with baby changing stations;
4. Baby changing facilities are not universally available in City of Vancouver facilities, and in some cases are available only in women's washrooms;
5. Numerous public petitions and advocacy campaigns have called for hygienic changing facilities to be available to all parents;
6. In 2016, President Barack Obama signed into law the BABIES ACT, which required changing tables in all publicly accessible federal buildings in the United States, including both male and female washrooms;
7. With a typical change table costing \$300-400, private companies are increasingly recognizing both the importance and positive commercial impact of including universally accessible changing tables in their facilities.

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 that 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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Community Parks Stewardship Plan

In response to a question from the Board, the Chair ruled that the motion is in order.

Motion to Suspend Rules

MOVED by Commissioner Shum
SECONDED by Commissioner Evans

THAT the Park Board Committee suspends the Park Board rules to extend the meeting beyond 10:00 pm.

DEFEATED
(Commissioners Coupar and Kirby-Yung opposed)

Recess

The meeting recessed at 9:59 pm until 6:30 pm on Tuesday, October 2, 2018.

Meeting Reconvened

The Chair reconvened the Regular meeting of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation on Tuesday, October 2, 2018 at 6:38 pm.

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3. Community Parks Stewardship Plan (Continued)

Challenge of the Chair

The ruling of the Chair regarding the motion being in order was challenged and sustained with Commissioners Evans, Mackinnon, Shum and Wiebe voting in support of the Chair's ruling.

Commissioner Wiebe introduced the motion and noted the importance of maintaining a healthy and safe environment in parks. Commissioner Wiebe responded to questions from the Board.

MOVED by Commissioner Wiebe

SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

WHEREAS:

1. The Vancouver Park Board hired a Stewardship Coordinator in 2017 to increase the ability to expand our community partnerships;
2. The Vancouver Park Board in 2018 started the Parks Stewards Pilot Program with the City of Vancouver and Embers Eastside Works to offer low barrier employment opportunities to increase park cleanliness, washroom condition, park safety, and playground safety; and
3. The Vancouver Park Board has hired ambassadors to increase the education in our parks including dogs and skate parks.

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 organization 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.

Motion to Refer

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung

THAT the motion be referred to staff.

CARRIED
(Commissioners Shum and Wiebe opposed)

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Mackinnon read aloud a letter from a member of the public expressing gratitude to the Board members for their dedication to the City during their four years in office.

Commissioner Wiebe reported that the City of Vancouver's Accessibility Committee has created a task force to ensure progress is sustained on the Accessible City Strategy throughout the election process. The Park Board will be represented on the task force.

MOVED by Commissioner Evans
SECONDED by Commissioner Crawford

THAT the Board grants a leave of absence to Commissioner Kirby-Yung for the October 29, 2018 meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ENQUIRIES

1. A Board member enquired regarding the status of the installation of colour changing LED lights on the rim of the Bloedel Conservatory. Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, will follow up and report back.
2. A Board member noted the need to replace the flag at the top of Queen Elizabeth Park. Mr. Bromley advised that he will follow up.
3. A Board member requested information on the 2017/2018 Holiday Heights at Bloedel Conservatory event. Mr. Bromley will follow up and report back.
4. A Board member requested an update on the governance model to be implemented at the Killarney Seniors Centre. Donnie Rosa, Director of Recreation, Park Board, will follow up and report back.
5. A Board member enquired if there is a mechanism to give Vancouver residents priority in enrolling for swimming lessons. Ms. Rosa will investigate if there is a solution that can be implemented within the registration system that will balance residents' needs with other Park Board objectives.
6. A Board member enquired regarding whether funds have been committed to activating the community space in Chinatown. Mr. Bromley advised that staff are developing the

