



PARK BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 19, 2020

A Regular Park Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, October 19, 2020, at 6:38 pm, via videoconference and 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:** 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.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Park Board Committee Meeting – September 14, 2020

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon
SECONDED by Commissioner Demers

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNICATIONS

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

STAFF REPORTS

1. **REPORT: VanPlay – Parks and Recreation Services Master Plan: Framework and Implementation Update**

Dave Hutch, Director of Director, Planning and Park Development, Park Board, and Katherine Howard, Planner II, Park Board, introduced the proposed VanPlay Framework and provided the first annual implementation update on VanPlay and highlighted:

- Development of relationships with the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations as rights holders
- The four VanPlay reports approved by the Board
- VanPlay Framework streamlines the alignment of decisions with VanPlay policies, tools and implementation priorities and contains:
 - Mission
 - Vision
 - Purpose statement
 - Ten goals to shape the next 25 years
 - Three directions and corresponding bold moves and approaches for action to implement the goals and bold moves:
 - Delivery services equitably
 - Welcome everyone
 - Weave the City together
 - Diagnostic tests to assess if a proposed project or work aligns with the Framework:
 - Decolonization interrogation questions
 - VanPlay test
- 2020 implementation update:
 - VanPlay tools and approaches have proven useful and effective in the Park Board’s response to COVID-19
 - Actions and projects to advance progress on the three VanPlay directions in the past year:
 - Progress on asset targets
 - Progress on connectivity vision.

Ms. Howard and Mr. Hutch responded to questions from the Committee. There was discussion on:

- Concern with the omission of public gardens and horticulture in the VanPlay annual implementation update
- Suggested amendments to the VanPlay Framework:
 - Addition of climate change to the “weave the City together” direction

- Addition of actions to address systemic racism
- Expansion of the provision of services and outdoor facilities for seniors.

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon
SECONDED by Commissioner Demers

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the “VanPlay Framework”, as outlined in this report and as attached as Appendix A, as a guide for referencing and implementing the master plan; and
- B. THAT the Board receive for information the October 2020 annual update on the implementation of VanPlay, as outlined in this report.

CARRIED

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

Opposed: Barker, Coupar

The Committee adjourned at 7:57 pm.

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Donnie Rosa
General Manager

Commissioner Gwen Giesbrecht
Chair