



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 9, 2020

The Regular Park Board meeting was held on Monday, March 9, 2020, at 9:01 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

GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE:

- Malcolm Bromley, 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 Demers
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

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 – February 24, 2020

MOVED by Commissioner Irwin

SECONDED by Commissioner Barker

THAT the Park Board minutes of the February 24, 2020 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNICATIONS

The Board was advised that, from February 25, 2020 to 3:00 p.m. on March 9, 2020, the General Manager's Office received one piece of correspondence in support of the Motion on Notice titled "2030 Winter Olympics Bid Considerations".

The correspondence has been sent directly to Commissioners.

COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Report of the Park Board Committee – March 9, 2020

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

1. REPORT: Tatlow and Volunteer Parks Creek Daylighting – Conceptual Plan
2. REPORT: Burrard Civic Marina - 2020 Fees and Charges.

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar

SECONDED by Commissioner Demers

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Park Board Committee at its meeting of March 9, 2020, as contained in items 1 and 2.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

STAFF REPORTS

1. General Manager's Report

Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, reported:

- Recreation Services has been awarded a grant of \$50,000 from Community Action Initiative, a provincially-funded, non-profit grant funding agency, to carry out the "Our Park Project" in Andy Livingstone Park:
 - The project will be undertaken in partnership with Vancouver Coastal Health and Western Aboriginal Harm Reduction Society

- Will enable staff to build on relationships with local residents and diverse users and increase belonging and safety deploying harm reduction methods and arts and recreation activation
- Items of interest to the Park Board to be considered at the upcoming Council meetings:
 - Report regarding Vancouver Community Sport Hosting Grant – Spring 2020 Intake
 - Motion titled “Rewilding Vancouver: Ecosystem Restoration Action Plan 2030”
 - Motion titled “Beyond 2010: Considerations for the City of Vancouver to Participate in a Future Olympic Winter Games Bid”
 - Motion titled “Providing Free Menstrual Products in City of Vancouver Civic Facilities”
- Board briefing memos and emails issued from February 25 to March 9, 2020.

In response to a question from the Board, Daisy Chin, Manager, Recreation Services, Park Board, confirmed that the Crosstown Elementary School community will be consulted on the “Our Park Project” in Andy Livingstone Park.

MOTIONS ON NOTICE

1. 2030 Winter Olympics Bid Considerations

Commissioner Coupar introduced the motion and commented on the benefits of the 2010 Winter Olympic Games to the Park Board. Commissioner Coupar responded to questions from the Board.

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Barker

WHEREAS:

1. In 2010, Vancouver hosted the Winter Olympic Games from February 12 to 28, and the Winter Paralympic Games from March 12 to 21;
2. The Four Host First Nations Protocol Agreement between the Lil’wat, Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations was signed on November 24, 2004. This agreement formed the Four Host Nations Secretariat;
3. 2,566 athletes participated in 86 events at the 2010 Winter Games;
4. Thirteen (13) venues hosted the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver, Whistler, Richmond, and West Vancouver, including four signature venues that were built in Vancouver—Hillcrest Centre, Creekside and Trout Lake Community Centres, and Killarney Rink, which are now managed by the Park Board;
5. Beyond sport venues, other Olympic legacies included contributions by the International Olympic Committee and senior levels of government to infrastructure projects that benefit the City of Vancouver and connect it to other municipalities in the Lower Mainland, including:
 - Vancouver Convention Centre – a state of the art facility with a green roof; operated as the main media centre during the 2010 Winter Games;

- Vancouver Olympic Village development – built to provide housing, services and amenities for competing athletes;
 - Olympic Cauldron - provided by FortisBC through a legacy investment and partnership with the Vancouver Olympic and Paralympic Organizing Committee; now a permanent landmark at Jack Poole Plaza;
 - “The Birds” public art in the Vancouver Olympic Village (Creekside); and
 - New Canada Line SkyTrain and Sea-to-Sky Highway upgrades – providing and improving essential transit links within Lower Mainland and region;
6. The City of Vancouver and region benefited from investment in the economy, including, but not limited to: \$15 million to local Vancouver businesses during the games and 2,500 new full-time positions in the region, with 100 construction jobs in the Olympic Village given to inner city residents. This was in addition to training and jobs provided by Vancouver 2010 Fabrication (FAB) Shop to indigenous people and local groups, including disadvantaged youth, single mothers, and new immigrants;
7. The City of Vancouver “Olympic Legacy Reserve Fund - Olympic Sustainability Initiative Projects Final Report 2010” stated “Vancouver’s bid developed these unique commitments in order to ensure that the inner-city communities of the Downtown Eastside, Downtown South, and Mount Pleasant would realize gains from the Olympic experience. It was agreed that resources be invested to assist in achieving the well-being of those communities and to facilitate inclusion, investment in social sustainability and sharing of the 2010 Winter Games’ benefits”;¹
8. According to a PricewaterhouseCoopers report looking at the impact prior to the games, “between 2003 and 2008, 20,780 jobs were produced in BC and another 1,750 jobs across Canada through interprovincial trade; more than 800 new business were created as a result of incremental economic growth stimulated by the Games; and the Games also generated between \$70.2 million and \$91.9 million in federal tax revenues and as much as \$1.05 billion in real GDP”;²
9. According to Statistics Canada, employment and jobs increased in February 2010, which “amounted to 8,300 positions with average weekly earnings, including overtime, of \$843.91”; and
10. Former VANOC CEO, John Furlong, has made recent comments in the media urging Vancouver to consider a bid as the host city for the 2030 Winter Olympic Games.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board request that the General Manager write to each of the Four Host First Nations of the 2010 Winter Olympic Games, which includes the Lil’wat, Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations, and request their

