



## PARK BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 10, 2020

A Regular Park Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, February 10, 2020, at 6:40 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

**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.

### ADOPTION OF MINUTES

#### 1. Park Board Committee Meeting – January 20, 2020

MOVED by Commissioner Barker  
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### STAFF REPORTS

#### 1. REPORT: Brewers Park Renewal – Construction Contract

Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, reported that the City's Legal Department reviewed the previous disqualification of the lowest priced bid and has allowed the bid to stand. The recommendation in the presentation has been updated from the previously distributed report to recommend the construction contract be awarded to Shangri-La Landscaping.

Ian Stewart, Manager of Park Development, Park Board, and Alexandre Man-Bourdon, Landscape Architect, Park Board, jointly led the review of a presentation on the

recommendation to award the construction contract for the Brewers Park renewal and highlighted:

- Context of the Brewers Park
- Brewers Park renewal plan
- Procurement process details
- Summary of tenders received
- Key dates.

Mr. Man-Bourdan responded to questions from the Committee. There was discussion on: Park Board experience with the recommended proponent; the current condition and accessibility improvements to the Brewers Park washrooms; the need to address the illegal dumping that occurs in Brewers Park; and involvement of the Cedar Cottage Neighbourhood House in the community garden.

MOVED by Commissioner Dumont  
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 Shangri-La Landscaping, for the construction of the Brewers Park renewal for a term of one (1) year with an estimated contract value of \$1,893,510.00 plus applicable taxes over the initial one-year term, to be funded through the capital budget;
- B. FURTHER THAT the Chief Purchasing Official and Park Board General Manager be authorized to execute on behalf of the Park Board the contract contemplated by Recommendation A; and
- C. THAT no legal rights or obligations will be created by Park 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

## **2. REPORT: VanPlay Implementation – One Water Initiatives**

Dave Hutch, Acting Director of Planning and Park Development, Park Board, noted the opportunity to leverage the implementation of VanPlay with the City's One Water initiative.

Doug Shearer, Acting Manager, Park Planning and Environment, Park Board, introduced:

- Jordan McAuley, Planner II, Park Board
- Melina Scholefield, Branch Manager, Rain City Strategy/Green Infrastructure Implementation, City of Vancouver
- Chad Townsend, Senior Environment and Sustainability Planner, Park Board
- Donnie Wong, Branch Manager, Integrated Water Management/One Water Strategy, City of Vancouver
- Jimmy Zammer, Director, Integrated Strategy and Utilities Planning.

Messrs. Townsend and Zammer jointly led the review of a presentation on rainwater catchment opportunities in parks and highlighted:

- VanPlay guiding principles and initiatives to protect freshwater resources
- The City’s One Water Approach
- Issues to be addressed:
  - Impacts of climate change
  - Impact of combined sewer overflows (CSOs) on water quality
  - Growing and aging sewer and drainage infrastructure
  - Impact of polluted urban rainwater runoff on water quality
- Request that the Park Board adopt the park aspects of the Rain City Strategy
- Alignment of the Rain City Strategy’s Parks and Beaches Action Plan with VanPlay
- Examples of blue-green systems infrastructure in/as parks
- Rainwater/Parks integration opportunities.

Messrs. Townsend and Zammer, along with Mr. Shearer and Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, responded to questions from the Committee. There was discussion on: the concern that the Rainwater/Parks integration opportunities will result in the water feature in Charleson Park being turned off; suggestion to provide a source of non-potable water for the Charleson Park water feature; the City is developing a plan to separate the combined sewers; opportunities to capture leaf and plastic litter before it enters the water system; goal of capturing 90% of all rainwater that falls on every site could be exceeded in parks; current mechanisms to manage rainwater from impervious surfaces; the need to aggressively manage rainwater from buildings and sites; the need to ensure the Park Board’s interests are represented in the collaboration with the Engineering Department; and actions required to deliver the Rain City Strategy on a city-wide scale.

MOVED by Commissioner Dumont  
SECONDED by Commissioner Irwin

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board support the implementation of VanPlay goals related to connectivity, biodiversity, and the natural flow of water in parks through collaboration with other City of Vancouver One Water initiatives, as outlined in this report;
- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board endorse the Rain City Strategy’s Parks & Beaches Action Plan, attached as Appendix A;
- C. THAT the Vancouver Park Board support staff collaboration with the City of Vancouver’s Integrated Blue-Green Systems Planning initiatives (Watersheds, Greenways, and Blueway Feasibility) as they pertain to parks and recreation; and
- D. THAT the Vancouver Park Board support the exploration of integrating rainwater management opportunities in Charleson, Columbia, and John Hendry Parks, as outlined in this report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 8:03 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley  
General Manager

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Commissioner Gwen Giesbrecht  
Chair