



PARK BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 9, 2019

A Regular Park Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, December 9, 2019, at 6:35 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 18, 2019

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon
SECONDED by Commissioner Barker

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair thanked the Park Board staff for their efforts in preparing the Marker of Change, the Women's Monument, in Thornton Park, for the commemoration of the 30th anniversary of the massacre of fourteen women at L'Ecole Polytechnique, University of Montreal.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Committee was advised that from November 19, 2019 to 3:00 p.m. on December 9, 2019, there was one email received in support of the staff recommendation on the Downtown Park at Smithe and Richards – Construction Contract.

The email had been sent directly to Commissioners.

AGENDA ITEMS

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

Ian Stewart, Acting Manager of Park Development, Park Board, introduced the project team members present at the meeting and acknowledged the efforts of Tiina Mack, former Manager of Park Development, in the development of the new downtown park.

Mr. Stewart and Joe McLeod, City Arborist and Supervisor of Urban Forestry, Park Board, led the review of a presentation on the development of a new park at Smithe and Richards and highlighted:

- Background:
 - Project growth in Downtown South
 - Project timeline
 - The construction of the park will be funded entirely by development cost levies (DCLs)
 - Shortage of park area in Downtown South
 - Site context
- Park design process:
 - Top five findings from the public engagement process
 - Park design and features
- Procurement process
- Next steps.

Mr. McLeod responded to questions from the Committee. There was discussion on: the planned lighting features; the park was designed in a manner to allow the commercial café space to be adapted to other uses should future needs change; the uniqueness of the Construction Management at Risk (CM@Risk) procurement model for park design purposes; the savings that resulted from the value engineering process; the need to balance the amount of permeable and impermeable surfaces in the park; and utilization of stormwater management practices.

The Committee heard from one speaker who spoke in support of the Smithe and Richards park design.

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Demers

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board authorize staff to negotiate to the satisfaction of the Park Board's General Manager, City's Director of Legal Services, and the City's Chief Purchasing Official and enter into a contract with Smith Bros. and Wilson (B.C.) Ltd., for the construction of the new park at Smithe and Richards, for an estimated term of two (2) years, with an estimated contract value of \$13,818,141, plus applicable taxes, over the initial two-year term, to be funded through the Park Board's existing Capital Budget (CPP-00074);

- B. FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services, Chief Purchasing Official and Park Board General Manager be authorized to execute on behalf of the Board the contract contemplated by Recommendation A; and
- C. THAT no legal rights or obligations will be created by Board adoption of Recommendations A and B above unless and until such contract is executed by the authorized signatories of the City as set out in these Recommendations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 7:13 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley
General Manager

Commissioner Gwen Giesbrecht
Chair