



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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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 2, 2020

The Regular Park Board meeting was held on Monday, November 2, 2020, at 7:46 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
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:

- (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the Council [Board] considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the city;
- (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 – October 19, 2020

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon
SECONDED by Commissioner Barker

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNICATIONS

The Board was advised that from October 20, 2020 to 3:00 pm on November 2, 2020, the General Manager's Office received 27 expressions of opposition, and two in support, of the Motion on Notice titled "Vancouver's Transportation Hierarchy - Prioritizing Seniors and People with Disabilities".

All correspondence has been sent directly to Commissioners.

COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Report of the Park Board Committee – November 2, 2020

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

- 1. REPORT: Parks Washroom Strategy

MOVED by Commissioner Demers
SECONDED by Commissioner Irwin

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

STAFF REPORTS

1. Vancouver Plan Update

Dave Hutch, Director of Planning and Park Development, Park Board, introduced the following staff from the City of Vancouver:

- Amanda Gibbs, Community Engagement Advisor for the Vancouver Plan
- Susan Haid, Deputy Director of Planning, Long Range and Strategic Planning, Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability Department.

Mses. Haid and Gibbs led the review of a presentation reporting on outcomes of Phase 1 of the Vancouver Plan and highlighted:

- Report recommendations adopted by Council
- Key Council milestones
- Deliverables of the Vancouver Plan:
 - Integrated strategic policy framework
 - High-level structure plan
 - Public investment framework developed with partners
 - Metrics
 - Partnerships
 - Short-term COVID-19 recovery actions
- Key messages received from the engagement during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Engagement activities and events
- Engagement findings:
 - Six key challenges identified during the engagement
 - What is needed more of in the future
- Ten provisional goals for the Vancouver Plan to serve as a foundation and to guide the Vancouver Plan:
 - Advance reconciliation through decolonization
 - Create an equitable, diverse and inclusive community
 - Advance sustainability and carbon neutrality
 - Ensure safety, preparedness and resiliency
 - Provide housing choice, affordability and security for the diverse needs of Vancouver residents
 - Support a diverse and healthy economy
 - Complete, connected and culturally vibrant neighbourhoods
 - Re-establish thriving urban natural systems
 - Intentionally managed growth

- Demonstrate transparency in decision-making and actively collaborate with partners
- Engagement activities planned for Phase 2
- Key 2021 milestones
- COVID-19 Community Recovery Actions underway or imminent
- Opportunities for action while planning to advance some policy areas in the Vancouver Plan.

Mses. Haid and Gibbs, along with Dave Hutch, Director of Development and Park Planning, Park Board, responded to questions from the Board. There was discussion on:

- Suggestion to increase the focus on constructing a fully separated sewer system in order to improve water quality and advance reconciliation
- Alignment of the Vancouver Plan development with the updates to Metro Vancouver's Regional Growth Strategy and TransLink's 10-Year Transportation Strategy:
 - Collaboration with partners to ensure the Vancouver Plan is consistent with planning by other local and regional governments
- The need to secure park space in areas where rapid growth is anticipated
- The need to explore funding opportunities for the infrastructure investments required to support population growth
- Suggestion that a workshop be held with Commissioners during Phase 2 of the Vancouver Plan.

2. 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
- Reopening and recovery roadmap that aligns with the BC Restart Plan
- Current state of reopening and recovery given the growing cases of COVID-19 in BC and the Provincial Health Officer's requirements to limit the spread of the virus
- Overview of reopened services and the safety measures implemented:
 - Indoor pools
 - Fitness centres
 - Arenas
 - Community centre programming
 - Arts, culture and engagement activities
 - Youth services, access and inclusion program activities
- Flexipass reinstatement
- A modified Festival of Lights at VanDusen Gardens will run from November 27, 2020 to January 3, 2021
- Next steps in the reopening and recovery.

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

- Suggestion to partner with the Vancouver School Board to provide swim lessons to class cohorts
- The need to support pool staff in managing distancing requirements by pool patrons.

