



## PARK BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING MEETING MINUTES

**MARCH 9, 2020**

A Regular Park Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, March 9, 2020, at 6:48 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  
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 – February 24, 2020**

MOVED by Commissioner Irwin  
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

The Committee 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 with comments on the Burrard Civic Marina 2020 Fees and Charges report and one piece of correspondence expressing opposition to the staff recommendation contained in the Tatlow and Volunteer Parks Creek Daylighting – Conceptual Plan report.

All correspondence has been sent directly to Commissioners.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **Agenda Varied**

MOVED by Commissioner Irwin  
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

THAT the agenda be varied to consider Item 3 prior to Item 2.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **1. CHEQUE PRESENTATION: Stanley Park Bright Nights Firefighters Burn Fund**

Chair Giesbrecht introduced:

- Joan Probert, Supervisor of Park Experiences, Park Board
- Sheila Kern, Executive Director, Firefighters Burn Fund.

Mses. Probert and Kern jointly led the review of a presentation to provide information on the Stanley Park Bright Nights Firefighters Burn Fund (Burn Fund) and highlighted:

- 2019 marked 22 years of partnership between the Burn Fund and Park Board
- Bright Nights 2019 ran from November 28, 2019 to January 1, 2020
- 103,110 attendees rode the train and thousands more attended to view the lights
- Countless staff hours are devoted to setting up and running the event
- The Park Board has donated more than \$1.4 million to the Burn Fund over the 22-year partnership, which has been leveraged to \$3.5 million
- The support provided to burn victims by the Burn Fund.

The Park Board presented a cheque in the amount of \$138,759 to the Burn Fund.

### **3. REPORT: Burrard Civic Marina 2020 Fees and Charges**

The Chair introduced:

- Steve Jackson, Director of Financial Planning and Analysis, Park Board
- Sev Araujo, Manager Commercial Operations, Park Board.

Mr. Araujo led the review of a presentation on proposed increases to Burrard Civic Marina (BCM) rates and highlighted:

- Details of the lease from the Province to the City of Vancouver
- Number of patrons, amenities and services provided
- Capital and maintenance improvements to the marina floats, hydro and electrical systems were completed in 2019, at a cost of over \$3.5 million
- Market rate review:
  - A working group was established, with representation from marina members and the Burrard Civic Marina Association, to set parameters for the review
  - Scope of the assessment
  - The appraisal was distributed to all BCM members in January 2020
  - Appraisal findings

- Proposed rates, effective April 1, 2020
- Proposed rate policy.

Mr. Araujo responded to questions from the Committee. There was discussion on: dissemination of the appraisal assessment report to BCM members; feedback from non-profit organizations regarding the proposed rental rate increases for the boat and rowing pens; confirmation that the most recent increase was 1% for the 2019 rates; there are no discounted rates provided at the BCM while discounts are provided at some other Park Board facilities; confirmation that no for-profit organizations currently utilize space at the BCM; and the BCM and Heather Marinas will be reviewed in 2020 to identify further capital investments.

The Committee heard from four speakers who provided comments on: the need for renewal of the BCM, including electrical upgrades; suggestion that a 10% seniors' discount be reinstated, similar to other Park Board programs; options for capital funding sources; concern regarding the independence of the appraiser; disagreement with the appraiser's conclusion that the False Creek Harbour Authority is an inferior facility; comparison of the BCM and False Creek Harbour Authority rates; the need for clarification with respect to the details of the staff recommendation; restrictions on the use of amenities and parking spaces by boat and rowing pen renters; and the request for upgrades to the shower facilities. The speakers responded to questions from the Committee.

### **Main Motion**

MOVED by Commissioner Demers  
SECONDED by Commissioner Dumont

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the Burrard Civic Marina rates for the new one (1) year licence term effective April 1, 2020, as outlined in this report and attached as Appendix A; and
- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve policy for establishing fees at Burrard Civic Marina whereby, as part of the annual Fees & Charges review process, rates are adjusted as required to ensure the recoverability of any changes to operating costs, using the annual Consumer Price Index (CPI) as a benchmark indicator, and that every five (5) years a third party review be undertaken to ensure rates remain in line with comparable market conditions.

### **Amendment to the Main Motion**

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar  
SECONDED by Commissioner Barker

THAT the motion be amended by adding Item C:

- C. THAT paddling and rowing user groups are involved in the review of the rates prior to any fee changes being applied to those users.

### **Amendment to the Amendment**

MOVED by Commissioner Barker  
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

THAT Item C be amended to read:

- C. THAT paddling and rowing user groups are involved in the review of the rates and usage of facilities prior to any fee changes being applied to those users.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **Question on the Amendment, as Amended**

THAT the motion be amended by adding Item C:

- C. THAT paddling and rowing user groups are involved in the review of the rates and usage of facilities prior to any fee changes being applied to those users.

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### **Question on the Main Motion, as Amended**

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- C. THAT paddling and rowing user groups are involved in the review of the rates and usage of facilities prior to any fee changes being applied to those users.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **Agenda Varied**

The order of the agenda was resumed.

## **2. REPORT: Tatlow and Volunteer Parks Creek Daylighting – Conceptual Plan**

Ian Stuart, Manager of Park Development, Park Board, introduced Lehran Hache, Senior Landscape Architect, Park Development, Park Board.

Mr. Stuart and Ms. Hache jointly led the review of a presentation on proposed improvements planned for Tatlow and Volunteer parks and highlighted:

- Benefits of the proposed project to daylight the creek through Tatlow and Volunteer Parks

- Historic creek catchment
- The creek flows through the traditional territories of the Musqueam and Squamish peoples
- Public engagement process and findings
- First Nations consultation process
- Commitment to conduct an Archaeological Impact Assessment
- Creek design
- Next steps.

Ms. Hache, along with Dave Hutch, Acting Director of Planning and Park Development, Park Board and Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Park Board, responded to questions from the Committee. There was discussion on: the unlikelihood that the creek will be fish-bearing due to steep grades and seasonal flows; potential to daylight a creek in east Vancouver; private sector funding contribution to the project budget; whether the high seasonal water flows could pose a danger; the creek water will not be potable or suitable for bathing; potential to increase the water flow as the stormwater catchment area is expanded; the existing channel through Tatlow Park is the original ravine; and the potential for reintroduction of frogs is dependent upon the water quality.

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon  
SECONDED by Commissioner Dumont

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the proposed Conceptual Plan of Creek Daylighting through Tatlow and Volunteer parks, as outlined in this report, and shown in Appendix A

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 8:46 pm.

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Malcolm Bromley  
General Manager

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Commissioner Gwen Giesbrecht  
Chair