



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 22, 2020

The Regular Park Board meeting was held on Monday, June 22, 2020, at 7:02 pm, at the Park Board Office and via videoconference.

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:

- Shauna Wilton, Acting 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 Mackinnon

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:

- (c) labour relations or other employee relations;
- (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 – June 8, 2020

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon

SECONDED by Commissioner Giesbrecht

THAT the Park Board minutes of the June 8, 2020 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

STAFF REPORTS

1. COVID-19 Pandemic – Parks and Recreation Reopening and Recovery Update

Sarah Iacoe, Manager of Special Projects, Park Board, and Dave Hutch, Director of Planning and Park Development, Park Board, jointly provided an update on the reopening and recovery strategy and highlighted:

- Park Board approach to reopening and recovery
- Updated reopening and recovery roadmap that aligns with the BC Restart Plan
- Safety protocols for reopening services:
 - Sports field permits
 - Swimming beaches
 - Outdoor pools
 - Spray parks
- Reopening services under review:
 - Day camps
 - Concessions
 - Bloedel Conservatory
 - Community centres
- Stanley Park Road reallocation:
 - Traffic management features were installed over the weekend and Stanley Park was reopened to private vehicles at 1:00 pm on June 22, 2020 using a “laned” approach
 - The Temporary Traffic Management Plan will be in effect for the summer 2020
 - Approximately 68% of the parking spaces have been retained within Stanley Park
 - Parking spaces to the right of the cycling lane will be closed to avoid conflicts between vehicular and bicycle traffic
 - The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure supports the closures of access to Stanley Park from the Lions Gate Bridge causeway
 - The cones are moveable to enable emergency vehicle access
 - Ongoing discussions with stakeholders and public engagement will be undertaken during the summer
 - The Temporary Traffic Management Plan will be monitored and adapted, as required, to comply with health guidelines
- Next steps.

Ms. Iacoe and Mr. Hutch, along with Daisy Chin, Director of Recreation, Park Board, responded to questions from the Board. There was discussion on:

- The reopening of childcare spaces in community centres before the full community centre is reopened is being investigated
- Suggestion that golf courses be opened to walkers one day per week
- A number of spaces will be designated for Leisure Access Pass (LAP) holders for each swim session
- Request that washrooms in community centres near spray parks and playgrounds be reopened to allow for hand washing
- Whether the parking spaces can be open in the west side of Stanley Park to support the businesses
- Suggestion that safety signage for cyclists be improved at Prospect Point and Third Beach
- An update on the reactivation of fountains and water features will be provided at the July 6, 2020 Regular Board meeting:
 - Suggestion that reactivation of the water feature at Trout Lake be given priority to keep the water clean for swimmers
- Suggestion that lane swimming be opened at the Vancouver Aquatic Centre as soon as possible to allow swimmers to restart their training
- The return to competitive play in sports fields will be part of the next phase or reopening
- Request that the washroom at the False Creek Community Centre be opened before the community centre is reopened
- Request that the public engagement on the Stanley Park Road reallocation include the members of the public who have already contacted the Park Board
- The need to clarify the misconception that Lord Stanley had the authority to gift Stanley Park to the citizens of Vancouver.

Meeting Recessed

The meeting recessed at 7:52 pm and reconvened at 8:03 pm.

2. General Manager's Report

Shauna Wilton, Acting General Manager, Park Board, reported:

- Installation of the Home + Away public art in Hastings Park is expected to be complete by November 2020
- Bloedel Conservatory will be lit green on June 30, 2020 in support of the Going Green for Parkies event to thank park workers globally for their essential frontline work to keep parks green, clean and safe
- Upcoming Council meeting items of interest to the Park Board include:
 - Presentation on Vancouver Plan Update – Focus on Recovery and Long-term Community Resilience
 - Member Motion on Reconsideration of Council Decision of Designating Public Space for Responsible Consumption of Alcohol
 - Member Motion on Developing an #AllOnBoard and #RaiseAReader Pilot
- Board briefing memos and emails issued from June 9 to 22, 2020.

Commissioners noted that the Park Board had previously endorsed the work of the #AllOnBoard campaign and enquired about how that endorsement related to the new motion going to Council. Ms. Wilton offered to provide additional information.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Irwin wished all a belated happy National Indigenous Peoples Day.

ENQUIRIES

1. A Board member requested a detailed breakdown of parking in Stanley Park.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 8:09 pm.

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Shauna Wilton
Acting General Manager

Commissioner Camil Dumont
Chair