



## REGULAR BOARD MEETING MEETING MINUTES

MAY 27, 2019

The Regular Park Board meeting was held on Monday, May 27, 2019, at 9:54 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
- 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.

### Extension of Meeting

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar  
SECONDED by Commissioner Dumont

THAT the Park Board extends the meeting beyond 10:00 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### IN CAMERA

#### 1. In Camera Meeting

MOVED by Commissioner Demers  
SECONDED by Commissioner Giesbrecht

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 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 – May 13, 2019**

MOVED by Commissioner Giesbrecht  
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Park Board minutes of the May 13, 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 the May 13, 2019 Board meeting:

- May 16: Media event to unveil the new Ranger Station at Second Beach in Stanley Park and to also highlight the opening of the three heated outdoor pools and 13 concessions on the Victoria Day long weekend.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

The Board was advised that Commissioners received a memorandum from the Board Chair with recommended liaison appointments to the Type A and Type B Vancouver Civic Committees.

## **COMMITTEE REPORT**

### **1. Report of the Park Board Committee – May 27, 2019**

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

1. REPORT: Volleyball BC Vancouver Open Event - Licensed Area Expansion
2. REFERRED ITEM: Expanding Downtown Eastside Greenspace and Waterfront Access

MOVED by Commissioner Demers  
SECONDED by Commissioner Irwin

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Park Board Committee at its meeting of May 27, 2019, as contained in items 1 and 2.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **1. General Manager's Office Report**

Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, reported on:

- The new community garden in Slocan Park is expected to open soon
- A neighbourhood information session regarding the upgrading and installation of new drainage and irrigation systems for the three grass fields located at Slocan Park has been scheduled for June 8, 2019:
  - Staff will provide an update on the project and seek Board approval for a construction contract early in the summer of 2019
- Lanarc Consultants and a team of sub-contractors have been retained to lead the impact assessment and public engagement related to the BC Hydro request for rights-of-way through Nelson Park
- On May 28, 2019, Council will be receiving the following reports that have a relationship with the Park Board:
  - Proposed Amendments to City Sponsorship Policy Review
  - Regulating Clothing Donation Bins
  - 2019 Downtown Eastside (DTES) Capital Grant Program Allocation
- All clothing donation bins were removed from Park Board property following the recent tragic deaths in clothing bins
- On May 29, 2019, the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services will be considering a report on Women's Equity and Trans, Gender Variant and Two-Spirit Inclusion, which is an item of interest to the Park Board
- Board briefing memos and emails issued from May 14 to 27, 2019
- Donnie Rosa, Director of Recreation, will be leaving the Park Board to assume employment at the City of Coquitlam.

In response to a question from the Board, Mr. Bromley confirmed that BC Hydro will be responsible for all costs related of the impact assessment and public engagement related to the request for rights-of-way through Nelson Park.

## **ENQUIRIES**

1. A Board member requested that Commissioners and the public be provided with the most up-to-date information on synthetic turf used on Park Board sports fields, including:
  - An inventory of all current and approved synthetic turf sport fields in the Park Board recreation system, including those shared with the Vancouver School Board
  - Installation and maintenance materials (turf, infill, base preparation, etc.)

- Scientific and technical data regarding human health implications
  - Longevity, degradation, runoff materials and end-of-life disposal
  - Environmental and water management impacts (compared to natural grass)
  - Playability and financial considerations (compared to natural grass).
2. A Board member requested information on the Urban Horse Project, including any background and updates on their requests to use space in the livestock building at Hastings Park.
  3. A Board member enquired about when the revised Public Engagement Standards Policy will be coming back to the Board..

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 10:07 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley  
General Manager

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Commissioner Stuart Mackinnon  
Chair