



PARK BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 2, 2020

A Regular Park Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, November 2, 2020, at 6:32 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
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 – October 19, 2020

MOVED by Commissioner Irwin
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

THAT the Park Board Committee minutes of the October 19, 2020 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Coupar indicated that the Commissioners are disappointed that they will be unable to attend Remembrance Day ceremonies in person this year. Commissioner Coupar expressed appreciation for all members of the armed forces who have served and are still serving.

Commissioner Irwin wished the South Asian community a good Diwali on November 14, 2020.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

STAFF REPORTS

1. REPORT: Parks Washroom Strategy

Doug Shearer, Manager of Planning, Policy and Environment, Park Board, and Leila Todd, Planner II, Park Board, led the review of a presentation on the proposed Parks Washroom Strategy and highlighted:

- The rationale for the development of a washroom strategy
- Policies and previous decisions informing the washroom strategy
- Locations of existing public washrooms in the City
- Key findings that framed research and stakeholder engagement:
 - Lack of accessibility
 - Lack of inclusivity
 - End of service life
 - Sustainability
 - Increased social pressures
- Findings from engagement with internal working groups and external stakeholders, previous public engagement on various strategies and unsolicited feedback
- Short-term recommendations:
 - Accessibility
 - Increase staff
 - Equitable actions
 - Investigate and pilot stand-alone washrooms
 - Communications strategy
- Long-term recommendations:
 - Accessibility
 - Building renewal
 - Inclusive washrooms
 - Utilize prioritization method for renewal and building of new washrooms
 - Future actions
- Samples of stand-alone washroom designs for VanPlay park classifications
- Financial considerations:
 - Priority lists for the current Four-Year Capital Plan funding

- Service planning and delivery
- Operating budget impacts of increased service levels.

Ms. Todd and Mr. Shearer, along with Dave Hutch, Director of Planning and Park Development, Park Board, Amit Gandha, Acting Director of Parks, Park Board, and Donnie Rosa, General Manager, Park Board, responded to questions from the Committee. There was discussion on:

- Alignment of the goal of having all washrooms in good condition by 2040 with VanPlay asset targets
- Concern with the capacity of the washroom in the vicinity of the Stanley Park information booth
- Engagement with park operations staff during the development of the washroom strategy
- Recommendation of automated public toilets for street use
- Suggestion that printed maps of the washroom locations be made available
- Whether the increased washroom maintenance during the COVID-19 pandemic will be continued following the pandemic
- The objective of providing soap and hot water in all washrooms in the future
- Whether consideration has been given to advocating with the City for additional financial resources and space to host public washrooms
- The need to ensure washrooms will be adaptable to the needs of the changing demographics of the population
- Suggestion to consider the provision of a temporary washroom solution at Crab Park.

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Irwin

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the “Parks Washroom Strategy”, attached as Appendix A and as outlined in this report, which includes short and long-term recommendations to guide the planning, building, and operations of safe, clean and accessible park washrooms in Vancouver.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 7:33 pm.

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Donnie Rosa
General Manager

Commissioner Gwen Giesbrecht
Chair