



PARK BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 18, 2019

A Regular Park Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, November 18, 2019, at 6:40 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 – November 4, 2019

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon
SECONDED by Commissioner Demers

THAT the Park Board Committee minutes of the November 4, 2019 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNICATIONS

The Committee was advised that from November 5, 2019 to 3:00 pm on November 18, 2019, there were two emails expressing opposition and three emails in support of the staff recommendation on the Northeast False Creek – Project Update and Guiding Principles.

All emails have been sent directly to Commissioners.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. REPORT: Northeast False Creek Parks – Project Update and Guiding Principles

Motion to Suspend the Rules

MOVED by Commissioner Irwin

SECONDED by Commissioner Dumont

THAT the rules be suspended to hear from two speakers who did not register by the deadline.

CARRIED

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

Opposed: Coupar

Doug Shearer, Acting Manager of Planning, Policy and Environment, Park Board introduced the additional members of the project team present at the meeting.

Catarina Gomes, Planner III, Park Board, and Rena Soutar, Reconciliation Planner, Park Board, jointly led the review of a presentation on the proposed Guiding Principles for the design of the parks in Northeast False Creek (NEFC) and highlighted:

- Background of the creation of the NEFC Park Design Advisory Group (Advisory Group)
- Deficiencies identified through the public engagement on the draft concept design undertaken in 2017
- Extended engagement process:
 - Engagement with the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations and urban Indigenous Peoples
 - Development of a park identity statement
 - Engagement with the Chinatown and Black communities
 - Cultural learnings through the engagement process
- Guiding principles:
 - Identity
 - Community
 - Nature
 - Destination
- Two advanced concept designs are in development
- Next steps.

Mses. Gomes and Soutar, along with Dave Hutch, Acting Director of Planning and Park Development, Park Board, and Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, responded to questions from the Committee. There was discussion on:

- The importance of improving the water quality in False Creek to advancing reconciliation
 - The design of the NEFC parks, with a living shoreline, assumes that the water in False Creek will be cleaned up in seven generations
- The Province's management of the contamination in Andy Livingstone Park
- The impact of the major road that will be adjacent to Andy Livingstone Park

- Whether the non-local design team recognizes the importance of incorporating and translating the cultural elements into the park design
- Whether the impact of gentrification, as a result of the St. Paul's Hospital relocation to False Creek Flats, has been considered
- The need to continue the relationships with the Indigenous, Chinatown and Black communities regarding the use of the parks after they have been constructed
- Consideration of best practices in public safety and park programming in the design and operation of all urban parks.

The Committee heard from five speakers. Two speakers spoke in support of the Guiding Principles in the staff recommendation and the remainder provided suggestions for consideration in the design of the NEFC parks. There were comments offered on: additional Guiding Principles to be considered for the NEFC parks; request to retain the original configuration of the parks as the reduction of water access is contrary to the objective of reconciliation and is a disservice to the residents of Vancouver; request that there be no development east of the current alignment of Carrall Street; concern that the total park area in the current plan has been reduced; request for engagement meetings that include all stakeholders, rather than meeting in silos; and support for the advisory group process.

The speakers responded to questions from the Committee.

Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Demers
SECONDED by Commissioner Dumont

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the Guiding Principles for the parks in Northeast False Creek, including Andy Livingstone Park, Creekside Park, Creekside Park Extension, and Downtown Skateboard Plaza, as outlined in this report and attached as Appendix A; and
- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to advance the concept design of the parks in Northeast False Creek, subject to engagement with local First Nations, local communities, and park stakeholders.

Amendment to the Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Barker

THAT Item C be added:

- C. THAT the Vancouver Park Board request staff to provide a full audit of the changes to the original park size commitment from the City of Vancouver and the proposed present park size.

DEFEATED

In favour: Barker, Coupar

Opposed: Demers, Dumont, Giesbrecht, Mackinnon

Abstained: Irwin

Question on the Main Motion

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 8:33 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley
General Manager

Commissioner Gwen Giesbrecht
Chair



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 18, 2019

The Regular Park Board meeting was held on Monday, November 18, 2019, at 8:45 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 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 UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Special Board Meeting – October 28, 2019

MOVED by Commissioner Giesbrecht
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Park Board minutes of the October 28, 2019 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Regular Board Meeting – November 4, 2019

MOVED by Commissioner Irwin
SECONDED by Commissioner Giesbrecht

THAT the Park Board minutes of the November 4, 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 November 4, 2019 Board meeting:

- Nov 09: Marpole-Oakridge Community Centre 70th anniversary celebration – Commissioners Demers spoke at the event and was joined by Chair Mackinnon and Commissioners Barker and Irwin
- Nov 11: Commissioners participated in various Remembrance Day ceremonies across the City.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Board was advised that from November 5, 2019 to 3:00 pm on November 18, 2019, there were nine emails in support of Motion on Notice titled "Outdoor Pool Extended Season Pilot".