- approach to be taken to activate the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen courtyard, after which financial requirements will be considered.
7. A Board member enquired regarding the timing for the installation of a community garden that can be utilized by the incoming artists in residence at the McBride Park fieldhouse. Tiina Mack, Manager of Park Development, Park Board, reported that upgrades to the fieldhouse are in progress and it is anticipated that communal garden plots will be available in spring 2019.
 8. A Board member enquired regarding the improvements to the Stanley Park bicycle path. Ms. Mack advised that the 11 proposed improvements to the bicycle path are currently being reviewed by the Park Board's First Nations partners. It is anticipated that the tender will be issued shortly and work will commence in 2019.
 9. A Board member requested a report by October 29, 2018 regarding the current age and state of the ice rinks under Park Board jurisdiction and the timing for replacement of the refrigeration systems. Ms. Rosa undertook to provide the report by the date requested.
 10. A Board member enquired regarding the status of the reconstruction of the Vanier Park pump track. Mr. Bromley reported that staff has suspended the work to allow for the stakeholders to resolve the competing issues.
 11. A Board member enquired regarding the status of renewal of the Marple Community Centre. Mr. Bromley will investigate and report back.
 12. A Board member requested that staff provide an update on the September 11, 2018 public forum hosted by the Crosstown Residents Association to discuss the health and safety concerns of Andy Livingstone Park.
 13. A Board member enquired regarding the status of the replacement of the whirlpool at Kitsilano Community Centre. Ms. Rosa reported that the community has been engaged in exploring alternative amenities to replace the whirlpool.
 14. A Board member enquired regarding opportunities for promoting women and girls in sports. Donnie Rosa reported that there have been conversations with multiple groups including girls' hockey but the temporary closure of sunset ice rink has had some impacts.
 15. A Board member enquired regarding the timeline for the implementation of the Washroom Strategy. Ms. Mack advised that work is underway with anticipated completion by the end of 2019.
 16. A Board member enquired if there is a viable option to the eviction of boats currently moored in False Creek to address the danger of the boats being in open water during the winter months. Mr. Bromley will request Shawna Wilton, Deputy General Manager, Park Board, to investigate and provide a report.
 17. A Board member enquired regarding the status of the Dude Chilling sculpture and the Home and Away public art piece. Ms. Mack reported that the Park Board has installed the footing at Dude Chilling Park and the community is raising funds for the casting of the bronze sculpture. A building permit application has been submitted to the City for the Home and Away public art installation. The art piece will be tendered upon receipt of the building permit.

18. A Board member enquired if there is a plan for a cleaner water source for Trout Lake to reduce the number of closures due to contamination. Mr. Bromley reported that work is underway to develop a plan to avoid closures and will provide an update to the Board that will be shared with the Trout Lake community.
19. A Board member advised that a community group has enquired about space to host a roller derby. Ms. Rosa reported that staff are working with the community group to find a suitable venue.
20. A Board member requested an update on the replacement of the Cedar Cottage community garden. Ms. Mack reported that staff are working to find a suitable space for the replacement garden.
21. A Board member advised that a bicycle lobbying group claims that the 2012 Bike Report has not been fully implemented and requested a status report. Ms. Mack will follow up on the enquiries from the bicycle lobbying group and report back.
22. A Board member requested information on the process to update kitchens in community centres. Ms. Rosa reported that the matter can be discussed directly with the Community Centre Supervisor.
23. A Board member enquired if there has been a request for the closure of the park during the 2019 Lantern Festival at the PNE. Mr. Bromley will request a report from the PNE.
24. A Board member requested information on the creation of a task force for VanSplash. Ms. Mack reported that terms for reference for the task force are being developed that will be brought forward to a future Board for approval.
25. A Board member requested an update on the creation the Creekside Community Centre Association (CCA). Ms. Rosa advised that work is proceeding with the intention of having the CCA in place by the end of 2018.
26. A Board member requested an update on the art piece to recognize the contributions of the Chinese community. Mr. Bromley reported that a planning meeting is scheduled for October 31, 2018.
27. A Board member enquired regarding the status of construction of the Smithe and Richards Park. Mr. Bromley advised that the construction plan will require adjustment as all proposals received exceeded the budget envelope.
28. A Board member enquired regarding the status of work on gender equity in sport. Ms. Rosa advised that a working group has been established to proceed with this work.
29. A Board member reported that the recently reinstalled bird statues in the Olympic Village are surrounded by fences. Mr. Bromley will investigate and report back.
30. A Board member requested a status report on the identification of a new location for the Downtown Skateboard Plaza. Ms. Mack advised that a number of locations have been identified however work has paused as the timing for the removal of the viaducts is not as urgent as originally anticipated.

31. A Board member enquired regarding the plans and timeline for the use of the Grays Park space. Ms. Rosa advised that she will be providing an update at the next Board meeting.
32. A Board member relayed a request from the Food Policy Council on the number of full time staff hours that would be allocated to the Local Food Action Plan. Mr. Bromley will follow up and report back.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 8:03 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley
General Manager

Commissioner Stuart Mackinnon
Chair