



## **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

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Commissioner Gwen Giesbrecht  
Chair



## 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

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### 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