



## 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

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Commissioner Gwen Giesbrecht  
Chair



## REGULAR BOARD MEETING MEETING MINUTES

JULY 8, 2019

The Regular Park Board meeting was held on Monday, July 8, 2019, at 8:41 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

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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 Irwin  
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

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:

- (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 24, 2019**

MOVED by Commissioner Demers  
SECONDED by Commissioner Irwin

THAT the Park Board minutes of the June 24, 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 June 10, 2019 Board meeting:

- July 07: Symphony at Sunset at Sunset Beach Park.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

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

## **COMMITTEE REPORT**

### **1. Report of the Park Board Committee – July 8, 2019**

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

1. REPORT: West End Waterfront Parks Masterplan – Project Approach
2. REPORT: Playground Renewals – 2019 Contract Awards

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar  
SECONDED by Commissioner Dumont

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Park Board Committee at its meeting of July 8, 2019, as contained in items 1 and 2.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **STAFF REPORTS**

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

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

- Installation of unglazed solar thermal panels on the roof of the Second Beach concession to directly pre-heat the water for the Second Beach Pool is in progress

- On July 9, 2019, Council will be considering the report titled “A City-Wide Plan for Vancouver: Report back on General Planning and Engagement Process”, which is of interest to the Park Board
- On July 10, 2019, the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities will be considering the 2020–2024 Budget Outlook, which is of interest to the Park Board
- Board briefing memos and emails issued from June 24 to July 8, 2019.

## NOTICE OF MOTIONS

### 1. Urban Forestry and Climate Emergency Action Plan

Commissioner Demers provided notice of motion on the following:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation direct staff to work in collaboration with Metro Vancouver and regional member on the findings of the May 2017 report titled [Urban Forest Climate Adaption Framework for Metro Vancouver](#) and develop a plan to further investigate the following areas:
- i. climate change forecast/modelling and its expected impact on the urban forest\*, with consideration given to work already underway, with Metro Vancouver reports specifically noting that increasing windstorms are one of the expected impacts and protective measures should be further investigated;
  - ii. evaluation of said expected impacts on current public urban forest and establishment of an optimal ‘mitigation toolkit’ with budget implications that should include, but not be limited to, active and passive irrigation measures and implementation of soil volume/quality measures at time of planting and during site preparation;
  - iii. academic exploration of the foreseeable removal and/or addition of tree taxa in our urban forestry strategy, with consideration detailed to the level of species and consideration given to, but not exclusively, geographic provenance and improved selections;
  - iv. feasibility of establishing an in situ and/or ex situ trial for taxa identified in exploration described above; and
  - v. potential introduction of genetic variability (‘assisted migration’) in our natural urban forests to help foster adaptability to changes to come by studying existing trees in growing conditions similar to expected conditions in Vancouver parks, and by collaborating with the Ministry of Forests and Rangelands who have extensive research to build upon; and
- B. FURTHER THAT the plan to further investigate include the participation of, but not exclusively, representatives of academia and botanical institutions, indigenous forestry researchers, arborists and climatologists.



## **2. Rare and Heritage Trees in Parks**

Commissioner Demers provided notice of motion on the following:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation initiate a conversation with senior representatives of the UBC Botanical Garden for consideration as a founding participant in a UBC-initiated program for the preservation of rare and heritage living plant collections.

## **3. Artistic Enhancement to Dedicated Park Benches**

Commissioner Barker provided notice of motion on the following:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation direct staff to investigate options to accommodate artistic enhancements to dedicated park benches under the Board's park bench dedication program, consistent with the Board's and the City's longstanding commitment to public art in its many, diverse forms, and for staff to report back to the Board by December 2019 with recommendations for expanding public art opportunities and artistic enhancement to Park Board benches; and
- B. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation direct staff to leave the bench dedicated to Colin Mackay in place on an interim basis, and work with the family on potential solutions, until Park Board Commissioners have had an opportunity to receive and consider the staff report with recommendations referenced in "A".

## **4. Accelerating Sewer Separation & Overflow Mitigation to Improve Water Quality**

Commissioner Coupar provided notice of motion on the following:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation call on the City of Vancouver to accelerate its timeline for combined sewer separation and set a goal to substantially improve water quality outcomes related to combined sewer overflows within 10 years – by the year 2029 – in order to address the impacts of untreated sewage overflows entering the city's waterways;
- B. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation encourage the City of Vancouver to write to all relevant levels of government, including municipal, regional, provincial, and federal, urging these government bodies to support an accelerated plan for combined sewer separation, overflow mitigation, and substantially improved water quality outcomes related to combined sewer overflows in the City of Vancouver by 2029 and to seek funding opportunities and partnerships to achieve this objective; and
- C. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation formally request that the City of Vancouver – in the interest of public safety and awareness – publicly identify the locations of all sewer outflows into False Creek and other Vancouver

waterways that impact Vancouver parks and beaches, and that the City be requested to post public signage to indicate these outflow locations.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

A Special Meeting was called for Tuesday, July 30, for the Board to receive a presentation from the VanSplash Advisory Group. As there will be no staff recommendations, this meeting will not be open for speaker registration.

The Special Meeting that was called for July 17 for the Board to consider the final recommendations for VanPlay is being rescheduled -- a new date will be announced once confirmed.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 8:50 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley  
General Manager

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Commissioner Stuart Mackinnon  
Chair