



## **PARK BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING MEETING MINUTES**

**SEPTEMBER 30, 2019**

A Regular Park Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, September 30, 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 John Irwin  
Commissioner Stuart Mackinnon

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Gwen Giesbrecht, Chair (Leave of Absence)

**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 Vice-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 – September 16, 2019**

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar  
SECONDED by Commissioner Dumont

THAT the Park Board Committee minutes of the September 16, 2019 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

The Committee was advised that there are no communications of note related to the Committee agenda item.

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

### **1. REPORT: Track and Field Strategy**

Doug Shearer, Manager of Planning, Policy and Environment, Park Board, introduced representatives of the Vancouver School Board, Advisory Group members and consultants present.

Erin Embley, Planner II, Park Board, led the review of a presentation on the proposed Track and Field Strategy which has been developed to guide the planning, programming, operations and maintenance of Park Board's track and field facilities and programs and highlighted:

- Background:
  - Vancouver's rich history in track and field
  - Existing facilities
- Importance of track and field
- Strategy development process and timeline
- Strategy overview:
  - Vision
  - Principles
  - Four strategic themes and associated recommendations:
    - Design and infrastructure
    - Access and participation
    - Programming and cooperation
    - Management and operations
- Engagement process and results:
  - Key findings of three rounds of engagement
  - Feedback that influenced the strategy and that which was not addressed
- Implementation and next steps
  - Facility improvement priorities.

Ms. Embley, along with Mr. Shearer, Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, and Tiina Mack, Manager of Park Development, Park Board, responded to questions from the Committee. There was discussion on:

- The expected timing for receipt of information on capital and external funding
- The expected timing for completion of construction of the facilities
- Contribution of land from the Vancouver School Board
- Non-Vancouver Category A facilities currently used by Vancouver residents
- The operating model for shared-use facilities with the Vancouver School Board
- Potential to achieve upgrades on the west side of Vancouver in the next phase of the strategy
- Rationale for designating Balaclava Track as a Category C facility
- The need to improve the maintenance of the Balaclava Track.

The Committee heard from eight speakers, all of whom spoke in favour of the proposed Track and Field Strategy. The speakers offered the following comments and responded to questions from the Committee:

- Challenge faced by newly formed groups to be allocated and book time at the new facilities
- The need to ensure the tracks are properly maintained
- The need for a competition-level facility in Vancouver
- The lack of facilities in the northwest corner of Vancouver
- Track surfaces in Vancouver have degraded over the past 35 years
- The need to incorporate secure storage into the facilities for use by track clubs.

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar  
SECONDED by Commissioner Demers

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the “Vancouver Track and Field Strategy,” as outlined in this report and attached as Appendix A, to guide the planning, programming, operations and maintenance of track and field facilities in Vancouver;
- B. THAT the Board approve Vancouver Technical Secondary School as the site for building a new Category A track and field facility, as described in Appendix A, subject to Vancouver Board of Education approval, and a shared use agreement;
- C. THAT the Board approve the prioritization of upgrades to the track and field facility at Kerrisdale Park and Point Grey Secondary School, to bring it in line with a category B facility, as described in Appendix A, subject to Vancouver Board of Education approval, and a shared use agreement; and
- D. THAT the Board approve the prioritization of upgrades to the track and field facility at Templeton Park to bring it in line with a category C facility, as described in Appendix A, adjacent to Templeton Secondary School and Templeton Pool.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 8:05 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley  
General Manager

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Commissioner Tricia Barker  
Vice-Chair