



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



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
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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 50th 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 50th 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

Commissioner Stuart Mackinnon
Chair