



## SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 9, 2019

A Special Park Board meeting was held on Wednesday, October 9, 2019, at 6:31 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:** 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. 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.

### COMMUNICATIONS

The Board was advised that between October 1, 2019 and 3:00 pm, October 9, 2019, the General Manager's Office received two pieces of correspondence in support of the VanPlay recommendations. There was also one email received questioning the rationale for the exclusion of golf from VanPlay.

All correspondence has been forwarded directly to Commissioners.

### SPECIAL AGENDA ITEMS

#### 1. **VanPlay Parks and Recreation Services Master Plan: "Strategic Bold Moves" and "Playbook Implementation Plan"**

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

- Kurt Culbertson, Chairman, Design Workshop
- Katherine Howard, Planner II, Park Board
- Brittany Morris, Planning Analyst, Park Board
- Doug Shearer, Acting Manager of Policy, Planning and Environment, Park Board.

Mr. Hutch acknowledged the contributions of the community centre associations (CCAs), Park Board and City of Vancouver staff and consultants to the development of VanPlay – Parks and Recreation Services Master Plan (VanPlay).

Messrs. Culbertson and Hutch and Ms. Howard jointly led the review of a presentation on the final two deliverables of VanPlay and highlighted:

- Rationale for the development of a master plan:
  - Provide strategic context for past and future planning, strategy and study
  - Develop strategies to respond to increased demand on parks and recreation as demand for these services continue to increase
  - Prioritize the development and renewal of parks, recreation facilities and amenities
  - Develop tools to increase responsiveness to trends and changing needs
  - Update thinking to address contemporary issues, major social trends and environmental considerations
  - Set policy and service level standards
  - Align with the City of Vancouver’s 10-Year Capital Strategic Outlook and four-year capital planning process
  - Engage the community, staff and stakeholders in a vision process to create a compelling picture of the future, together
- Project overview
- Report 3 – Strategic Bold Moves and tools to create a more connected and equitable future:
  - Bold Move 1: Equity – creating Initiative Zones to assist in prioritizing delivery of parks and recreation resources to historically under-served areas of the City
  - Bold Move 2: Asset Needs – detailing targets for parks and recreation amenities and facilities
  - Bold Move 3: Connectivity – a vision for a city-wide network of parks and recreation opportunities

### **Recess**

The meeting recessed at 7:32 pm. and reconvened at 7:41 pm.

- Report 4: The Playbook – Implementation Plan:
  - Foundations of implementation:
    - Set clear policy
    - Support great communications
    - Excel at data and mapping
  - Approaches for action
- Conclusions and recommendations.

Messrs. Culbertson and Hutch and Ms. Howard responded to questions from Board. There was discussion on: suggestion to integrate the urban Indigenous population in the implementation of VanPlay; comparison of Vancouver's equity-based decision-making framework with those utilized in San Francisco and New York; the importance of communicating the value of parks in shaping the City and contributing to the quality of life of its residents; engagement of seniors during the consultation process; potential use of parks and recreation services to address the isolation of seniors; confirmation that the term "excelling at data" is sufficiently broad to apply to different aspects of data gathering and use; suggestion to communicate in multiple languages during implementation; the change to historic planning practices required to realize the VanPlay vision; and the utilization of VanPlay to inform City planning.

### **Motion to Suspend the Rules**

MOVED by Commissioner Irwin  
SECONDED by Commissioner Dumont

THAT the Vancouver Park Board suspend the rules to hear from a speaker who had not register by the published deadline.

CARRIED

*In favour: Demers, Dumont, Giesbrecht, Irwin, Mackinnon*  
*Opposed: Barker, Coupar*

The Board heard from three speakers, two of whom expressed support for the VanPlay recommendations. One speaker requested that the Park Board address youth gender inequity in the field allocation process. The speakers responded to questions from the Board.

### **Main Motion**

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar  
SECONDED by Commissioner Demers

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve Report 3 of VanPlay - Parks and Recreation Services Master Plan: "Strategic Bold Moves", as outlined in this report and attached as Appendix A, describing three tools to create a more connected and equitable future:
- *Move 1: Equity* – creating Initiative Zones to assist in prioritizing delivery of parks and recreation resources to historically under-served areas of the city;
  - *Move 2: Asset Needs* – detailing targets for parks and recreation amenities and facilities; and
  - *Move 3: Connectivity* – a vision for a city-wide network of parks and recreation opportunities;

- B. THAT the Board approve Report 4 of VanPlay - Parks and Recreation Services Master Plan: "The Playbook - Implementation Plan", as outlined in this report and attached as Appendix B, describing:
- *Foundational Tasks* – setting clear policy, supporting great communication, and excelling at data and mapping; and
  - *24 Approaches for Action* – with associated initiatives to be undertaken over the next 10 years; and
- C. FURTHER, that the Board direct staff to report back annually on the impact of the "Strategic Bold Moves" and status of the proposed "Implementation Plan".

### **Amendment to the Main Motion**

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar  
SECONDED by Commissioner Irwin

THAT Item C be amended to:

- C. FURTHER, that the Board direct staff to report back annually in the month of October, commencing in 2020, on the impact of the "Strategic Bold Moves" and status of the proposed "Implementation Plan".

CARRIED

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

*Opposed: Demers, Giesbrecht, Mackinnon*

### **Question on the Main Motion, as Amended**

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve Report 3 of VanPlay - Parks and Recreation Services Master Plan: "Strategic Bold Moves", as outlined in this report and attached as Appendix A, describing three tools to create a more connected and equitable future:
- *Move 1: Equity* – creating Initiative Zones to assist in prioritizing delivery of parks and recreation resources to historically under-served areas of the city;
  - *Move 2: Asset Needs* – detailing targets for parks and recreation amenities and facilities; and
  - *Move 3: Connectivity* – a vision for a city-wide network of parks and recreation opportunities;
- B. THAT the Board approve Report 4 of VanPlay - Parks and Recreation Services Master Plan: "The Playbook - Implementation Plan", as outlined in this report and attached as Appendix B, describing:
- *Foundational Tasks* – setting clear policy, supporting great communication, and excelling at data and mapping; and
  - *24 Approaches for Action* – with associated initiatives to be undertaken over the next 10 years; and

- C. FURTHER, that the Board direct staff to report back annually in the month of October, commencing in 2020, on the impact of the “Strategic Bold Moves” and status of the proposed “Implementation Plan”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board adjourned at 8:53 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley  
General Manager

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Commissioner Stuart Mackinnon  
Chair