



## REGULAR BOARD MEETING MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 9, 2019

The Regular Park Board meeting was held on Monday, December 9, 2019, at 7:22 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 Dumont  
SECONDED by Commissioner Barker

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. Regular Board Meeting – November 18, 2019**

MOVED by Commissioner Giesbrecht  
SECONDED by Commissioner Dumont

THAT the Park Board minutes of the November 18, 2019 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **CHAIR'S REPORT**

### **1. Commissioners in the Community**

Chair Mackinnon highlighted the participation of Park Board Commissioners at official Park Board events since the November 18, 2019 Board meeting:

- Nov. 27: Commissioner Dumont spoke at the launch of the Bright Nights Christmas Train
- Nov 29: Chair Mackinnon joined Make-A-Wish Foundation representatives at the launch of the VanDusen Festival of Lights. Commissioners Barker, Coupar and Irwin also attended
- Dec 06: Chair Mackinnon spoke at a media event to celebrate Bloedel Conservatory's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and launch of Festivale Tropicale. He and Commissioner Coupar spoke at a gala that same evening, where they were joined by Commissioners Barker, Demers, Dumont and Giesbrecht.

### **2. 2019 Year in Review**

The Chair highlighted the 2019 Year in Review and noted the report that will also be available online:

- Park Board stewardship of 242 parks and 1,360 hectares of green spaces
- Achievements:
  - Approval of VanPlay, Parks and Recreation Services Master Plan
  - Approval of VanSplash, Track and Field and On Water strategies
  - Construction of a new bike pump track in Vanier Park that was designed with young people in mind
  - Planting of a colourful wildflower meadow and construction of a new playground with safety flooring made from recycled shoes at China Creek North Park
  - Installation of the City's first accessible age-friendly outdoor fitness facility at Memorial South Park
  - Opening of Neighbourhood Park South in late 2019, part of 10 hectares of new parks and green space planned for the East Fraser Lands
- Highlights:
  - Approval of a schematic master plan for Oak Park, which includes a significantly larger community centre and full-size outdoor pool
  - Celebration of the first anniversary of Killarney Seniors Centre, a LEED® Gold certified building

- Celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Bloedel Conservatory in Queen Elizabeth Park
- Steps to mitigate climate change impacts
- Support for Sustainabiliteens, on a youth-initiated Global Climate Strike that was held on September 27, 2019
- Challenges:
  - The 4/20 cannabis protest has occurred annually at Sunset Beach since 2016
  - Tent encampments in parks, including Oppenheimer Park, are appearing in greater numbers and with greater frequency
- 2019 statistics:
  - The Park Board has more than 50,000 followers on social media
  - Almost 2.6 million visits to indoor and outdoor pools, including lessons and drop-ins
  - 19,034 participants in the Leisure Access Program for residents with low incomes
  - 4,625 trees sold during the spring and fall Park Board tree sales
  - Ocean Wise and Park Board signed a new licence agreement, which allows the Vancouver Aquarium to remain in Stanley Park for the next 35 years
  - 359 donations were made and \$1,045,710 was raised to support the preservation of parks and enhancement of recreation programs and facilities
  - More than 2,300 residents provided input on a wide range of park planning and development activities at open houses
  - 480,000 annuals, ranging from fuchsias and begonias to spider plants, were planted in gardens at golf courses, community centres, Stanley Park, English Bay and Queen Elizabeth Park.

## COMMUNICATIONS

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

## COMMITTEE REPORT

### 1. Report of the Park Board Committee – December 9, 2019

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

1. REPORT: Downtown Park at Smithe and Richards – Construction Contract

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 December 9, 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:

- Council business:
  - Council received a presentation on the 2020 Capital and Operating Budget and related reports at a Special Meeting on December 3, 2019
  - Council will debate the 2020 Capital and Operating Budget at its Regular Meeting on December 10, 2019
- Board briefing memos and emails issued from November 19 to December 8, 2019.

## **ELECTION OF BOARD CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR – 2020 TERM**

Chair Mackinnon noted that his term will expire on December 31, 2019 and expressed his honour at having been elected to serve as the Board Chair for the past two years.

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At this point in the proceedings, the General Manager assumed the chair.

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### **1. Election of Board Chair**

As set forth in the Park Board's Procedure By-law, the General Manager, acting as Chair pro tem, called for nominations for Chair of the Board for the 2020 term.

Commissioner Coupar nominated Commissioner Barker as Chair of the Board for 2020.

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Commissioner Mackinnon nominated Commissioner Dumont as Chair of the Board for 2020.

Commissioners Dumont, Coupar and Barker accepted the nominations.

The General Manager called for additional nominations. There being no further nominations, the General Manager declared nominations for the Chair of the Board closed.

A vote was taken by secret ballot and votes were counted by the Deputy General Manager.

The General Manager announced Commissioner Dumont elected as Chair of the Board.

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon  
SECONDED by Commissioner Demers

THAT the Board authorizes the destruction of the ballots.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **2. Election of Board Vice-Chair**

The General Manager called for nominations for the Vice-Chair of the Board for 2020.

Commissioner Dumont nominated Commissioner Demers as Vice-Chair of the Board for 2020.

Commissioner Demers accepted the nomination.

The General Manager called three times for additional nominations. There being no further nominations, the General Manager declared nominations for the Vice-Chair of the Board closed.

The General Manager announced Commissioner Demers elected as Vice-Chair of the Board by acclamation.

## **ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR –2020 Term**

### **1. Election of Committee Chair**

The General Manager called for nominations for the Chair of the Committee for 2020.

Commissioner Demers nominated Commissioner Giesbrecht as Chair of the Committee for 2020.

Commissioner Giesbrecht accepted the nomination.

The General Manager called three times for additional nominations. There being no further nominations, the General Manager declared nominations for the Chair of the Committee closed.

The General Manager announced Commissioner Giesbrecht elected as Chair of the Committee by acclamation.

### **2. Election of Committee Vice-Chair**

The General Manager called for nominations for the Vice-Chair of the Committee for 2020.

Commissioner Mackinnon nominated Commissioner Barker as Vice-Chair of the Committee for 2020.

Commissioner Barker accepted the nomination.

The General Manager called three times for additional nominations. There being no further nominations, the General Manager declared nominations for the Vice-Chair of the Committee closed.

The General Manager announced Commissioner Barker elected as Vice-Chair of the Committee by acclamation.

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Commissioner Mackinnon reassumed the Chair.

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## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 7:50 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley  
General Manager

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Commissioner Stuart Mackinnon  
Chair