



PARK BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 24, 2019

A Regular Park Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, June 24, 2019, at 6:31 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: 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 – June 10, 2019

MOVED by Commissioner Irwin
SECONDED by Commissioner Demers

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNICATIONS

The Committee was advised that, from June 11, 2019 to 3:00 pm on June 24, 2019, there were two emails received in support of the staff recommendation contained in the report titled "Slocan Park Field Upgrades – Contract Award".

The emails have been forwarded directly to Commissioners.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. REPORT: Vanier Park Pump Track Expansion: Balancing Environment and Recreation

Tiina Mack, Manager of Park Development, Park Board, introduced Joe McLeod, Landscape Architect, Park Board, and Justin Dykstra, Senior Landscape Architect, Park Board.

Ms. Mack and Mr. McLeod jointly led the review of a presentation on the proposal to integrate a bicycle pump track facility in Vanier Park with environmental improvements to ensure the resident bald eagles can successfully raise their young and make the park their long-term home track and highlighted:

- History and context of the site
- Proposed project elements of recreation, wildlife and stewardship/user experience
- Recent chronology of the use of the Vanier Park area by eagles
- Pump track design and location rationale
- Findings from the public engagement on the proposed initiative
- Next steps.

Ms. Mack, along with Mr. McLeod, responded to questions from the Committee. There was discussion on: the stability of the cottonwood tree in which the eagles' nest is currently located; replacement of the cottonwood and alder trees and removal of invasive species are elements of the Vanier Park urban forest stewardship strategy; the anticipated length of time before there is confirmation that the eagles accept the nesting pole; the limited construction period is intended to limit disturbance to the eagles; the rationale for constructing an artificial nest to replace the eagles' nest that is located in the unstable cottonwood tree; concern regarding the safety of young children using the pump track concurrently with older riders; volunteers will augment the staff resources required to implement the stewardship strategy; and the increased presence of Park Rangers was requested by residents.

The Committee heard from nine speakers, all of whom expressed support for the proposed expansion of the Vanier Park pump track. The speakers responded to questions from the Committee.

Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Demers
SECONDED by Commissioner Dumont

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the installation of a structural pole, construction of a nesting platform and relocation of the existing eagles' nest, to a location at the central-west area of the Vanier Park forest as recommended by Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development and Hancock Wildlife Foundation; and
- B. THAT the Board approve the construction of a bicycle pump track facility adjacent to the existing Vanier Park bicycle dirt jumps facility; and

- C. THAT the Board approve expanded stewardship initiatives and development of a comprehensive long-term stewardship strategy for the Vanier Park forest.

Commissioner Coupar requested the motion be separated into distinct propositions.

Question on Item A

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the installation of a structural pole, construction of a nesting platform and relocation of the existing eagles' nest, to a location at the central-west area of the Vanier Park forest as recommended by Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development and Hancock Wildlife Foundation.

CARRIED

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

Opposed: Coupar

Question on Item B

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT the Board approve the construction of a bicycle pump track facility adjacent to the existing Vanier Park bicycle dirt jumps facility.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Question on Item C

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT the Board approve expanded stewardship initiatives and development of a comprehensive long-term stewardship strategy for the Vanier Park forest.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. REPORT: Slokan Park Field Upgrades – Contract Award

Tiina Mack, Park Board, introduced Ali Nayeri, Civil Engineer, Park Board.

Ms. Mack and Mr. Nayeri jointly led the review of a presentation on the recommended contract award for the renewal of the grass sport field at Slokan Park and highlighted:

- Current grass and artificial turf inventory
- Overview of Park Board sports fields and renewal program
- Grass field grading system
- Context of Slokan Park
- Current conditions and issues of the Slokan Park fields
- Project timeline
- Proposed field layouts

- Scope of work
- Drainage details
- Project outcomes
- Construction overview
- Public engagement activities and results
- Procurement process
- Background of the preferred bidder.

Ms. Mack, along with Mr. Nayeri, responded to questions from the Committee. There was discussion on: suggestion to increase transit access rather than parking spaces; suggestion to utilize an alternative to plastic pipes for drainage; sports that can be accommodated on the sports fields; the impact of the displacement of the field users during the construction period; confirmation that potable water is used for irrigation; support for the innovative use of drainage catch basins with drywells; and suggestion to utilize cisterns to collect rainwater for irrigation in future projects.

The Committee heard from seven speakers. Six speakers expressed support for the Slocan Park field upgrades. One speaker expressed opposition to the Slocan Park field upgrades due to the lack of consultation with the community and other users, concern regarding the impact of the sports field upgrades and the reduction in unstructured green space. There was concern expressed regarding the impact of the fencing around the sports fields and a contradictory concern about the risks of unfenced sports fields. The speakers responded to questions from the Committee.

Suspension of the Rules

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon
SECONDED by Commissioner Irwin

THAT the Committee suspend the rules to allow the Manager of Park Development to respond to the concerns expressed by the speakers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ms. Mack offered the following comments: acknowledgement that the public consultation could have commenced earlier in the planning process; the concerns regarding the fencing will be addressed collaboratively with the community and park users; opportunities to use different parts of Slocan Park during the construction period to allow the 2019 Still Moon Festival to proceed; and concern that delay of the commencement of construction could increase the closure period.

During discussion, staff was directed to include the speakers' concerns regarding the fencing in the final design of the Slocan Park field upgrades.

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Demers

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board authorize staff to enter into a contract with Wilco Civil Inc., to upgrading the grass fields located at the Slocan Park, for a term of approximately six (6) months, with an estimated contract value of \$1,041,627.00, plus applicable taxes over the initial term, to be funded through 2019 Capital Budget;
- B. FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services, Chief Purchasing Official and Park Board General Manager be authorized to execute on behalf of the Board the contract contemplated by Recommendation A; and
- C. FURTHER THAT no legal rights or obligations will be created by Board adoption of Recommendations A and B above unless and until such contract is executed by the authorized signatories of the City as set out in these Recommendations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. REPORT: Pandora Park Renewal and New Dog Off-Leash Area – Contract Award

The recommendation contained in the report was adopted on consent:

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board authorize staff to enter into a contract with Canadian Landscape and Civil Services Ltd., for the Pandora Park Renewal and New Dog Off-Leash Area with a total contract value of \$775,000.00 plus applicable taxes, to be funded through 2019-2022 Capital Budget;
- B. FURTHER THAT the Chief Purchasing Officer and Park Board General Manager be authorized to execute on behalf of the Board the contract contemplated by Recommendation A; and
- C. FURTHER THAT no legal rights or obligations will be created by Board adoption of Recommendations A and B above unless and until such contract is executed by the authorized signatories of the City as set out in these Recommendations;

The Committee adjourned at 9:27 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley
General Manager

Commissioner Gwen Giesbrecht
Chair



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
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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

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 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:

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 to Vancouver's western beaches (Jericho, Locarno, and Spanish Banks) during the summer months (July and August).

CARRIED

In favour: Demers, Dumont, Giesbrecht, Mackinnon

Opposed: Barker, Coupar, Irwin

Question on the Main Motion, as Amended

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 to Vancouver's western beaches (Jericho, Locarno, and Spanish Banks) during the summer months (July and August).

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