



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 25, 2019

The Regular Park Board meeting was held on Monday, February 25, 2019, at 7:00 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 Demers
SECONDED by Commissioner Barker

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 paragraph(s):

- (a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the city or another position appointed by the city;
- (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 – February 11, 2019

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Irwin

THAT the Park Board minutes of the February 11, 2019 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 January 14, 2019:

- Feb 15: Celebration of National Flag Day of Canada at the Bloedel Conservatory.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Board was advised that one email was received suggesting tunnelling as an option for the False Creek Flats arterial. The email has been forwarded to Commissioners.

STAFF REPORTS

1. PRESENTATION: Recreation Services – Youth Services Overview

Donnie Rosa, Director, Recreation, Park Board, introduced Jessica Land, Manager of Community Development, Park Board.

Ms. Land led the review of a presentation providing an overview of youth services and highlighted:

- Role of 17 relationship- based Youth Workers across the community centres
- Community Youth Development guiding principles
- Examples of youth initiatives and community youth programs
- Events planned for Vancouver Youth Week – May 1 to 7, 2019

- Formation of City-Wide Youth Council.

Ms. Rosa, along with Ms. Land and Erica Mark, Community Recreation Coordinator, Park Board, responded to questions from the Board. There was discussion on: the importance of the support provided by community partners; resources and partnerships with community partners to enable Youth Workers to provide support to youth in vulnerable populations, intention to expand the Positive Ticket Program; and suggestion to create opportunities to hear from youth on current concerns and fears they face.

2. REPORT REFERENCE: False Creek Flats Arterial – Park Board Considerations

Doug Shearer, Senior Planner, Park Board, introduced Leila Todd, Planner II, Park Board.

Mr. Shearer and Ms. Todd jointly led the review of a presentation providing an update on the False Creek Flats Arterial process and considerations regarding Strathcona and Trillium Parks and highlighted:

- Recent history of the City Council approval to remove the Georgia-Dunsmuir viaducts
- Background of communication regarding four options for the False Creek Flats Arterial
- Community benefits of a grade-separated rail corridor
- Need for additional parkland in the False Creek Flats:
 - Population is expected to increase by 40% by 2041
 - Urban forest canopy
 - Urban heat island
- Park assets and uses in Strathcona and Trillium Parks
- Community Panel established to generate clearly structured, consistent assessments of each arterial route, with a clear criteria and evaluative logic supporting a final recommended route:
 - Timeline
 - Composition of the Community Panel
 - Requirements of the final recommended route
 - Park impacts and mitigation to be considered in the recommendation of an arterial route
- Impact and mitigation of the four arterial route options under consideration
- Next steps:
 - Process for changes to parkland
 - Process after Community Panel selection of an option that affects park boundaries
 - A report will be provided to the Board and to inform the Community Panel in its deliberations.

Mr. Shearer, along with Jerry Dobrovolny, General Manager of Engineering, City of Vancouver, and Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, responded to questions from the Board. There was discussion on: Community Panel awareness of the implications of changing the boundaries of a permanent park; width of the arterial route is subject to final design; intention that the City and Park Board collaborate to arrive at a solution that will be mutually acceptable; request that the Park Board report to be provided to the Community Panel include costing

information and be made available to the public; whether the developers of the Northeast False Creek neighbourhood could be requested to contribute to the mitigation costs for Strathcona or Trillium Parks; and whether there is an opportunity to fund the more expensive option.

3. General Manager's Office Report

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

- BC Court of Appeals ruling that the Park Board By-law prohibiting the importation and display of cetaceans in City parks applies to the Vancouver Aquarium
- Council consideration of Motions on Notice that have a relationship with the Park Board on February 26, 2019:
 - Helping Campers in Oppenheimer Park
 - Future of the 420 Cannabis Protest
 - Shore to Core – Vancouver's Watershed Revival Plan
 - Declaring April 6 as Vancouver's Official Birthday
- Board briefing memos and emails issued from February 12 to 25, 2019.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

1. Assessment of Pest Control Policies

Commissioner Mackinnon gave notice of motion on the following:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board request staff to review pest control management strategies for wildlife and rodents at Vancouver Parks and Recreation facilities, including how and where rodenticide/lethal control/relocation are used, and the cost of existing contracts; and
- B. FURTHER THAT staff assess the viability of including BC SPCA AnimalKind wildlife and rodent control standards into pest control contract language.

2. Oppenheimer Park Warming Shelter and Support Services

Commissioner Irwin gave notice of motion on the following:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT Park Board staff work with city staff and acquire or implement a warming station in Oppenheimer Park with large heated tents, staffed with Peer Workers to help ensure safety and cleanliness;
- B. THAT Park Board staff work with city staff to provide storage for belongings and washroom facilities for park patrons;

- C. THAT Park Board staff ensure there is a way for campers to keep and/or retrieve their possessions; and
- D. THAT Oppenheimer Park staff communicate with City staff about other possible solutions to humanize being homeless when there is no housing to move to.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Irwin requested that the Board consider the motion titled “Oppenheimer Park Warming Shelter and Support Services” on an urgent basis. The Chair ruled that the motion does not constitute Urgent Business, as defined in the Park Board Procedure By-law, and would therefore be considered at the next Regular Board meeting.

Commissioner Coupar relayed the compliments of a volunteer for the efforts of Karen Hillman, Vancouver Aquatic Supervisor, in facilitating the recent swim meet held at the Vancouver Aquatic Centre, which was attended by 500 youth and their families.

ENQUIRIES

1. A Board member enquired if the Park Board could help offset the costs borne by festival organizers to open Prince Edward Street for emergency services access when their events restrict access to Main Street.
2. A Board member requested the timeline proposed for development of the new Olympic Village park located between Ontario and Quebec Streets, north of East 1st Avenue.
3. A Board member enquired why the picnic tables and benches were removed from MacLean Park and whether they will be replaced as community members miss being able to use them.
4. A Board member enquired whether the gates on the north side of Andy Livingstone Park are being locked at certain times and if so, why.
5. A Board member requested information on the progress and possibility of daylighting streams at the south end of Cambie Street and in the parks along the Fraser River.
6. A Board member asked what support Park Board staff currently provide to help resident campers with storage and safety of their belongings, accessing community services and maintaining clean and operational washroom facilities.
7. A Board member enquired if the 420 event organizers were asked to pay a permit fee of \$5,000 after the 2018 protest, as recorded in the media by CBC.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 8:48 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley
General Manager

Commissioner Stuart Mackinnon
Chair