



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 24, 2019

The Regular Park Board meeting was held on Monday, June 24, 2019, at 9:40 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:

- 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 Barker

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

- (c) labour relations or other employee relations;
- (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 – June 10, 2019

MOVED by Commissioner Irwin
SECONDED by Commissioner Dumont

THAT the Park Board minutes of the June 10, 2019 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNICATIONS

The Board was advised that, from June 11, 2019 to 3:00 pm on June 24, 2019, there were six emails received in support of the Motion on Notice titled “Gas and Diesel Generator Pollution Elimination Strategy”.

The emails have been forwarded directly to Commissioners.

COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Report of the Park Board Committee – June 24, 2019

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

1. REPORT: Vanier Park Pump Track Expansion: Balancing Environment and Recreation
2. REPORT: Slocan Park Field Upgrades – Contract Award
3. REPORT: Pandora Park Renewal and New Dog Off-Leash Area – Contract Award

MOVED by Commissioner Barker
SECONDED by Commissioner Demers

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Park Board Committee at its meeting of June 24, 2019, as contained in items 1 through 3.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

STAFF REPORTS

1. General Manager's Office Report

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

- Reopening of the Third Beach washroom in Stanley Park on June 6, 2019, following completion of the renovation
- Successful relocation of the Still Creek Community Garden to Slocan Park
- On June 25, 2019, Council will be considering the following Motions on Notice that are of interest to the Park Board:
 - Accountability for Climate Change
 - Expanding Downtown Eastside Greenspace and Waterfront Access
- The Standing Committee on City Finance will be considering a report titled “City of Reconciliation Update” on June 26, 2019, which is of interest to the Park Board
- Board briefing memos and emails issued from June 11 to 24, 2019.

Ms. Wilton, along with Dave Hutch, Acting Director of Planning and Park Development, Park Board, responded to questions: from the Board. There was discussion on: request that staff provide the anticipated completion date of the renovation of the Lumberman's Arch washroom; the Lumberman's Arch washroom renovation is impacting the operation of the fountain; and whether the size of the Slocan Park Community Garden is equivalent in size to the former Still Creek Community Garden.

Extension of Meeting

MOVED by Commissioner Irwin
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTIONS ON NOTICE

1. Gas and Diesel Generator Pollution Elimination Strategy

Commissioner Dumont introduced the motion and the need to take immediate action to mitigate the impacts of climate change. Commissioner Dumont responded to questions from the Board.

Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Dumont
SECONDED by Commissioner Demers

WHEREAS:

1. Gas and diesel powered generators are sources of air pollution, GHG emissions and noise pollution; and

2. Pollution reduction benefits the entire community, ecosystems and the effort toward climate change mitigation.

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.

Amendment to the Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Dumont

THAT Item D be amended to:

- D. THAT within the development of the above transition strategy, Park Board staff explore the provision of electrical infrastructure and/or battery powered generators as an alternative to gas and diesel powered generators.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Question on the Main Motion, as Amended

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- D. THAT within the development of the above transition strategy, Park Board staff explore the provision of electrical infrastructure and/or battery powered generators as an alternative to gas and diesel powered generators; and

- E. THAT development of the above strategy includes a forecasted timeline for implementation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Beach Express Bus

Commissioner Irwin introduced the motion and noted that increasing transit service to Vancouver's western beaches will increase their accessibility, particularly to residents in east Vancouver, and decrease the number of car trips. Commissioner Irwin responded to questions from the Board.

Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Irwin
SECONDED by Commissioner Giesbrecht

WHEREAS:

1. The City of Vancouver's recently adopted climate emergency report contains six big moves to reduce Vancouver's carbon pollution by building on and expanding on our existing work to fight climate change;
2. The six big moves include a call for safe and convenient active transportation and transit by 2030;
3. Two thirds of trips in Vancouver are targeted to be by active transportation and transit (big move number two);
4. The six big moves will reduce Vancouver's carbon pollution by reducing emissions;
5. Approximately 30% of Vancouver's greenhouse gas emissions come from motorized vehicles;
6. Lack of efficient public transportation from the east side of Vancouver to the city's waterfront park and recreation destinations located on the west side impedes the ability of east side residents to fully enjoy the parks and beach destinations easily accessed by west side residents; and
7. A convenient, well-serviced bus route to the beach areas would also likely reduce vehicle trips to the beach.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED 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).

Amendment to the Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon
SECONDED by Commissioner Demers

THAT the motion be amended to:

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CARRIED

In favour: Demers, Dumont, Giesbrecht, Mackinnon

Opposed: Barker, Coupar, Irwin

Question on the Main Motion, as Amended

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CARRIED

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

Opposed: Barker, Coupar

OTHER BUSINESS

The Chair announced that a Special Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 17, 2019 at 6:30 pm to consider VanPlay: Vancouver's Parks and Recreation Services Master Plan.

ENQUIRIES

1. In reference to a May 10, 2019 tweet stating that the Park Board uses about 110,000 pounds of organic lawn fertilizers per year, a Board member requested that the figure be broken down to differentiate between organic-based fertilizers (only a portion is organic) vs. fully organic.
2. A Board member requested information about adding more non-smoking signage in parks, noting that the Kitsilano Beach entrance at Maple and Ogden had no signage.
3. A Board member questioned whether the emergency response container at Kerrisdale Community Centre could have a mural painted on it, similar to the one at Hillcrest Community Centre.
4. A Board member enquired if public-private partnerships were being considered as part of VanPlay.
5. A Board member enquired whether it was possible to provide public access to the Fraser River shoreline along the southern boundary of McCleery Golf Course.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 10:32 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley
General Manager

Commissioner Stuart Mackinnon
Chair