



PARK BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 10, 2019

A Regular Park Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, June 10, 2019, at 6:38 pm, at the Park Board Office.

PRESENT: Commissioner Tricia Barker, Vice-Chair
Commissioner John Coupar
Commissioner Dave Demers
Commissioner Camil Dumont
Commissioner Gwen Giesbrecht, Chair
Commissioner John Irwin
Commissioner Stuart Mackinnon

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.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Park Board Committee Meeting – May 27, 2019

MOVED by Commissioner Irwin
SECONDED by Commissioner Demers

THAT the Park Board Committee minutes of the May 27, 2019 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNICATIONS

The Committee was advised that, from May 27, 2017 to 3:00 pm on June 10, 2019, there were 24 pieces of correspondence received in support of the recommendation regarding the SKOOKUM Music Festival and one letter in support for the proposed land exchange between Gordon Park and David Thompson Secondary School, with the request that the current urban farm be continued within the context of the land exchange.

The correspondence has been forwarded directly to Commissioners by email.

STAFF REPORTS

1. REPORT: SKOOKUM Music Festival – Report Back and Addition to Annual Calendar of Major Special Events

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 inaugural SKOOKUM Music Festival (Festival) and the request to add the event to the Annual Calendar of Major Special Events and highlighted:

- Background of the Festival
- Key learnings from the inaugural Festival
- Proposal to add the Festival to the annual calendar of special events
- Key event parameters
- Conceptual site plan
- Event benefits
- Other considerations.

Mr. Silva responded to questions from the Committee. There was discussion on: future efforts to enforce the Park Control By-law and to educate the Festival patrons of the restrictions on smoking in the park; the potential for future revenues and a legacy investment; options to mitigate the noise impacts; discussions with the event organizer to make the event more accessible to marginalized populations; the need to address noise impacts and enforcement of smoking restrictions in the development of the updated Special Event Guidelines; and request that a report back be provided to the Park Board following the 2020 Festival.

The Committee heard from six speakers who expressed support for the staff recommendation to add the Festival to the Park Board's Annual Calendar of Major Special Events. The speakers responded to questions from the Committee.

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Demers

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board receive for information the report back on the 2018 SKOOKUM Music Festival as outlined in this report; and
- B. FURTHER THAT the Board approve the addition of the SKOOKUM Music Festival to the Annual Calendar of Major Special Events starting in 2020.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Agenda Varied

By consensus, the order of the agenda was varied to consider Item 3 prior to Item 2.

3. REPORT: On Water, Vancouver’s Non-motorized Watercraft Recreation Strategy

Doug Shearer, Acting Manager of Planning, Policy and Environment, Park Board, introduced Erin Embley, Planner II, Park Board.

Ms. Embley led the review of a presentation on the proposed future direction, implementation and delivery of non-motorized watercraft recreation strategy and highlighted:

- Background of the development of the strategy
- Directions, strategies and actions to support the vision
- Public engagement process utilized to shape the strategy and feedback received
- Quick start projects.

Ms. Embley, along with Mr. Shearer and Dave Hutch, Acting Director of Park Planning and Development, Park Board, responded to questions from the Committee. There was discussion on: the need for future analysis regarding access to the Fraser River by non-motorized watercraft in light of the development of the East Fraser lands; engagement with the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations on the development of the strategy and the Northeast False Creek (NEFC) Park design; request to include specific information regarding the timing to enhance the Jericho Sailing Centre facility; potential for partnerships with private landowners to provide access to the water; and concern regarding potential conflicts between beach stewardship organizations and Park Board staff who are paid to maintain the beaches.

The Committee heard from six speakers who expressed support for the draft “On Water, Vancouver’s Non-motorized Watercraft Recreation Strategy” and noted the need to protect public access to the waterways for recreational purposes. There were concerns expressed regarding the water quality in False Creek and the impact of the proposed expansion of the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club on rowing in Coal Harbour. The speakers responded to questions from the Committee.

Extension of Meeting

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon
SECONDED by Commissioner Irwin

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon
SECONDED by Commissioner Irwin

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve “On Water, Vancouver’s Non-motorized Watercraft Recreation Strategy”, as outlined in this report and attached as Appendix A, to guide the planning and design of non-motorized recreation facilities and programs in Vancouver; and

- B. FURTHER THAT the Board endorse the 10-year Implementation Plan attached within Appendix A, as the basis for submissions to future capital budgets, the City's 2023-2032 Capital Strategic Outlook, and future capital plans.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recess

The meeting recessed at 10:05 pm and reconvened at 10:10 pm.

2. REPORT: Gordon Park and David Thompson Secondary School Proposed Land Exchange

Doug Shearer, Acting Manager of Planning, Policy and Environment, Park Board, introduced Jordan McAuley, Planner, Park Board and Jim DeHoop, Manager of Planning, Vancouver School Board.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Commissioner Mackinnon declared a conflict of interest and departed the meeting at 10:13 p.m.

