



PARK BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 4, 2019

A Regular Park Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, November 4, 2019, at 6:41 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 – October 22, 2019

MOVED by Commissioner Demers
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

THAT the Park Board Committee minutes of the October 22, 2019 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNICATIONS

The Committee was advised that from October 22, 2019 to 3:00 p.m. on November 4, 2019, the General Manager's Office received three email in support of the Marpole outdoor swimming pool.

All the emails have been sent directly to Commissioners.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. REPORT: Marpole Community Centre Renewal – Outdoor Pool and Oak Park Schematic Master Plan

Daisy Chin, Acting Director of Recreation, Park Board, introduced members of the Marpole Community Centre Association, Advisory Group and the project team in attendance at the meeting.

Doug Shearer, Acting Manager of Planning, Policy and Environment, Park Board, led the review of a presentation on the proposed Marpole Community Centre and outdoor pool and Oak Park schematic master plan and highlighted:

- Alignment of the Marpole Community Centre renewal with Park Board and City policies
- Background of the Marpole neighbourhood and the Marple-Oakridge Community Centre building
- Needs assessment / program definition process:
 - Key findings of the Phase 1 engagement
 - Identification of four key priorities
 - Proposed room interrelationships
 - Determination of approximate building size
- Inclusion of a new co-located outdoor pool
- Oak Park schematic master plan:
 - Informed by the needs assessment study
 - Key findings of the Phase 2 engagement
 - Identification of seven key priorities for Oak Park and the new community centre and pool
 - Preferred schematic master plan
- Next steps.

Mr. Shearer responded to questions from the Committee. There was discussion on: opportunity to include separate change rooms for the outdoor pool; intention to employ the best water usage practices in the design of the spray park; potential to reduce the number of parking stalls in favour of increasing bicycle parking; investigation into the appropriate field surface to be utilized; and suggestion that soft walking surfaces in the park be prioritized.

The Committee heard from four speakers, all of whom spoke in support of the staff recommendation. There were comments offered on the need to expedite the construction of the new community centre building; request to maximize the space for swimming and diving in the new outdoor pool; request to include a dedicated field hockey pitch in Oak Park; and support for the inclusion of a synthetic turf field. The speakers responded to questions from the Committee.

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Irwin

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the proposed Schematic Park Master Plan for Oak Park as shown in Appendix C, which includes the location of the renewed Marpole Community Centre and a new full-sized outdoor pool; and
- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to proceed with detailed planning and design of the community centre and outdoor pool, in collaboration with City staff.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 7:52 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley
General Manager

Commissioner Gwen Giesbrecht
Chair



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 4, 2019

The Regular Park Board meeting was held on Monday, November 4, 2019, at 8:09 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.

IN CAMERA

1. In Camera Meeting

MOVED by Commissioner Demers
SECONDED by Commissioner Dumont

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;
- (j) information that is prohibited, or information that if it were presented in a document would be prohibited, from disclosure under section 21 [disclosure harmful to business interest of a third party] or the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*;

- (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 – October 22, 2019

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Dumont

THAT the Park Board minutes of the October 22, 2019 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNICATIONS

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

COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Report of the Park Board Committee – November 4, 2019

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

- 1. REPORT: Marpole Community Centre Renewal – Outdoor Pool and Oak Park Schematic Master Plan

MOVED by Commissioner Irwin
SECONDED by Commissioner Demers

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Park Board Committee at its meeting of November 4, 2019, as contained in item 1.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

STAFF REPORTS

1. General Manager's Office Report

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

- Construction work for the cenotaph access project at Memorial South Park has been completed. After consulting with Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans, the cenotaph was upgraded to include a wider walkway surrounding the monument and ramped access from the north and south of the monument. All park cenotaphs have been pressure washed in preparation for Remembrance Day ceremonies and graffiti removal from the sites is a priority throughout the year
- From October 11 to 31, 2019, the Stanley Park Railway and Plaza was transformed into Alice in Nightmareland. This year, the Ghost Train took over 40,000 riders on a gothic journey
- The Glow in the Garden event at VanDusen Botanical Garden ran between October 17 and October 27, 2019 and welcomed over 17,000 visitors
- On November 5, 2019, at the North American Garden Tourism Conference, VanDusen Botanical Garden will be announced as the recipient of the "Botanical Garden of the Year" award
- Items of interest to the Park Board to be considered at the November 5, 2019 Regular Council Meeting:
 - Rain City Strategy
 - Integrated Blue-Green Systems Planning
- Board briefing memos and emails issued from October 25 to November 1, 2019.

Ms. Wilton responded questions from the Board. There was a request to ensure the linkage between VanDusen Botanical Garden and Bloedel Conservatory is recognized in the announcement of the Botanical Garden of the Year award.

MOTIONS ON NOTICE

1. Golf in our Parks – A Deep Dive Analysis

Commissioner Demers introduced the motion and commented on the suggestion to consider the unrealized benefits of golf course land through a broad lens. Commissioner Demers responded to questions from the Board.

Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Demers
SECONDED by Commissioner Dumont

WHEREAS:

1. The Board of Parks and Recreation has complete jurisdiction over three 18-hole golf courses (Langara, Fraserview and McCleery) and three Pitch & Putt courses (Stanley Park, Queen Elizabeth and Rupert Park);

2. Langara, Fraserview, and McCleery golf courses total 464 acres, or approximately 15% of all park land under Park Board jurisdiction;
3. The number of golfers using the 3 golf courses owned by the Park Board decreased by 6% between 2013 and 2018; since the late 1990s, it has decreased by over 31% while the population of Vancouver has increased by 20%;
4. Golf admission fees for adults during the peak summer season range from \$59-\$67 for 18-holes, which takes an average of 4-5 hours to complete; low season rates for 18-holes range from \$28.25-\$36.50;
5. Golf currently generates over \$9M in revenue annually, of which \$300K goes to the Golf Reserve Fund with the remainder going toward funding the rest of the parks and recreation system; as per March 2019, the Golf Reserve Fund contained \$516K of unallocated funding; and
6. Golf courses require regular grooming (currently by gas-powered machinery), irrigation, and maintenance to provide healthy & resilient playing surfaces (as with all sport playing fields) and best practices are employed: irrigation water is provided primarily via aquifer or storm water; and fungicides are only applied to golf greens (about 1.5% of total course area).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to build on the findings and recommendations of `VanPlay, Greenest City 2020 Action Plan, Biodiversity Strategy and Urban Forest Strategy, and:

- A. Evaluate the full spectrum of realized and unrealized benefits of Park Board land currently used for golf;
- B. Compare the past, current and expected demands for, and requirements by golf with those of the rest of our recreational system;
- C. Identify ways to align the managerial, financial and planning of golf with that of the rest of our park and recreational system; and
- D. Report back to the Board with findings and recommendations prior to starting master planning work for our golf courses.

Amendment to the Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Demers
SECONDED by Commissioner Dumont

THAT Item D be replaced with:

- D. Use the findings above to inform all relevant aspects of the Golf Strategy, scheduled to start in 2020, with public consultation to include at least one option that presents alternative park and recreation uses for the Langara Golf Course.

CARRIED

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

Question on the Main Motion, as Amended

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Motion to Refer

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Barker

THAT the motion be referred to Committee.

DEFEATED

In favour: Barker, Coupar

Opposed: Demers, Dumont, Giesbrecht, Irwin, Mackinnon

Question on the Main Motion, as Amended

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CARRIED

In favour: Demers, Dumont, Giesbrecht, Irwin, Mackinnon

Opposed: Barker, Coupar

2. Collaborating with BC Housing on Homelessness in Parks

Commissioner Dumont introduced the motion and commented on the benefit of the Park Board establishing a direct relationship with BC Housing. Commissioner Dumont responded to questions from the Board.

MOVED by Commissioner Dumont
SECONDED by Commissioner Demers

WHEREAS:

1. Many people who are experiencing homelessness in Vancouver take refuge in and around parks and Park Board facilities;
2. At this time there is no official interinstitutional relationship between BC Housing and the Vancouver Park Board;
3. BC Housing helps manage emergency shelter programs, drop-in centres, homeless outreach teams and more. Many members of the community who require and benefit from these services are also interacting with the parks system in Vancouver; and
4. If BC Housing and the Vancouver Park Board form an open, communicative, interinstitutional relationship of knowledge-sharing and collaboration, either or both may be able to provide services more efficiently, more economically, and more effectively for those experiencing homelessness in our city.

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.

CARRIED

In favour: Demers, Dumont, Giesbrecht, Irwin, Mackinnon

Opposed: Barker, Coupar

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

1. Outdoor Pool Extended Season Pilot

Commissioner Irwin gave notice of motion on the following:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve a pilot to extend the regular 2020 swimming season at Kitsilano and New Brighton Outdoor Pools by opening 2-3 weeks earlier in the spring and closing 3-4 weeks later in the fall; and
- B. FURTHER THAT Park Board staff analyze the costs, benefits and impacts of this extended outdoor pool season pilot and report back to the Board with recommendations for the 2021 season.

ENQUIRIES

1. A Board member requested the latest findings on the seismic condition of the gym at the Kerrisdale Community Centre.
2. A Board member asked if an official park sign could be installed at Wendy Pool Park (similar to the one at Lilian To Park).
3. A Board member enquired if the washrooms in Crab Park can be made operational.
4. A Board member requested an update on the motion approved on May 27, 2019 directing staff to explore the initiation of a working group for the "indigenous-focussed healing, wellness, and/or cultural centre".
5. In preparation for the annual Montreal Massacre Memorial event held in December, a Board member requested that the "Marker of Change" memorial and surrounding area in Thornton Park be cleaned in advance.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 8:59 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley
General Manager

Commissioner Stuart Mackinnon
Chair