



## REGULAR BOARD MEETING MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 10, 2020

The Regular Park Board meeting was held on Monday, February 10, 2020, at 8:17 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

**ABSENT:** 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 Coupar  
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

## **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

### **1. Regular Board Meeting – January 20, 2020**

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar  
SECONDED by Commissioner Irwin

THAT the Park Board minutes of the January 20, 2020 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chair Dumont highlighted the participation of Park Board Commissioners at official Park Board events since the January 20, 2020 Board meeting:

- Jan 24: Canadian Gay Curling Championship – Commissioner Demers welcomed athletes at the opening ceremonies held at the Hillcrest Community Centre.
- Jan 31: Stanley Park Intergovernmental Working Group Update – elected officials from the Park Board and Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations received an update on the Stanley Park Comprehensive Plan and were presented with the Nations' three flags that will be raised on the recently replaced flag poles at Brockton Point.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

The Board was advised that three emails in support for the Motion on Notice titled "Free Menstrual Products in Park Board Facilities" had been received by the General Manager's Office. Copies of the emails have been forwarded to Commissioners.

The Board was also advised that Commissioners received a memorandum from the Board Chair regarding his assumption of duties as Commissioner Liaison to the Community Centre Association Presidents Group and reappointing Commissioner Mackinnon as the Commissioner Liaison to the Vancouver Public Library Board.

## **COMMITTEE REPORT**

### **1. Report of the Park Board Committee – February 10, 2020**

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

1. REPORT: Brewers Park Renewal – Construction Contract
2. REPORT: VanPlay Implementation – One Water Initiatives.

MOVED by Commissioner Giesbrecht  
SECONDED by Commissioner Irwin

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Park Board Committee at its meeting of February 10, 2020, as contained in items 1 and 2.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **1. 2019 Special Event Report Back**

Octavio Silva, Manager of Business Development, Park Board, introduced Jenny Jung, Supervisor of Special Events and Filming, Park Board.

Mr. Silva led the review of a presentation on the six new and modified special events that occurred in 2019 and highlighted:

- Bacio Rosso Gourmet Cabaret Cirque from November 1, 2018 to March 15, 2019 in the Queen Elizabeth Park south parking lot
- Westward Music Festival on September 13 and 14, 2019 in Yaletown Park
- Volleyball BC Vancouver Open on July 12 to 14, 2019 at Kitsilano Beach Park
- Dîner en Blanc on August 8, 2019 at George Wainborn Park
- Vancouver Mural Festival Celebration Concert on August 8, 2019
- Bike the Night on September 7, 2019 that started and finished at the Sunset Beach Park and parking lot.

Mr. Silva responded to questions from the Board.

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

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

- Twelve Park Board employees were recognized at the 25 Years of Service Award Ceremony on February 5, 2020 at VanDusen Botanical Gardens:
- A six-part Storytelling and Poetry Writing Workshop with Jaye Simpson, a collaboration between the Park Board's Arts, Culture and Engagement and TGD2S teams and the Queer Arts Festival, will run from January 30 to April 2, 2020
- Park Planning staff hosted a day of learning about Indigenous programming in parks to explore the concept of reciprocity with over 100 staff in attendance
- Items of interest to the Park Board to be considered at the February 11, 2020 Regular Council Meeting:
  - Recommendation that mobile sewage pump out services in False Creek be provided for the 2020 to 2024 boating seasons
  - Action plan recommending that the City and Park Board continue to work at improving water quality in aquatic environments, with longer term strategies addressing aquatic health to be developed as part of the Vancouver Plan
  - Motion titled "Including Pedestrians in Vancouver's Snow Protocol and Response"
- Board briefing memos and emails issued from January 21 to February 10, 2020.

## MOTIONS ON NOTICE

### 1. Free Menstrual Products at Park Board Facilities

Commissioner Giesbrecht introduced the motion and commented on the opportunity to align the Washroom Strategy and the policy of providing free menstrual products in all British Columbia public schools.

MOVED by Commissioner Giesbrecht  
SECONDED by Commissioner Irwin

#### WHEREAS:

1. Menstrual products are essential to the health of those who use them; research shows that lack of access to these products (due to situational, financial or other barriers) can negatively impact participation in activities and well-being;
2. The United Way of the Lower Mainland has launched the [Period Promise](#) campaign to “reduce the isolation created by period poverty”, recognizing that menstrual products are a basic necessity;
3. Some jurisdictions have introduced pilot projects to provide cost free dispensers; in British Columbia, free menstrual products will be made available in all public schools;
4. The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation, through the [Economic Access Policy](#) ensures Vancouver residents have access to basic Park Board programs and services, regardless of their ability to pay;
5. The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation is responsible for the operation of the majority of the city’s public washrooms and has an opportunity to show leadership by providing menstrual products free of charge in Park Board managed public and staff washrooms, which supports the [Strategic Bold Moves](#) of Equity and Asset Needs, as outlined in [VanPlay - Vancouver’s Parks and Recreation Services Master Plan](#).

#### 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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **ENQUIRIES**

1. A Board member enquired if a donor recognition policy or program is being developed for donations to the Park Board, and if so, the proposed project timeline.
2. On behalf of a Community Centre Association, a Board member requested information about the ownership of public art once it is installed.
3. A Board member enquired about the process for requesting interim improvements to the Kitsilano Beach bike path, particularly at Yew and Cornwall Streets.
4. A Board member enquired when the advisory committee for CRAB Park improvements would be established.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 8:46 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley  
General Manager

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Commissioner Camil Dumont  
Chair