



PARK BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING MEETING MINUTES

JULY 8, 2019

A Regular Park Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, July 8, 2019, at 6:30 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 – June 24, 2019

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Demers

THAT the Park Board Committee minutes of the June 24, 2019 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNICATIONS

The Committee was advised that there were no communications of note.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. REPORT: West End Waterfront Parks Masterplan – Project Approach

Dave Hutch, Acting Director of Planning and Park Development, Park Board, introduced:

– Dale Bracewell, Manager of Transportation Planning, City of Vancouver

- Emily Dunlop, Planner II, Park Board
- Sam Khany, Transportation Planner, City of Vancouver.

Ms. Dunlop led the review of a presentation on the key themes and scope of work of the West End Waterfront Masterplan project, which is co-led by the Park Board and the City of Vancouver Engineering Department, and highlighted:

- The project area
- History of the use of the area by the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh peoples
- Operational challenges facing the West End waterfront park system
- Purpose of the West End Waterfront Parks Masterplan (Masterplan)
- Transportation network serving the West End waterfront parks
- Key themes and considerations:
 - Park identity and functionality
 - Enhancements and upgrades to park spaces, facilities and infrastructure
 - Seawall enhancement and improvement in connectivity between the waterfront and the West End neighbourhood
 - Coastal shoreline habitat and restoration
 - Climate change and resilience
- Project approach and timeline
- Next steps.

Mr. Hutch, along with Ms. Dunlop and Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, responded to questions from the Committee. There was discussion on:

- High-level study of the renovation of the Vancouver Aquatic Centre was undertaken as part of VanSplash
- Suggestions regarding the project scope:
 - Include pedestrian use and access to the waterfront by the disabled and senior populations in the scope of the project
 - Address the convergence of vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians at the intersections of Beach Avenue, Denman and Davie Streets, Morton Park and English Bay
 - Consider the needs of the aging West End population
 - Include the impact of the water quality in False Creek on the West End waterfront parks and the need to consider expediting the separation of stormwater and wastewater outfalls
- Whether preference will be given to local consultants who understand the iconic nature of the study area
- Connection between the West End Community Plan and the Masterplan:
 - Request for information on the level of engagement with the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations in the development of the West End Community Plan
- Whether a stormwater management standard will be applied in the Masterplan
- Suggestion to continue to support traditional horticulture displays in the West End waterfront parks
- suggestion to enforce the speed limit on Beach Avenue and Stanley Park Drive
- The need to prioritize capital expenditures in the implementation of the Masterplan.

The Committee heard from one speaker who urged the Park Board to consider the extension of the Great Blue Heron Way greenway through the West End and requested the scope of the Masterplan include consideration of cycle routes to the north end of the Burrard Street Bridge that would be accessible by seniors and young children. The speaker responded to questions from the Committee.

Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon
SECONDED by Commissioner Demers

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the key themes and scope of work to inform the West End Waterfront Masterplan, which will include Alexandra Park, English Bay, Morton Park, Sunset Beach Park, and the adjacent road network in the study area.

Amendment to the Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Barker

THAT the recommendation to the Board be amended to:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the key themes, with additional consideration of the impacts of the lack of sewer separation until 2050 and/or if the acceleration of the sewer separation is achieved prior, and scope of work to inform the West End Waterfront Masterplan, which will include Alexandra Park, English Bay, Morton Park, Sunset Beach Park, and the adjacent road network in the study area.

CARRIED

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

Opposed: Demers, Mackinnon

Question on the Main Motion, as Amended

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recess

The meeting recessed at 7:53 pm and reconvened at 7:57 pm.

2. REPORT: Playground Renewals – 2019 Contract Awards

Tiina Mack, Manager of Park Development, Park Board, introduced Amy Gore, Landscape Architect, Park Board.

Mses. Mack and Gore jointly led the review of a presentation on the proposed procurement of construction services for seven playground renewals and highlighted:

- Many of the 160 playgrounds in the Park Board’s system are reaching the end of their lifespan
- Criteria utilized in the playground renewal process
- Seventeen playgrounds renewed since the completion of the assessment in 2015
- Seven playground renewals scheduled for completion in 2019
- Community engagement to inform the final playground concepts
- Concept plans for the proposed 2019 playground renewals
- Request for preauthorization to proceed to procurement to avoid project delays and expedite delivery
- Future playground renewals.

Mses. Mack and Gore responded to questions from the Committee. There was discussion on: confirmation that the projects will be treated as separate projects despite the request for an omnibus approval; steps to be taken if the tenders are in excess of the budgeted funds; the preferred material for ground cover in playgrounds; the timing for the issuance of the seven tenders; and the expectation that competitive bids will be received in response to the tenders.

The Committee heard from two speakers, both of whom spoke in support of the concept plan for the Jones Park playground renewal. One speaker requested that additional signage be incorporated at Jones Park for the bee corridor. 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 authorize staff to negotiate to the satisfaction of the Park Board’s General Manager, the City’s Director of Legal Services, and the City’s Chief Purchasing Official, and enter into contracts with the vendors who have submitted qualified bids for the following seven (7) playground renewal projects, with pricing that aligns with their individual estimated project budgets (ranging from \$375,000-\$875,000 depending on their level of complexity), with the combined total cost of all contracts not to exceed the estimated overall budget of \$4.5 million:
 - Ash Park
 - Beaconsfield Park
 - Cedar Cottage Park
 - Charleson Park
 - Jones Park
 - Kaslo Park
 - Winona Park
- B. THAT the Chief Purchasing Official and Park Board General Manager be authorized to execute on behalf of the Park Board the contracts contemplated by Recommendation A;

- C. THAT no legal rights or obligations will be created by the Park Board's adoption of Recommendations A and B above, until the contracts are executed by the authorized signatories of the City and Park Board as set out in these Recommendations; and
- D. FURTHER THAT staff will provide Commissioners with confirmation of the above noted contract awards once finalized.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 8:33 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley
General Manager

Commissioner Gwen Giesbrecht
Chair