



PARK BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 20, 2020

A Regular Park Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, January 20, 2020, at 6:44 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 – December 9, 2019

MOVED by Commissioner Demers
SECONDED by Commissioner Irwin

THAT the Park Board Committee minutes of the December 9, 2019 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNICATIONS

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

STAFF REPORTS

1. Electric Vehicle Charging Stations – New Park Board Sites

Ian Stewart, Manager of Park Development, Park Board, introduced:

- Darren Miller, Landscape Designer, Park Board
- Ian Neville, Climate Policy Analyst, Sustainability Group, City of Vancouver.

Mr. Stewart led the review of a presentation on the proposed installation of electric vehicle (EV) charging stations at various community centres and parks and highlighted:

- Proposal to install a minimum of two EV charging stations at seven Park Board sites
- Locations of current EV charging stations.

Mr. Stewart, along with Mr. Neville, responded to questions from the Committee. There was discussion on: the status of the previously approved installation of the EV charging station at Dunbar Community Centre; installation of on-street EV charging stations; revenue and expenses from the EV charging stations installed at Park Board sites will be allocated to the City.

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Demers

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the installation of electric vehicle charging stations in Queen Elizabeth Park and at Champlain Heights, Douglas Park, Kensington, Kitsilano, Renfrew, and Roundhouse Community Centres, subject to the satisfaction of the Park Board General Manager.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Queen Elizabeth Park Master Plan – Project Approach

Doug Shearer, Acting Manager of Planning, Policy and Environment, Park Board, and Leila Todd, Planner II, Park Board, jointly led the review of a presentation on the proposed approach to the development of the Queen Elizabeth Park Master Plan and highlighted:

- Background
- Rationale for developing a comprehensive master plan at this time
- Proposed key themes of the Queen Elizabeth Park Master Plan:
 - Culture
 - Nature
 - Connectivity
 - Service needs
- Preliminary project schedule
- Procurement process.

Mr. Shearer and Ms. Todd, along with Dave Hutch, Acting Director of Planning and Park Development, Park Board, responded to questions from the Committee. There was discussion on: the importance of including horticultural expertise on the consultant team and of engaging with TransLink regarding the provision of public transit to Queen Elizabeth Park; application of water management strategies; the need to engage the diverse groups that utilize Queen Elizabeth Park in the consultation process; suggestion to translate the notice of public engagement opportunities to as many languages as possible; the importance of access to natural areas in the urban environment; the need to consider construction of a playground to serve the projected population; suggestion to consider reducing the amount of impermeable surfaces and to reduce the roadways within the park; and the need to respect and retain the history of the park.

Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Demers
SECONDED by Commissioner Irwin

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the scope of work and key themes of “Culture”, “Nature”, “Connectivity” and “Service Needs”, to inform the development of a Master Plan for Queen Elizabeth Park.

Amendment to the Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Demers
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

THAT the Committee recommendation be amended to:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the scope of work and key themes of “Nature”, “Culture”, “Horticulture”, “Connectivity” and “Service Needs” to inform the development of a Master Plan for Queen Elizabeth Park.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Question on the Main Motion, as Amended

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the scope of work and key themes of “Nature”, “Culture”, “Horticulture”, “Connectivity” and “Service Needs” to inform the development of a Master Plan for Queen Elizabeth Park.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 7:38 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley
General Manager

Commissioner Gwen Giesbrecht
Chair