



## REGULAR BOARD MEETING MEETING MINUTES

**JANUARY 20, 2020**

The Regular Park Board meeting was held on Monday, January 20, 2020, at 7:49 pm, at the Park Board Office.

**PRESENT:** Commissioner Tricia Barker  
Commissioner John Coupar  
Commissioner Dave Demers, Vice-Chair  
Commissioner Camil Dumont, Chair  
Commissioner Gwen Giesbrecht  
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. 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

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

*Absent: Coupar*

## **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

### **1. Special Budget Meeting – December 2, 2019 and Regular Board Meeting – December 9, 2019**

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon  
SECONDED by Commissioner Demers

THAT the Park Board minutes of the December 2, 2019 Special Budget meeting and December 9, 2019 Regular Board meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

*Absent: Coupar*

## **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chair Dumont highlighted the participation of Park Board Commissioners at official Park Board events:

- Dec 09: Commissioners Mackinnon and Coupar spoke at a small gala celebrating Bloedel Conservatory's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Commissioners Barker, Demers, Dumont, Giesbrecht and Irwin also attended
- Jan 01: Chair Dumont welcomed swimmers and spectators at the 100<sup>th</sup> annual Polar Bear Swim
- Jan 17: Chair Dumont spoke at the ground breaking of a new park at Smithe and Richards. He was joined by Commissioners Barker, Coupar, Demers, Irwin, Giesbrecht and Mackinnon.

## **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 – January 20, 2020**

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

1. REPORT: Electric Vehicle Charging Stations – New Park Board Sites
2. REPORT: Queen Elizabeth Park Master Plan – Project Approach.

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar  
SECONDED by Commissioner Irwin

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Park Board Committee at its meeting of January 20, 2020, as contained in items 1 and 2.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **1. General Manager's Report**

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

- Success of 2019 holiday events:
  - 35<sup>th</sup> annual VanDusen “Festival of Lights” welcomed a record 148,000 attendees
  - Bloedel Conservatory was home to Holiday Heights for the fifth year and celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Bloedel Conservatory. The “Festivale Tropicale” themed event attracted over 36,000 visitors
  - 22<sup>nd</sup> year of collaboration with the BC Professional Fire Fighters Burn Fund to deliver “Bright Nights in Stanley Park” where 103,000 people rode the festive train
- Extreme weather response from January 13 – 17, 2020 prioritized access to Park Board facilities, including community centres, work yards and parks
- Board briefing memos and emails issued from December 10, 2019 to January 20, 2020.

## **NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

### **1. Free Menstrual Products in Park Board Facilities**

Commissioner Giesbrecht gave notice of motion on the following:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board establish policy, as part of the Washroom Strategy currently being developed, that takes into consideration the basic biological needs of all washroom users to ensure comfort and equity of access to all parks and recreation facilities; and
- B. FURTHER THAT this policy recommend cost free menstrual products be made available at all Park Board facilities with washrooms, which may include installing new dispensers or retrofitting existing coin operated dispensers.

## **ENQUIRIES**

- 1. A Board member enquired if an inventory of all Park Board mowers can be made available, including all grades of mowers from push to ride-on for golf courses and other large areas.

2. A Board member enquired about the detailed schedule and scope of public consultation planned for the off leash dog area in Strathcona Park and whether that information could be made public.
3. A Board member asked for an update on the progress made to combat infestations of the European Chafer Beetle, along with the extent of the infestation and any further treatment plans.
4. A Board member requested a chart showing the Park Board's greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reductions and how they compare to the Greenest City Action Plan goals.
5. A Board member enquired about the 2020 mobile pump-out service, where and when it would be operating, and if there are any Park Board implications for the program.
6. A Board member requested an update on the Youth Ranger Program that was approved by the Park Board in 2016.
7. A Board member enquired if the Park Board keeps records on tree removals (numbers, reasons, locations) and if there is historical comparative data that can be provided.
8. A Board member requested an update on the Tree Guardian Network campaign for 2020 and whether watering bags will be distributed (and how this compares with prior years).
9. A Board member requested an update on the February 2016 motion directing staff to identify opportunities to recognize the contributions of Dal Richards.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 8:02 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley  
General Manager

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Commissioner Camil Dumont  
Chair