Mr. Shearer led the review of a presentation on the proposed land exchange between the Vancouver School Board and Vancouver Park Board at the Gordon Park and David Thompson Secondary School sites and highlighted:

- Background of the proposed land exchange
- Proposed configuration of the land exchange during and upon completion of construction
- Potential facilities to serve as temporary replacement of Vancouver School Board fields during construction
- Engagement conducted by the Vancouver School Board:
 - Options presented to the public regarding the seismic upgrading of David Thompson School
 - 86% of the respondents supported a potential land exchange
- Vancouver School Board support for the proposed land exchange
- Potential community benefits of the land exchange
- Next steps
- Preliminary school and park design and construction timeline.

Mr. Shearer, along with Mr. DeHoop, Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, and Dave Hutch, Acting Director of Park Planning and Development, Park Board, responded to questions from the Committee. There was discussion on: limited loss of mature trees as a result of the land exchange; consideration of the replacement of the fieldhouse would be part of the park planning process; the Vancouver School Board's intention to continue to operate the community garden during and following construction; the need to engage the neighbouring residents and stakeholders regarding the proposed land exchange; the need for the 53rd Avenue road allowance to be designated as a Permanent Park; concern regarding the loss of the use of the David Thompson School field during the construction period; potential for the community garden to be located in the new park; and concern that the relocation of the community garden to the park would result in a net loss of park space.

MOVED by Commissioner Irwin
SECONDED by Commissioner Barker

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board authorize staff to initiate land exchange negotiations with the Vancouver School Board for an equal area of the David Thompson Secondary School site in exchange for the north portion of Gordon Park, which would be subject to the following conditions:
 - i. provision of suitable alternate Vancouver School Board fields to accommodate displaced Gordon Park users during construction of the new school and park improvements;
 - ii. resolution of the East 53rd Avenue road allowance with the City of Vancouver Engineering Department; and
 - iii. reinstatement of, and enhancements to, Gordon Park; and
- B. FURTHER THAT all arrangements negotiated in relation to this proposed land exchange, including changes to areas designated as permanent park, will be subject to subsequent Park Board and City Council approval, and no legal rights or obligations will be created by Park Board adoption of Recommendation A above.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Absent: Mackinnon

The Committee adjourned at 10:55 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley
General Manager

Commissioner Gwen Giesbrecht
Chair



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 10, 2019

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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 Barker
SECONDED by Commissioner Demers

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:

- (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

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

Opposed: Irwin

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Regular Board Meeting – May 27, 2019

MOVED by Commissioner Demers

SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Park Board minutes of the May 27, 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 27, 2019 Board meeting:

- June 01: Thirteenth annual Healthy Aging Through the Arts showcase gala.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Board was advised that there are no communications of note related to the Board meeting agenda items.

COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Report of the Park Board Committee – June 10, 2019

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

1. REPORT: SKOOKUM Music Festival – Report Back and Addition to Annual Calendar of Major Special Events
2. REPORT: Gordon Park and David Thompson Secondary School Proposed Land Exchange
3. REPORT: On Water, Vancouver's Non-motorized Watercraft Recreation Strategy.

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Giesbrecht

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Park Board Committee at its meeting of June 10, 2019, as contained in items 1 through 3.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

STAFF REPORTS

1. General Manager's Office Report

The Board received the General Manager's Office Report, as circulated.

The Board congratulated Park Board staff who were the recipients of the 2019 City's Service Awards and Canadian Institute of Planners 2019 Award for Planning Excellence.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

1. Gas and Diesel Generator Pollution Elimination Strategy

Commissioner Dumont gave notice of motion on the following:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT Park Board staff develop a strategy to transition the Vancouver Parks and Recreation system to one that is free of gas and diesel powered generators;
- B. THAT the development of the above strategy be inclusive of Park Board operations, contracted partners, and all others within the system;
- C. THAT the development of the above strategy be inclusive of potential exceptions necessary for safety and emergency concerns;
- D. THAT within the development of the above transition strategy, Park Board staff explore the provision of electrical infrastructure as an alternative to gas and diesel powered generators; and
- E. THAT development of the above strategy includes a forecasted timeline for implementation.

2. Beach Express Bus

Commissioner Irwin gave notice of motion on the following:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Park Board request City Council to work with TransLink to explore the feasibility of providing express or direct bus service from the VCC/Clark SkyTrain station to Vancouver's western beaches (Jericho, Locarno, and Spanish banks) during the summer months (July and August).

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Bill S-203

Commission Mackinnon reported that Bill S-203 - *Ending the Captivity of Whales and Dolphins Act* was passed by the Senate on June 10, 2019 and it would now move to Royal Assent.

2. Request for Leave of Absence

Commissioner Mackinnon requested leave from the July 22, 2019 Regular Board meeting to attend the Greater and Greener Conference in Denver, Colorado, from July 20 to 24, 2019, on behalf of the Park Board.

MOVED by Commissioner Irwin
SECONDED by Commissioner Demers

THAT the Board grants a leave of absence to Commissioner Mackinnon for the July 22, 2019 Regular Board meeting to attend the Greater and Greener Conference in Denver, Colorado from July 20 to 24, 2019, on behalf of the Park Board.

CARRIED

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 11:09 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley
General Manager

Commissioner Stuart Mackinnon
Chair