3. General Manager's Report

Donnie Rosa, General Manager, Park Board, reported on:

- Langara Clubhouse's launch of the second phase of the City's Non-Market Housing (NMH)/Single Resident Occupancy (SRO) COVID-19 Frozen Meal Program
- Update of the Local Food Action Plan that will guide the prioritization and allocation of Park Board's food assets, services, funding, and community connections for a five-year term (2021–2025)
- Development of a new half-block (0.23 acres) park at the intersection of Main Street and 7th Avenue in Mount Pleasant
- Items of interest to the Park Board to be considered at the November 3, 2020 Council meetings:
 - Report on Climate Emergency Action Plan which provides the road map to achieve the four Big Move targets in ways that also bring financial, health and economic benefits to Vancouver
 - Presentation on COVID-19 Economic and Community Recovery Program Progress Update
 - Motion on Targeted COVID-19 Funding Program for Vancouver's Chinatown
- Items of interest to the Park Board to be considered at the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities November 4, 2020 meeting:
 - Presentation on the 2021 Budget – Tax Scenarios and Options
 - Report on Quarterly Capital Budget Adjustments and Closeouts
 - Motion on Beyond 2010: Consideration for the City of Vancouver to Participate in a Future Olympic Winter Games Bid
- Board briefing memos and emails issued from October 6 to November 2, 2020.

MOTIONS ON NOTICE

1. Vancouver's Transportation Hierarchy - Prioritizing Seniors and People with Disabilities

Commissioner Barker introduced the motion and commented on the need to adequately consider compromised seniors and people with disabilities in the City's Transportation Hierarchy. Commissioner Barker responded to questions from the Board.

Extension of Meeting

MOVED by Commissioner Demers
SECONDED by Commissioner Irwin

THAT the Park Board extends the meeting beyond 10:00 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Commissioner Barker
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

WHEREAS:

1. The City of Vancouver's Transportation 2040 Plan's "Vision for Moving People" places an active lifestyle – while improving air quality – as its First Goal. Likewise, public spaces that foster walking, cycling and social interaction is the Second Goal, eliminating traffic-related fatalities and addressing personal security is the Third Goal. Enabling people of all ages and abilities to get to where they need to go in comfort and safety falls last within the Vision;
2. The City's "hierarchy of transportation modes" does not adequately take compromised seniors and people with disabilities into consideration and states that it will consider the needs and safety of each group of road users in the following order of priority: First – walking, Second – cycling, Third – transit, taxi/shared vehicles, and Fourth – private automobiles (page 13 Vancouver Transportation 2040) which are often the only viable means of transportation for compromised seniors and people with disabilities;
3. During the initial COVID-19 response in Vancouver, compromised seniors and people with disabilities were not consulted when transportation changes were made, notably with respect to access and parking issues;
4. Even though we have learned a great deal about the spread of COVID-19, the first response to facilitating corresponding changes to the city's transportation infrastructure has not been to restore the Disabled Parking spots along Beach Avenue, which currently remain behind locked gates; and
5. Seniors and People with Disabilities are two groups that have experienced the greatest harm with respect to mobility and transportation, and the isolation that follows, during the COVID-19 pandemic.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board request that Mayor and Council consider revising the City of Vancouver Transportation Hierarchy such that Compromised Seniors and People with Disabilities who face mobility and transportation challenges be placed at the topmost layer of the City's Transportation Hierarchy and be given status as an overriding level of hierarchy priority; and

- B. THAT, until the City's Transportation Hierarchy is revised, all transportation changes made during the COVID-19 Response that diminish or remove services required by Compromised Seniors and People with Disabilities be restored as per the recommendations of the City of Vancouver Seniors Advisory Committee and the City of Vancouver Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Mackinnon requested that the motion be separated into distinct propositions.

Question on Item A

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Park Board request that Mayor and Council consider revising the City of Vancouver Transportation Hierarchy such that Compromised Seniors and People with Disabilities who face mobility and transportation challenges be placed at the topmost layer of the City's Transportation Hierarchy and be given status as an overriding level of hierarchy priority.

DEFEATED

In favour: Barker, Coupar, Mackinnon

Opposed: Demers, Dumont, Giesbrecht, Irwin

Question on Item B

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, until the City's Transportation Hierarchy is revised, all transportation changes made during the COVID-19 Response that diminish or remove services required by Compromised Seniors and People with Disabilities be restored as per the recommendations of the City of Vancouver Seniors Advisory Committee and the City of Vancouver Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee.

DEFEATED

In favour: Barker, Coupar

Opposed: Demers, Dumont, Giesbrecht, Irwin, Mackinnon

OTHER BUSINESS

The Chair announced that a Special Board meeting has been scheduled at 6:00 pm on November 30, 2020 to consider the 2021 Fees and Charges, Service Plan, and Budgets. The meeting will be held via videoconference and will be live web streamed.

ENQUIRIES

1. A Board member enquired if the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority could advise what contents are being stored in the tanker trucks on the lot adjacent to CRAB Park.
2. A Board member enquired whether CRAB Park is designated as a permanent park.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 10:13 pm.

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Donnie Rosa
General Manager

Commissioner Camil Dumont
Chair