



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 28, 2019

The Regular Park Board meeting was held on Monday, January 28, 2019, at 7:26 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 Dumont
SECONDED by Commissioner Demers

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 – January 14, 2019

MOVED by Commissioner Irwin

SECONDED by Commissioner Giesbrecht

THAT the Park Board minutes of the January 14, 2019 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNICATIONS

The Board was advised that, as at 3:00 pm on January 28, 2019, there were 135 emails received in support of the Motion on Notice titled “Renewal Strategy for Landscape Equipment – Towards an Emission-Free Reality” and one letter suggesting that only rakes and push mowers be used.

Copies of all correspondence has been forwarded to Commissioners.

COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Report of the Park Board Committee – January 28, 2019

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

1. REPORT: Air Force Garden of Remembrance – Relocation Plan

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar

SECONDED by Commissioner Barker

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Park Board Committee at its meeting of January 28, 2019, as contained in item 1.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

STAFF REPORTS

GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

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

- Construction of the Memorial South Park senior’s fitness area
- Community engagement on 11 playgrounds upgrades to be completed over the next two years
- New fieldhouse residencies for 2019
- Discovery of intentional vandalism of eight trees at Spanish Banks on January 3, 2019

- Vandalism of turf at Vanier Park during the night of January 20, 2018
- Council business:
 - On January 29, 2019, Council will be receiving a report on “City Participation in the Women Deliver Conference 2019”
- Board briefing memos and emails issued from January 15 to 28, 2019.

REPORT REFERENCES

1. 2018 Special Events Report Back

Octavio Silva, Manager of Business Development, Park Board, introduced Jenny Jung, Supervisor of Special Events and Filming, Park Board.

Mr. Silva led the review of a presentation on the six new and modified special events that occurred in 2018 and highlighted:

- Vancouver Mural Festival celebration concert on August 11, 2018 at Jonathan Rogers Park
- Vancouver Open volleyball tournament held at Kitsilano Beach Park from July 12 to 15, 2018
- Licensed area increased from 1,000 to 1,250 guests at the Vancouver Folk Music Festival at Jericho Beach Park from July 13 to 15, 2018
- Licensed area for 100 guests approved for the African Descent Festival held July 21 to 22, 2018 at Thornton Park
- KitsFest held on August 11, 2018 at Kitsilano Beach Park added a bathtub race event and a new licensed area for 1,200 guests
- Dîner en Blanc held at VanDusen Botanical Garden on August 23, 2018.

Mr. Silva responded to questions from the Board.

2. Marpole Community Centre Renewal – Update

Donnie Rosa, Park Board, introduced members of the project team:

- Matthew Halverson, Project Manager II, Real Estate and Facilities Management, City of Vancouver
- Albert Leung, Vice-President, Marpole-Oakridge Community Association
- Doug Shearer, Senior Planner, Park Board
- Glen Stokes, Architect, Carscadden Stokes McDonald.

Mr. Shearer led the review of a presentation providing a summary of the Marpole Community Centre Renewal process and highlighted:

- Park Board motions to date
- Needs assessment study process:
 - Working Group membership
 - Advisory Group membership
- Background information on the Marpole neighbourhood and Marpole-Oakridge Community Centre building

- Phase 1:
 - Process
 - Key findings
- Four key priorities included in the preliminary program definition:
 - Encourage active lifestyle and physical literacy
 - Support seniors, youth and families
 - Provide a meeting place and community hub
 - Provide a wide range of arts and culture programming
- Preliminary program definition:
 - Proposed interrelationships
 - Room and size considerations
 - Addition of approximately 50,700 square feet represents a building size increase of 40%
- Next steps and timeline.

Mr. Shearer, along with Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, responded to questions from the Board. There was discussion on: integration of the components of the Marpole-Oakridge Community Centre and the pool; imminent engagement with the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations; suggestion to improve transit connectivity to reduce the parking requirements; confirmation that an underground parking structure has not been included in the cost estimate; the future demand estimate includes population growth from new developments; suggestion that soft surfaces be utilized for walking and jogging paths; and confirmation that sustainability and climate change adaption considerations have been included in the planning process.

