



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 17, 2018

The Regular Park Board meeting was held on Monday, December 17, 2018, at 7:34 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.

IN CAMERA

1. In Camera Meeting

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Barker

THAT the Board will go into meetings next month/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 –December 3, 2018

MOVED by Commissioner Demers
SECONDED by Commissioner Giesbrecht

THAT the Park Board minutes of the December 3, 2018 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Mackinnon highlighted the participation of Park Board Commissioners at official Park Board events since the December 3, 2018 Board meeting:

- Dec 14: Opening of Holiday Heights at Bloedel.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Board was advised that six pieces of correspondence in support and five opposed to the Motion on Notice titled "Alcohol Consumption at Vancouver Parks and Beaches" were received by the General Manager's Office. The emails/letters have been forwarded directly to Commissioners.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

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

1. REPORT: Stanley Park Seawall Restoration – Phase 2 Contract Award
2. REPORT: Pandora Park New Dog Off Leash Area.

MOVED by Commissioner Irwin
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Park Board Committee at its meeting of December 17, 2018, as contained in items 1 and 2.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

STAFF REPORTS

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Shauna Wilton, Deputy General Manager, Park Board, reported on:

- Special events:
 - Holiday Heights at Bloedel
- Recreation:
 - Free “first skate” event for newly-arrived immigrants
- Council business:
 - Discussion and decision on the 2019 Operating Budget has been referred to the Regular Council meeting on December 18, 2018
- Park Board office holiday closure from December 25, 2018 to January 1, 2019
- Board briefing memos and emails issued from December 4 to 17, 2018.

REPORT REFERENCES

1. Track and Field Strategy – Overview and Next Steps

Dave Hutch, Acting Director of Park Planning and Development, Park Board, introduced Erin Embley, Planner II, Park Board.

Mr. Hutch and Ms. Embley jointly led the review of a presentation providing an update on the progress of the Track and Field Strategy and highlighted:

- Track and Field Strategy purpose and overview
- Background research
- Public engagement:
 - Round 1 events and survey results
 - Round 2 events and engagement results
- Project timeline
- Next steps.

Mr. Hutch, along with Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, responded to questions from the Board. There was discussion on: potential for short-term actions such as improved maintenance of existing tracks; suggestion to include the UBC and Swanguard Stadium tracks as factors in the Track and Field Strategy; suggestion to plan on the basis of an amalgamated city; need to provide more rubberized tracks for the increasing senior population; and need to consider sustainability in the future selection of track surfaces.

MOTIONS ON NOTICE

1. Alcohol Consumption at Vancouver Parks and Beaches

Commissioner Demers introduced the motion and commented that the objective of the motion is to request staff to undertake research to allow for an informed discussion to occur in 2019. Commissioner Demers responded to questions from the Board.

Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Demers
SECONDED by Commissioner Dumont

WHEREAS:

1. A growing segment of the population of Vancouver has no access to a private yard and thus relies on parks and beaches for gatherings of friends and family;
2. 79% of survey respondents for the 2018 review of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation's Concession Strategy agree or strongly agree with the sales of alcoholic beverages in concessions;
3. The Concession Strategy's alcohol sales pilot to be initiated in 2019 through two existing Park Board restaurant operators is limited in its reach due to space restrictions and financial barriers;
4. Consumption of alcoholic beverages at parks and beaches within the Park Board's jurisdiction is currently prohibited through the Parks Control By-laws; and
5. Any significant changes to Parks Control By-laws around alcohol consumption would require public consultation and supportive empirical evidence.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation directs staff to conduct a feasibility study for a pilot project that would allow the public to consume their own alcoholic beverages on select parks and beaches;
- B. FURTHER THAT a preliminary long list of potential sites for the pilot be included in the consultation with current park and beach users; and
- C. THAT staff report back to the Board by the end of 2019 with the study findings, including consultation results and any potential legal, logistical, societal, and financial considerations.

Amendment to the Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Barker
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

That Item C be amended and D be added:

- C. THAT staff report back to the Board by the end of 2019 with the study findings, including consultation results and any potential legal, logistical, societal, enforcement and financial considerations; and
- D. THAT staff will include the results and public feedback from the previously approved 2019 Concession alcohol pilot and incorporate those findings as part of the report back.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amendment to the Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Irwin
SECONDED by Commissioner Giesbrecht

That Item B be amended to:

- B. FURTHER THAT potential sites be considered for the pilot.

CARRIED

- *In Favour: Barker, Coupar, Dumont, Giesbrecht, Irwin and Mackinnon*
- *Opposed: Demers*

Question on the Main Motion, as Amended

- A. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation directs staff to conduct a feasibility study for a pilot project that would allow the public to consume their own alcoholic beverages on select parks and beaches;
- B. FURTHER THAT potential sites be considered for the pilot;
- C. THAT staff report back to the Board by the end of 2019 with the study findings, including consultation results and any potential legal, logistical, societal, enforcement and financial considerations; and
- D. THAT staff will include the results and public feedback from the previously approved 2019 Concession alcohol pilot and incorporate those findings as part of the report back.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

1. VanSplash Advisory Group Scope

Commissioner Irwin gave notice of motion on the following:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Park Board directs its VanSplash Advisory Group to only consider the possible future expansion and improvement of Vancouver's aquatic facilities.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 8:57 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley
General Manager

Commissioner Stuart Mackinnon
Chair