¹ City of Vancouver Olympic Legacy Reserve Fund. “Olympic Sustainability Initiative Projects - Final Report, August 2010”. https://vancouver.ca/files/cov/Great-beginnings-OSSFinal_Report.pdf

² International Olympic Committee, 2011. “FACTSHEET: Vancouver Facts & Figures - Updated February 2011”. <https://stillmed.olympic.org/media/Document%20Library/OlympicOrg/Games/Winter-Games/Games-Vancouver-2010-Winter-Olympic-Games/Facts-and-Figures/Facts-and-Figures-Vancouver-2010.pdf>

input on the potential for the City of Vancouver to host the 2030 Winter Olympics and for the Vancouver Park Board to host Olympic events in existing Park Board facilities; and

- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board request that staff evaluate Park Board 2010 legacy infrastructure to determine its readiness and availability should the City of Vancouver decide to submit a bid for the 2030 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games, and report back to the Board with recommendations including any funding potentially required for infrastructure renewal of existing Park Board facilities.

Motion to Defer

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon
SECONDED by Commissioner Demers

THAT the Park Board defer consideration of the Motion on Notice titled “2030 Winter Olympics Bid Considerations” until there is a decision by Commonwealth Games Canada with respect to the City of Hamilton’s bid to host the 2030 Commonwealth Games.

CARRIED

In favour: Demers, Dumont, Giesbrecht, Irwin, Mackinnon

Opposed: Barker, Coupar

2. Daylighting ‘Canyon Creek’ at Spanish Banks

Commissioner Demers introduced the motion and commented on the similarities and differences between the proposed restoration of “Canyon Creek” and the daylighting of the creek through Tatlow and Volunteer Parks considered at the March 9, 2020 Committee meeting. Commissioner Demers responded to questions from the Board.

MOVED by Commissioner Demers
SECONDED by Commissioner Irwin

WHEREAS:

1. Goal 7 of the Vancouver Parks and Recreation Services master plan (‘VanPlay’) is: “Restore Vancouver’s Wild Spaces and Vital Biodiversity”;
2. Between 1994 and 1999, Spanish Banks Creek was daylighted; in November 2000, after over 50 years without salmon, the creek saw the return of Coho salmon;
3. Another smaller creek, known to some as ‘Canyon Creek’, is located to the west of Spanish Banks Creek, more specifically between East Canyon and West Canyon;
4. ‘Canyon Creek’ is part of a watershed mostly contained within the Pacific Spirit Regional Park; this creek is currently channeled underground as it meets NW Marine Drive and then runs under ‘Spanish Banks West Parking Lot A’ before being discharged into the Burrard Inlet; and

5. Volunteers and funders have expressed interest in participating in the daylighting of 'Canyon Creek'.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to work in collaboration with First Nation(s), the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, the provincial Ministry of the Environment, Metro Vancouver, and the Spanish Banks Streamkeepers to investigate the potential restoration of so-called 'Canyon Creek', with considerations given to archeological, budgetary, and logistical implications, and report back to the Board with their findings and recommendations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Irwin reported that the Jewish community is celebrating the holiday of Purim on March 9, 2020.

The Chair announced that a Special Park Board meeting will be held on Thursday, March 19, 2020 to discuss amendments to the Parks Control By-Law regarding temporary shelter in parks.

The Chair proposed that the Regular Board meeting, scheduled to follow the Committee meeting on Monday, March 30, 2020, be rescheduled to 6:30 pm on Tuesday, March 31, 2020 to accommodate the agenda.

MOVED by Commissioner Irwin
SECONDED by Commissioner Dumont

THAT the Board reschedules the March 30, 2020 Board meeting to 6:30 pm on Tuesday, March 31, 2020.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Commissioner Coupar requested that a leave of absence be granted from the March 30 and 31, 2020 meetings.

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Dumont

THAT the Board grants a leave of absence to Commissioner Coupar for the March 30 and 31, 2020 meetings.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Commissioner Mackinnon acknowledged the Director of Parks' retirement announcement.

ENQUIRIES

1. A Board member asked if private schools in the Connaught Park area compensate the Park Board for use of the sports field and parking lot.

2. A Board member requested usage data for the ball diamonds in Connaught Park
3. A Board member enquired whether early morning off-leash dog access (6:00 am – 8:00 am) could be offered in Connaught Park, similar to what is provided by the Vancouver School Board.
4. A Board member requested an update on the number of Leisure Access Program passes currently issued.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 9:40 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley
General Manager

Commissioner Camil Dumont
Chair