BY-LAW

1. Park Board Procedure By-law

MOVED by Commissioner Irwin
SECONDED by Commissioner Demers

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

THAT the new Park Board Procedure By-law be introduced and read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Barker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

THAT the new Park Board Procedure By-law be read a second and third time and be enacted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTIONS ON NOTICE

1. Support of #AllOnBoard Campaign for No Transit Fares for Youth

Commissioner Irwin introduced the motion and remarked that the motion mirrors the Council motion supporting the reduction in transit fares for youth. Commissioner Irwin responded to questions from the Board.

MOVED by Commissioner Irwin
SECONDED by Commissioner Giesbrecht

WHEREAS:

1. The Vancouver Park Board has recognized and has demonstrated over the past years its commitment to the health and well-being of its residents;
2. The lack of transportation is one of the most common reasons for people living on low incomes and for average families to not be able to access Park Board facilities, including beaches; and
3. That lack of transportation is a significant barrier accessing community centres and other services and leads to social exclusion of low income adults and youth.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board endorse the #AllOnBoard Campaign and write a letter to: the TransLink Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation; the Board of Directors of TransLink; the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing; and the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction asking TransLink to work with the provincial government to finalize and secure funding, and to develop a plan that will provide free public transit for minors (aged 0-18) and reduced price transit based on a sliding scale using the Market Basket Measure for all low-income people regardless of their demographic profile as soon as possible; and
- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board write a separate letter to the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation asking them to 1) require TransLink to adopt a poverty reduction/equity mandate in order to address the outstanding issue of lack of affordability measures to ensure those who need public transit the most can access the essential service, and 2) request the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation and TransLink to immediately, without delay: amend existing by-laws and cease ticketing of all minors for fare evasion as the first step towards the full implementation of free transit for children and youth 0-18; unlink ICBC from fare evasion for youth and adults; and cease ticketing adults.

The amendment was separated into distinct propositions.

Question on Item A

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develop a plan that will provide free public transit for minors (aged 0-18) and reduced price transit based on a sliding scale using the Market Basket Measure for all low-income people regardless of their demographic profile as soon as possible.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Question on Item B

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Park Board write a separate letter to the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation asking them to 1) require TransLink to adopt a poverty reduction/equity mandate in order to address the outstanding issue of lack of affordability measures to ensure those who need public transit the most can access the essential service, and 2) request the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation and TransLink to immediately, without delay: amend existing by-laws and cease ticketing of all minors for fare evasion as the first step towards the full implementation of free transit for children and youth 0-18; unlink ICBC from fare evasion for youth and adults; and cease ticketing adults

CARRIED

In favour: Demers, Dumont, Giesbrecht, Irwin and Mackinnon

Opposed: Barker and Coupar

2. Renewal Strategy for Landscape Equipment – Towards an Emission-Free Reality

Commissioner Demers introduced the motion and commented on the need to transition from gas-powered landscape maintenance equipment to emission-free engines. Commissioner Demers responded to questions from the Board.

MOVED by Commissioner Demers

SECONDED by Commissioner Dumont

WHEREAS:

1. The excessive use of fossil fuel threatens our planet and puts the City of Vancouver and its shoreline at great risk;
2. The maintenance of our green spaces relies heavily on the use of gas-powered equipment;
3. Gas-powered equipment, and in particular two-stroke engines, produce carcinogenic exhaust and greenhouse gases, exposure to which is a health concern for Park Board workers and the population in general;
4. Two-stroke engines account for the vast majority of fine particulate pollution in landscape maintenance activities;
5. Gas-powered engines cause noise levels that often surpass the maximum allowed in certain residential areas;
6. The handling and transportation of gas and oil required by conventional equipment is hazardous to Park Board workers and the environment;

7. The greater purchasing price for battery-powered equipment can be recouped with savings in the gas, oil, and general maintenance required by conventional gas-powered equipment;
8. Battery-powered equipment is easier to use, creates less vibration, less noise, no emission of any kind, and is often lighter than its conventional counterpart; and
9. Technology for battery-powered equipment is continuing to improve rapidly and is expected to soon match the output of conventional equipment.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to develop a transition plan to replace gas-powered landscape maintenance equipment with emission-free equivalents or quasi-equivalents where possible;
- B. THAT the transition plan include financial considerations, including purchase, usage, maintenance and end-of-life replacement costs, as well as ways to quantify/qualify non-financial benefits such as: carbon emission reduction; disposal of refuse oil and other parts; satisfaction/productivity of staff; and satisfaction of citizens; and
- C. THAT staff report back to the Board with their findings and recommendations.