All emails have been sent directly to Commissioners.

COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Report of the Park Board Committee – November 18, 2019

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

1. REPORT: Northeast False Creek Parks – Project Update and Guiding Principles

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 November 18, 2019, as contained in item 1.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

STAFF REPORTS

1. City-Wide Plan Presentation

Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, introduced the following representatives from the City of Vancouver's Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability Department:

- Gil Kelley, General Manager
- Susan Haid, Deputy Director, Long Range and Strategic Planning.

Mr. Kelley and Ms. Haid jointly led the review of a presentation on the development of the city-wide plan and highlighted:

- Unanimous resolution of Council to initiate a city-wide plan
- Intended to be a guide to the City's transformation over the next three to five decades
- Process to develop the Vancouver Plan over the next three years
- The rationale for developing a city-wide plan at this time
- The need to plan for the kind of city Vancouver wants to be in 30 to 50 years
- Considerations in the development of the Vancouver Plan
- Engagement principles:
 - Include all voices
 - Advance reconciliation
 - Support community leadership
 - Go to where people are
 - Ensure many ways to be involved
 - Make it easy, fun and relevant
- Proposed process:
 - Phase 1 listening from 2019 to 2020
- Interdepartmental program structure
- Roles and responsibilities
- Existing policy considerations.

Mr. Kelley and Ms. Haid responded to questions from the Board. There was discussion on:

- Suggestion to utilize the Park Board's community centre association (CCA) network, sport groups and community-based boards during the engagement process
- Planning for southeast False Creek
- The project will be staffed mainly through the redeployment of internal resources
- Whether there would be an opportunity to daylight a stream as an example in the Vancouver Plan.

Extension of Meeting

MOVED by Commissioner Irwin
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Park Board extends the meeting to 10:30 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. General Manager's Office Report

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

- Holiday events:
 - Bright Nights in Stanley Park; Nov 28 - Jan 1;
 - VanDusen Festival of Lights at VanDusen Botanical Garden; Nov 30 - Jan 5;
- Bloedel Conservatory celebrates its 50th anniversary with Festivale Tropicale; Dec 7 - Jan 5.

MOTIONS ON NOTICE

1. Outdoor Pool Extended Season Pilot

Commissioner Irwin introduced the motion and commented on the public demand for the extension of the outdoor pool season. Commissioner Irwin responded to questions from the Board.

MOVED by Commissioner Irwin
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

WHEREAS:

1. Outdoor pools are well-loved by the residents of Vancouver;
2. Kitsilano Pool, which first opened in 1931, underwent extensive renovations in 2017-2018 that included installing new basin membrane, reducing potable water use, and replacing gas pumps with electric that significantly reduce noise and fuel emissions;
3. New Brighton Pool is the Park Board's only heated outdoor pool in East Vancouver;
4. The VanSplash Advisory Group called for extended seasons at Kitsilano and New Brighton pools to provide equitable access to both East Side and West Side residents in Vancouver; and
5. Staff have previously piloted extending the end of the outdoor pool season by one to two weeks at both Kitsilano and New Brighton pools.

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 two

to three weeks earlier in the spring and closing three to four 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.

Motion to Refer

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon
SECONDED by Commissioner Dumont

THAT the motion be referred to staff for an analysis of the budget and human resource implications of extending the outdoor pool season and the anticipated demand during an extended outdoor pool season.

CARRIED

In favour: Demers, Dumont, Giesbrecht, Mackinnon

Opposed: Barker, Coupar, Irwin

OTHER BUSINESS

The Chair announced that a Special Park Board meeting will be held on Monday, December 2, 2019 at 6:30 pm to receive the 2020 Fees and Charges – Parks and Recreation and the 2020 Operating and Capital Budget – Parks and Recreation reports.

Commissioner Barker expressed appreciation for the efforts of staff to complete the construction on the cenotaph access project at Memorial South Park in time for Remembrance Day ceremonies.

Commission Giesbrecht reported that the Park Board was represented and laid a wreath at the National Aboriginal Veterans Day event.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 9:56 pm.

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