



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 5, 2020

The Regular Park Board meeting was held on Monday, October 5, 2020, at 6:30 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: Donnie Rosa, 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 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 paragraph:

- (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 – September 14, 2020

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar

SECONDED by Commissioner Giesbrecht

THAT the Park Board minutes of the September 14, 2020 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNICATIONS

The Board was advised that there are no communications of note related to the Board agenda items.

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, Park Planning and Development, Park Board, provided an update on the COVID-19 reopening and recovery strategy and highlighted:

- Park Board approach to reopening and recovery
- The COVID-19 pandemic significantly impacted the Park Board:
 - Financial impacts
 - Increase use of parks, beaches and open spaces
 - Increased monitoring and communications requirements
- Guiding principles applied to reopening and recovery
- Recognition of outstanding effort by staff over the past seven months to transform the way work is performed
- Reopening highlights:
 - Park operations:
 - Outdoor recreation activities
 - Golf, Pitch & Putt and clubhouses
 - Bloedel Conservatory and VanDusen Botanical Garden
 - Recreation services:
 - Childcare, day camps and youth engagement
 - Outdoor and indoor aquatics
 - Sport field and court permits
 - Third-party programming

- Community centre (CC) programming
- Business services:
 - Special events
 - Motion picture filming
 - Expanded patios and outdoor operations
- Next steps in the reopening and recovery
- Stanley Park COVID-19 response:
 - Cyclists were allowed back on the seawall and the Temporary Traffic Management Plan was removed on September 26, 2020
 - Staff will be reporting back on the results of the public survey on the temporary changes to Park Drive and the seawall by the end of 2020.

Ms. Iacoe and Mr. Hutch, along with Darren Peterson, Manager, Recreation Services, Park Board, and Amit Ghanda, Acting Director of Parks, Park Board, responded to questions from the Board. There was discussion on:

- Recognition of staff efforts to address the COVID-19 challenges
- The experience of Community Centre Associations (CCAs) during the reopening of the CCs:
 - Gradual increase in programming and hours of operation at CCs
- Continued collection of data on the cyclists' use of the seawall and all transportation routes in Stanley Park
- Plans for the continued support for food sustainability through the use of Park Board kitchens and gardens.

2. Park Board Meeting Dates – 2021 Schedule

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar

SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the Committee and Regular Board meeting dates for 2021 as outlined below, with Committee meetings commencing at 6:30 pm and Regular Board meetings immediately following:

January 18	February 08 February 22	March 08 March 29
April 12 April 26	May 17 May 31	June 21
July 05 July 19	August BREAK	September 20
October 04 October 18	November 15 November 29	December 13

AND FURTHER THAT the Vancouver Park Board reserve hour prior to each scheduled public meeting for an In Camera meeting should it be required, along with every Tuesday evening following the above-noted meeting dates, commencing at 5:30 pm, should any meetings need to be reconvened or rescheduled.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. General Manager's Report

The Chair welcomed Donnie Rosa, the Park Board's new General Manager, and expressed appreciation for the efforts of Steve Jackson, Acting Deputy General Manager, during the period between the departure of the former Acting General Manager and the arrival of Ms. Rosa.

Ms. Rosa commented on her excitement at returning to the Park Board and her commitment to the Park Board's community engagement model. Ms. Rosa thanked Shauna Wilton, former Acting General Manager, Park Board, and Malcolm Bromley, former General Manager. Park Board.

Mr. Jackson reported on:

- Development of a survey to seek feedback in response to a number of recent public enquiries regarding the proposed Riley Park Pavilion, which was identified in the Riley Hillcrest Master Plan
- Update on the playground renewals at Ash Park and Winona Park, which are expected to be completed in April 2021
- Items of interest to the Park Board to be considered at Council meetings during the week of October 5, 2020:
 - Report on Vancouver Plan Phase 1 Report: Public Engagement Summary, Provisional Goals and Update on COVID-19 Community Recovery Actions
 - Report on Extension to the Temporary Patio Program through COVID-19 Recovery
 - Report on Funding Application to Investing in Canada Infrastructure (Community, Culture and Recreation Infrastructure) Program for the Sunset Seniors Centre Project
 - Report on Contract Award for RFP PS20200058 - Consulting Services for West End Waterfront Parks and Beach Avenue Master Plan
 - Memorandum on Response to Council Motion: Emergency COVID-19 Relief for Unsheltered Vancouver Residents
- Board briefing memos and emails issued from September 14 to October 5, 2020.

Mr. Jackson, along with Dave Hutch, Director of Park Planning, Park Board, responded to questions from the Board. There was discussion on:

- Park Board's participation in the public engagement to inform the development of the Vancouver Plan
- Request that staff engage with Metro Vancouver regarding the relocation of the Air Force Memorial to Queen Elizabeth Park:
 - The preferred design is being developed with representatives of the Air Force Memorial group.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Barker expressed appreciation to the citizens for their patience and support for staff through the reopening of services and facilities following COVID-19 closures.

Commissioner Irwin wished the Jewish Community Chag Sameach Sukkot and all a happy Thanksgiving.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 7:33 pm.

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Donnie Rosa
General Manager

Commissioner Camil Dumont
Chair