



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MEETING MINUTES

JULY 27, 2020

The Regular Park Board meeting was held on Monday, July 27, 2020, at 8:57 pm, via videoconference and 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:

- Shauna Wilton, Acting General Manager
- Steve Jackson, Acting 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. 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 Irwin
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:

- (c) labour relations or other employee relations;
- (g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the City or Park Board;
- (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 – July 6, 2020 and Special Board Meeting – July 13, 2020, reconvened July 14, 2020**

MOVED by Commissioner Giesbrecht
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

THAT the Park Board minutes of the July 6, 2020 Regular Board and July 13, 2020, reconvened July 14, 2020, Special Board meetings be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNICATIONS

The Board was advised that from July 6, 2020 to 3:00 pm on July 27, 2020, the General Manager’s Office received:

Topic	Oppose	Neutral	Support
E-Mail campaign – Enactment of Parks Control By-law Update to allow temporary shelters in parks	101		
Daily displacement of temporary shelters	1		
COVID-19 Reopening and Recovery Update – Reopening Vancouver ice rinks			42

All correspondence has been sent directly to Commissioners.

COMMITTEE REPORT

1. **Report of the Park Board Committee – July 23, 2020**

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

1. REPORT: Beaver Lake Enhancement Plan – Phase 1 Construction Contract
2. REPORT: Liquor Consumption in Parks By-law and Pilot – Report Back.

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Irwin

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Park Board Committee at its meeting of July 27, 2020, as contained in items 1 and 2.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

STAFF REPORTS

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

Sarah Iacoe, Manager of Special Projects, Park Board, provided an update on the COVID-19 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
- Community centres reopening approach:
 - 24 unique facilities operate in conjunction with partners and involve a large number of stakeholders
 - Significant financial, operational and environmental constraints exist
 - Compliance with British Columbia Recreation and Parks Association (BCRPA) Community Centre Reopening Guidelines
- Community Centre Association (CCA) and third-party operated childcare programs in 20 community centres will restart commencing on September 1, 2020
- CCA programming under review:
 - Partial reopening of community centre in order to enable the CCA to provide essential programs to vulnerable communities in the fall 2020
 - Arenas
 - Fitness centres
 - Indoor pools
- Next steps.

Ms. Iacoe, along with Shauna Wilton, Acting General Manager, Park Board, and Dave Hutch, Director, Director of Planning and Park Development, Park Board, responded to questions from the Board. There was discussion on:

- Suggestion to commence a media campaign to educate the public about the operational and financial constraints associated with reopening the remaining Park Board facilities and programming
- Suggestion to consider reallocating a portion of the section of the Kitsilano Beach Park parking lot at Cornwall Avenue and Arbutus Street to bicycle traffic in order to address safety concerns
- Anticipated operational changes to seniors programming
- Suggestion to facilitate seniors' gatherings in outdoor spaces to reduce isolation.

2. General Manager's Report

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

- Beaconsfield Park playground renewal:
 - An invitation to tender (ITT) was posted on BC Bid July 22, 2020
 - Construction is expected to commence in September 2020 with completion expected in December 2020
 - The playground will feature new swings, spinners, slides, trampolines, a climbing net and a wooden play hut
- Montgomery Park project:
 - An ITT was posted on BC Bid July 20, 2020
 - The upgrades include installation of new irrigation and drainage systems; and replacing baseball diamonds and backstops
 - The new field will feature four baseball diamonds and can accommodate a variety of sports like soccer, rugby and ultimate
 - Construction is targeted to begin in fall 2020 and completion is expected in August 2021
- New point-of-sale solution was launched in early June 2020 at nine Park Board concessions
- One year anniversary celebration of the opening of the Stanley Park Restaurant and Brewpub from July 29 to August 2, 2020
- Board briefing memos issued from June 22 to July 27, 2020.

Ms. Wilton responded to questions from the Board. There was a request for information on future plans to add new field hockey pitches.

BY-LAWS

1. Parks Control By-law – Temporary Shelters in Parks

First Reading

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon
SECONDED by Commissioner Demers

BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the By-law to Amend the Parks Control By-law Regarding Temporary Shelters in Parks be introduced and read a first time.

CARRIED

In favour: Demers, Dumont, Giesbrecht, Mackinnon
Opposed: Barker, Coupar, Irwin

Second and Third Readings

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon
SECONDED by Commissioner Demers

BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the By-law to Amend the Parks Control By-law Regarding Temporary Shelters in Parks be read a second and third time.

CARRIED

In favour: Demers, Dumont, Giesbrecht, Mackinnon

Opposed: Barker, Coupar, Irwin

Suspension of the Rules

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon
SECONDED by Commissioner Demers

BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT that the rules be suspended to allow the Parks Control By-Law Regarding Temporary Shelters in Parks to be enacted immediately.

DEFEATED

In favour: Demers, Dumont, Giesbrecht, Mackinnon

Opposed: Barker, Coupar, Irwin

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

1. Request for Non-Park Site for the Strathcona Park Encampment

Commissioner Demers gave notice of motion on the following:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Park Board officially request the City of Vancouver and the Province of British Columbia for one or more alternative, non-park sites to temporarily host the encampment currently found in Strathcona Park until more suitable housing options can be provided.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Park Board Meeting Schedule Change – September 2020

The Chair advised that staff have recommended rescheduling the September 21, 2020 Committee and Regular Board Meetings to September 14, 2020, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and to align with Vancouver City Council meetings.

MOVED by Commissioner Demers
SECONDED by Commissioner Irwin

BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the September 21, 2020 Committee and Regular Board Meetings be rescheduled to September 14, 2020.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Suspending Daily Removal of Temporary Shelters During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Commissioner Irwin proposed the following motion be considered as urgent business:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT, during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Vancouver Park Board defer enforcement of any by-law that requires unhoused people sheltering in parks to remove their temporary shelters on a daily basis, unless alternate housing is made immediately available to them; and
- B. THAT Park Board staff continue to work with the City of Vancouver and Province of BC to explore mitigation strategies for key issues related to homeless encampments, which align with BC Centre for Disease Control guidance that clearing or moving encampments without immediately providing shelter or housing increases health and safety risks.

The Chair advised that the motion cannot be considered at this time as the amendment to the Parks Control By-law Regarding Temporary Shelters in Parks has not been enacted and therefore, is not in force. The notice of motion will be considered at the next Regular Park Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 9:53 pm.

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