



SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 10, 2018

A Special Park Board meeting was held on Monday, December 10, 2018, at 6:30 pm, at the Park Board Office.

PRESENT:

- Commissioner Tricia Barker
- Commissioner John Coupar
- Commissioner Dave Demers, Vice-Chair
- Commissioner Camil Dumont
- Commissioner Gwen Giesbrecht
- Commissioner John Irwin
- Commissioner Stuart Mackinnon, 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

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.

1. REPORT: 2019 Fees and Charges – Parks and Recreation

The Chair advised that the General Manager's Office received one letter related to the 2019 Fees and Charges report, which was sent directly to all Commissioners.

Shauna Wilton, Deputy General Manager, Park Board, advised that approximately 50% of the Park Board's operating budget is funded by fees and charges. In recognition of Vancouver's affordability challenge, moderate price increases are being recommended in 2019.

Steve Jackson, Director of Financial Planning and Analysis, Park Board, led the review of a presentation on the proposed 2019 Fees and Charges and highlighted:

- Change to the age-based structure to increase the pre-school age to three years and under was approved as part of the approval of the 2018 Fees and Charges
- Guiding principles in the establishment of user fees
- Proposed increases in 2019 Fees and Charges
- Proposed user fees for 2019 are recommended to increase by roughly 2% in most program areas
- The proposed changes to user fees will result in a \$0.6 million revenue increase in 2019 to offset rising operating costs.

Mr. Jackson and Ms. Wilton responded to questions and comments from the Board. There was discussion on the rationale for exempting the Langara Golf Course from the proposed increase in golf fees and status of capital improvements at the Burrard Civic Marina.

The Board heard from eight speakers. Six speakers expressed opposition to the proposed Burrard Civic Marina rate increase. One speaker suggested that the pre-school age and child definitions be amended to five years and under and six to twelve years, respectively. One speaker expressed opposition to the imposition and increase in parking fees at the Jericho compound and Burrard Civic Marina. The speakers responded to questions from the Board.

Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Dumont
SECONDED by Commissioner Demers

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the proposed Fees and Charges, to be effective January 1, 2019, as summarized in the body of this report and detailed in Appendix A.

Amendment to the Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Irwin
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

THAT Item B be added:

- B. THAT the definition of school-aged be adjusted to zero to four years.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Primary Amendment to the Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Giesbrecht
SECONDED by Commissioner Irwin

THAT Item C be added:

- C. THAT the 2% increase to pools, rinks and fitness centres on single entries be eliminated.

Secondary Amendment

MOVED by Commissioner Dumont
SECONDED by Commissioner Giesbrecht

THAT Item C be amended to:

- C. THAT there be no increase to pools, rinks and fitness centres on single entries.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Question on the Primary Amendment, as Amended

THAT Item C be added:

- C. THAT there be no increase to pools, rinks and fitness centres on single entries.

CARRIED

(Commissioners Coupar, Demers, Dumont, Giesbrecht, Irwin and Mackinnon in favour;
Commissioner Barker opposed)

Amendment to the Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Irwin
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT Item D be added:

- D. THAT the rate increase for Burrard Civic Marina be reduced to 1%.

CARRIED

(Commissioners Barker, Coupar, Dumont, Giesbrecht, Irwin and Mackinnon in favour;
Commissioner Demers opposed)

Question on the Main Motion, as Amended

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the proposed Fees and Charges, to be effective January 1, 2019, as summarized in the body of this report and detailed in Appendix A;
- B. THAT the definition of school-aged be adjusted to zero to four years;
- C. THAT there be no increase to pools, rinks and fitness centres on single entries;
and
- D. THAT the rate increase for Burrard Civic Marina be reduced to 1%.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recess

The meeting recessed at 8:05 pm and reconvened at 8:14 pm.

2. REPORT: 2019 Operating and Capital Budget – Parks and Recreation

Shauna Wilton, Deputy General Manager, Park Board, commented that the 2019 Operating Budget includes investments and no major cuts to service levels. With respect to the Capital Budget, 2019 is the first year of the 2019–2022 Capital Plan, which is the largest in the history of the Park Board.

Steve Jackson, Director of Financial Planning and Analysis, Park Board, and Tiina Mack, Manager of Park Development, Park Board, jointly led the review of a presentation on the proposed 2019 Operating and Capital Budget highlighting:

- Operating Budget:
 - Revenue increases
 - Fixed cost increases
 - New services and programs
 - Staff recommendations in response to the motion titled “Horticultural Standards in Vancouver Parks” passed on December 3, 2018
 - Operating costs of capital
 - Productivity savings
 - Other City department funding
- Capital Budget:
 - 2019 capital budget consisting of the annual capital expenditure budget of \$63.7 million and Multi-Year Capital Project Budget of \$49.9 million
 - Park land acquisition totalling \$10.8 million
 - Urban forest and natural features totalling \$4.1 million
 - Seawall and waterfront totalling \$5.1 million
 - Programmed activity areas totalling \$8.3 million
 - Park amenities totalling \$18.0 million
 - General features and infrastructure totalling \$2.9 million
 - Park buildings totalling \$3.1 million
 - Recreation facilities totalling \$10.9 million
 - Service yards, vehicles and equipment totalling \$0.5 million.

Mr. Jackson and Ms. Mack, along with Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, and Ms. Wilton, responded to questions and comments from the Board. There was discussion on: Park Board’s role in the acquisition of public art and consideration of corporate sponsorships; whether daylighting of the creek was considered in the renewal of China Creek North Neighbourhood Park; and confirmation that VanDusen Botanical Garden amenities will be considered in the Queen Elizabeth Park Master Plan.

The Board heard from two speakers. One speaker commented on the need to create a long-term capital plan for the Burrard Civic Marina with the involvement of the facility users. The second speaker suggested that the profits from the Burrard Civic Marina be reinvested in the facility. The speakers responded to questions from the Board.

Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Dumont

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve:

- A. The 2019 Park Board Operating Budget of \$128,124,176 in expenditures and transfers, funded by \$61,597,742 in revenues and \$66,526,434 of tax-based operating funds, as outlined in this report and in Appendix A;

- B. The 2019 Park Board Multi-Year Capital Project Budget in the amount of \$49,901,250, which consists of \$44,126,250 in the Parks and Open Spaces service category as outlined in Appendix B of this report, and \$5,775,000 in the Recreation Facilities, Service Yards, Vehicles and Equipment, and Public Art service categories as outlined in Appendix D of this report;
- C. The 2019 Park Board Annual Capital Expenditure Budget in the amount of \$63,751,605, which consists of \$52,307,252 in the Parks and Open Spaces service category as outlined in Appendix B of this report, and \$11,444,353 in the Recreation Facilities, Service Yards, Vehicles and Equipment, and Public Art service categories as outlined in Appendix D of this report; and
- D. Subject to approval of recommendations A, B and C above, the submission of the Park Board's 2019 Operating and Capital Budgets to Vancouver City Council for consideration in the approval of the City of Vancouver's 2019 Operating Budget and 2019 Capital Budget.

Amendment to the Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Barker

That Item E be added:

- E. FURTHER THAT, based on the information provided by staff in the memo reporting back on the Horticultural Standards in Vancouver Parks motion approved by the Board on December 3, 2018, the Vancouver Park Board request from Council an additional \$610,000 for the 2019 Park Board Operating Budget to enable improvements to service provision to parks, with a focus on horticulture, cleanliness and safety.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Question on the Main Motion, as Amended

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board adjourned at 9:13 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley
General Manager

Commissioner Stuart Mackinnon
Chair