



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 22, 2019

The Regular Park Board meeting was held on Tuesday, October 22, 2019, at 6:44 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
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.

IN CAMERA

1. In Camera Meeting

MOVED by Commissioner Dumont
SECONDED by Commissioner Demers

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:

- (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

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

Absent: Irwin

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- 1. Special Board Meeting – September 26, 2019**
- 2. Regular Board Meeting – September 30, 2019**
- 3. Special Board Meeting – October 9, 2019**

MOVED by Commissioner Dumont
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Park Board adopts:

- A. The minutes of the September 26, 2019 Special Board meeting, subject to clarification regarding the inclusion of the proposed amendment that was ruled out of order; and
- B. The minutes of the September 30, 2019 Regular Board and October 9, 2019 Special Board meetings as circulated.

CARRIED

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

Absent: Irwin

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Mackinnon highlighted the participation of Park Board Commissioners at official Park Board events since the September 30, 2019 Board meeting:

- Oct 04: Gerry Massing Room Dedication at the Dunbar Community Centre – Vice-Chair Demers spoke at the dedication, where he was joined by Chair Mackinnon and Commissioner Coupar. Mr. Massing, who passed away in 2018, was a long-time volunteer at Kerrisdale and Dunbar community centre associations
- Oct 16: VanDusen Glow in the Garden – Chair Mackinnon spoke at the media launch of the event that runs every evening until October 27, 2019
- Oct 18: Tiki Night at Bloedel – Chair Mackinnon and Commissioners Barker, Couper, Demers, Dumont, Giesbrecht and Irwin attended the gala kick-off event hosted by the Vancouver Botanical Gardens Association.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

COMMITTEE REPORT

- 1. Report of the Park Board Committee – October 22, 2019**

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

1. REPORT: Scotiabank Vancouver Half Marathon & 5K – Special Event

MOVED by Commissioner Barker
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Park Board Committee at its meeting of October 22, 2019, as contained in item 1.

CARRIED

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

Absent: Irwin

STAFF REPORTS

1. Golf in Vancouver Parks – Overview

Joan Probert, Supervisor, Commercial Operations, Park Board, and Jeff MacLean, Supervisor of Golf Operations, Park Board, jointly led the review of a presentation on golf services and operations, provided in response to the Board's request for information, and highlighted:

- Previous reports provided to the Board
- High-level industry overview:
 - Variety of golf course formats and operations
 - Canadian participation in golf
 - Historic and predicted participation in golf in BC
 - Golf health and wellness benefits
- Park Board golf operations
- Environment and sustainability initiatives:
 - Green space naturalization and preservation
 - Water preservation
- Initiatives to increase participation in golf
- Planning and investment:
 - Golf Capital Reserve background and purpose
 - Integration of future planning with VanPlay
- Next steps.

Ms. Probert responded to questions from the Board. There was discussion on: net revenue derived from golf operations and utilization of annual surpluses; monitoring of the water quality on golf courses; ability to obtain detailed information on the “adult” demographic who play at Park Board golf courses; growth in golf participation since the decline following the boom of the 1990s; and water usage at Pitch and Putt golf courses.

Member Arrived

Commissioner Irwin joined the meeting at 7:51 pm.

2. General Manager’s Office Report

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

- Council business:
 - Council received a report on “Vancouver Community Sports Hosting Grant – Fall 2019 Intake” at the October 22, 2019 Regular Council meeting
 - Council received a report on “Social Policy Grants for Neighbourhood and Non-Profit Capacity Building, Food Security and Social Innovation” at the October 22, 2019 Regular Council meeting, which included a recommendation to approve a grant of up to \$81,600 to the Strathcona Community Centre Association for their community breakfast program
 - The Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities will be discussing the motion referred by Council titled “A Collaborative and New Approach to Oppenheimer Park and Other Public Spaces” at its October 23, 2019 meeting
- Board briefing memos and emails issued from October 1 to 22, 2019.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

1. Collaborating with BC Housing on Homelessness in Parks

Commissioner Dumont gave notice of motion on the following:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation direct the General Manager to reach out to BC Housing with the goal of establishing inter-institutional knowledge-sharing and a relationship of direct, open communication regarding avenues of potential collaboration to address the impacts of homelessness in Vancouver parks.

ENQUIRIES

1. A Board member asked why Park Rangers have been replaced by private security at Park Board meetings and whether there has been any feedback from union staff .
2. A Board member requested an update on when the special event branded banners and merchandise for the 50th Anniversary of Bloedel Conservatory would be available to the public.
3. A Board member sought information on the Park Board's policy regarding external agencies hiring private security to patrol Vancouver parks as there are reports on social media that the Commercial Drive Business Improvement Area (BIA) hired private security to patrol Grandview Park.
4. A Board member requested the plan and timetable for the replacement of trees removed on the 1100 block of Robson Street as well as an update on the overall tree replacement strategy for Robson Street that was initiated earlier this year with the Robson Street Business Association.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 7:59 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley
General Manager

Commissioner Stuart Mackinnon
Chair