



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

Commissioner Gwen Giesbrecht
Chair



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

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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 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

Commissioner Camil Dumont
Chair