



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 1, 2019

The Regular Park Board meeting was held on Monday, April 1, 2019, at 7:36 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 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:

- (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the Council [Board] considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of 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 – March 11, 2019

MOVED by Commissioner Giesbrecht
SECONDED by Commissioner Irwin

THAT the Park Board minutes of the March 11, 2019 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Agenda Varied

By consensus, the order of the agenda was varied to consider the Motion on Notice titled “Accessibility Improvements to the Memorial South Park Cenotaph” at this point in the proceedings to accommodate the veterans in the audience.

MOTIONS ON NOTICE

1. Accessibility Improvements to the Memorial South Park Cenotaph

Commissioner Barker introduced the motion and noted the need to improve the accessibility to the Memorial South Park cenotaph to allow aging and injured veterans to participate in Remembrance Day ceremonies at that location. Commissioner Barker responded to questions from the Board.

Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Barker
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

WHEREAS:

1. Memorial South Park was designed by Municipal Engineer E. Dundas Todd as a memorial for soldiers who perished in World War I. Vancouver’s first cenotaph was relocated in the park on November 11, 1939;
2. The park and cenotaph is the location of one of Vancouver’s main Remembrance Day ceremonies;
3. Our aging and injured veterans are finding it very difficult to participate in this ceremony because the area leading up to and surrounding the cenotaph has not been upgraded to allow for wheelchair and walker accessibility. There is no curb cut and the paved area is so narrow that placing a wreath means having to step

onto the often wet and uneven grass. This has become a tripping hazard for many. There is also a need to extend the pavement for ease of exiting the area which would benefit the length of the ceremony and how long our elderly veterans are left to stand outdoors; and

4. A Remembrance Day Ceremony should be about honouring our cherished and respected veterans. Some simple improvements to the area such as wheelchair accessible curbs and wider paved areas would greatly benefit the community that has sacrificed so much for our peace and freedom.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to consult with members of the Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada to upgrade the Memorial South Park Cenotaph to be fully accessible for our aging and injured veterans before the Remembrance Day Ceremonies on November 11, 2020.

Amendment to the Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the motion be amended to:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to consult with members of the Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada to upgrade the Memorial South Park Cenotaph to be fully accessible for our aging and injured veterans as soon as possible.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Question on the Main Motion, as Amended

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to consult with members of the Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada to upgrade the Memorial South Park Cenotaph to be fully accessible for our aging and injured veterans as soon as possible.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recess

The meeting recessed at 7:51 pm and reconvened at 7:56 pm.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Board was advised that four letters of support for the Motion on Notice titled "Request that the Port of Vancouver Extend the Area of the CRAB Park Lease" have been received by the General Manager's Office. Copies of the letters have been forwarded to Commissioners.

COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Report of the Park Board Committee – April 1, 2019

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

1. REPORT: The Neighbourhood Matching Fund – 2018 Projects.

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Irwin

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

STAFF REPORTS

1. REPORT REFERENCE: VanPlay – Parks and Recreation Master Plan: Draft Implementation Actions

Dave Hutch, Acting Director of Planning and Park Development, Park Board, introduced Katherine Howard, Planner II, Park Board.

Mr. Hutch and Ms. Howard jointly led the review of a presentation providing an update on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan – VanPlay project and highlighted:

- Project vision
- Process timeline
- Components of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan:
 - Report 1: Inventory and Analysis
 - Report 2: 10 Goals to Shape the Next 25 Years
 - Report 3: Strategic Big Moves – “Tool Box”
 - Report 4: Playbook
- Examples of the usage of the Playbook
- Next steps.

Howard Normann, Director of Parks, Park Board, responded a question from the Board regarding the Park Board ‘s responsibility for street trees.

2. General Manager’s Office Report

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

- Larvicide treatment will commence in certain city parks during the first week of April 2019 to eradicate the invasive Japanese beetle
- The Heron Cam was successfully launched during the week of March 25, 2019 in partnership with the Stanley Park Ecology Society

- Council will consider a Motion on Notice that has a relationship with parks, titled “Shore to Shore Greenways Plan”, on April 2, 2019
- Board briefing memos and emails issued from March 12 to April 1, 2019.

Ms. Wilton responded to questions from the Board. There was discussion on: confirmation that the Shore to Shore Greenways Plan will not negatively impact parks; and expansion of the Japanese beetle treatment zone.

MOTIONS ON NOTICE

2. Request that the Port of Vancouver Extend the Area of the CRAB Park Lease

Commissioner Irwin advised that he was withdrawing the Motion on Notice and will be submitting an amended Notice of Motion at the next Regular Board meeting.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

1. Golf in Our Parks – A Deep Dive Analysis

Commissioner Demers gave notice of motion on the following:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to build on the findings and recommendations of `VanPlay, Greenest City 2020 Action Plan, Biodiversity Strategy and Urban Forest Strategy, and:

- A. Evaluate the full spectrum of realized and unrealized benefits of Park Board land currently used for golf;
- B. Compare the past, current and expected demands for, and requirements by golf with those of the rest of our recreational system;
- C. Identify ways to streamline the managerial, financial and planning of golf with that of the rest of our park and recreational system; and
- D. Report back to the Board with findings and recommendations prior to starting master-planning work for our golf courses.

ENQUIRIES

1. A Board member asked if non-profit access and use of the Celebration Pavilion was considered for a proposed innovative school educational program to engage Eastside children, and if so, was it cancelled due to dedicating the public space to a private wedding contractor.
2. A Board member requested information on the timing and outcomes of the Park Board's most recent overall workplace occupational health and safety review.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 8:35 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley
General Manager

Commissioner Stuart Mackinnon
Chair