Amendment to the Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Demers
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT Item C be amended to:

- C. THAT staff build upon the August 2018 Greenest City Scholars study on reducing the Park Board's emissions and report back to the Board with their findings and recommendations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amendment to the Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Giesbrecht
SECONDED by Commissioner Irwin

THAT Item A be amended to:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff, working with unions and WorkSafeBC, to develop a transition plan to replace gas-powered landscape maintenance equipment with emission-free equivalents or quasi-equivalents where possible.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amendment to the Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Irwin
SECONDED by Commissioner Giesbrecht

THAT Item A be amended to:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff, working with unions and WorkSafeBC, to develop a transition plan to replace gas-powered landscape maintenance equipment with emission-free equivalents or quasi-equivalents where possible, including non-motorized push mowers and rakes for use in appropriately scaled areas.

DEFEATED

In favour: Irwin, Giesbrecht and Mackinnon
Opposed: Barker, Coupar, Demers and Dumont

Amendment to the Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Dumont
SECONDED by Commissioner Demers

THAT Item A be amended to:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff, working with unions and WorkSafeBC, to develop a transition plan to replace and retrofit gas-powered landscape maintenance equipment with emission-free equivalents or quasi-equivalents where possible.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amendment to the Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Irwin
SECONDED by Commissioner Demers

THAT Item C be amended to:

- C. THAT staff build upon the August 2018 Greenest City Scholars study on reducing the Park Board's emissions and report back to the Board with their findings and recommendations with a timeline outlining when the transition could occur.

CARRIED

In favour: Demers, Dumont, Giesbrecht, Irwin and Mackinnon
Opposed: Barker and Coupar

Amendment to the Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Demers
SECONDED by Commissioner Irwin

THAT Item D be added:

- D. THAT staff postpone non-essential purchases of significant landscape equipment until the report is presented to the Board.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Question on the Main Motion, as Amended

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff, working with unions and WorkSafeBC, to develop a transition plan to replace and retrofit gas-powered landscape maintenance equipment with emission-free equivalents or quasi-equivalents where possible;
- B. THAT the transition plan include financial considerations, including purchase, usage, maintenance and end-of-life replacement costs, as well as ways to quantify/qualify non-financial benefits such as: carbon emission reduction; disposal of refuse oil and other parts; satisfaction/productivity of staff; and satisfaction of citizens;
- C. THAT staff build upon the August 2018 Greenest City Scholars study on reducing the Park Board's emissions and report back to the Board with their findings and recommendations with a timeline outlining when the transition could occur; and
- D. THAT staff postpone non-essential purchases of significant landscape equipment until the report is presented to the Board.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

1. Future of the 420 Cannabis Event

Commissioner Barker gave notice of motion on the following:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT based on the new legal framework now in place, the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to explore options available to preclude sale of cannabis and cannabis related products at the upcoming 2019 - 420 event;
- B. THAT staff send a letter to Mayor Kennedy Stewart and Vancouver City Council to request a continuation of the exploration of alternate venues within the City of Vancouver in order to move this event to a more appropriate location that will not

cause disruption to West End area residents, seawall users and Vancouver Aquatic Centre patrons, with the goal of having this event relocated by 2020; and

- C. THAT staff prioritize all possible means to minimize impacts on local residents in regard to air quality, noise and music levels, traffic disruption, and restricted access to the seawall.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Coupar advised that the Canadian Club of Vancouver is planning a flag raising event at 9:00 a.m. on February 15, 2019, at which the Honourable Janet Austin, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, will be in attendance.

ENQUIRIES

1. A Board member enquired regarding the progress of the BC Hydro sub-station planned for Nelson Park and when it might be considered by the Park Board.
2. A Board member enquired if the Park Board has jurisdiction to remove homeless residents who are camping in Oppenheimer Park.
3. A Board member enquired regarding plans and timing to repair the Harbour Green walkway and public boat dock.
4. A Board member enquired regarding the status, process and timeline of the proposed concept to improve the Seaside Greenway at Kitsilano Beach that was referred back to staff at the March 12, 2018 Park Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 9:09 pm.

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