



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 23, 2020

The Regular Park Board meeting was held on Monday, November 23, 2020, at 7:19 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 Irwin
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

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:

- (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 – November 2, 2020

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Barker

THAT the Park Board minutes of the November 2, 2020 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNICATIONS

The Board was advised that the General Manager's office received four emails in relation to the VanSplash Update expressing opposition to the plans to build an outdoor pool at Mount Pleasant Park.

All emails have been forwarded to Commissioners.

COMMITTEE REPORT

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

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

1. REPORT BACK: Daylighting Canyon Creek at Spanish Banks

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 23, 2020, as contained in item 1.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DEFERRED ITEMS

1. 2030 Winter Olympics Bid Considerations

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Demers

THAT the Park Board consider the Motion on Notice titled "2030 Winter Olympics Bid Considerations", that was tabled during the March 3, 2020 Regular Board meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion to Defer

MOVED by Commissioner Dumont
SECONDED by Commissioner Irwin

THAT the Park Board defer the Motion on Notice titled “2030 Winter Olympics Bid Considerations” until a similar motion has been considered by City Council.

The motion was withdrawn by the mover with the unanimous consent of Commissioners.

Motion to Refer

MOVED by Commissioner Dumont
SECONDED by Commissioner Barker

THAT the Park Board refer the Motion on Notice titled “2030 Winter Olympics Bid Considerations” to Park Board staff to report back on the alignment of the Motion on Notice with City Council’s decision on its referred motion on the subject of the 2030 Winter Olympic bid.

DEFEATED

In favour: Barker, Coupar, Dumont

Opposed: Demers, Giesbrecht, Irwin, Mackinnon

Motion to Defer

MOVED by Commissioner Giesbrecht
SECONDED by Commissioner Irwin

THAT the Park Board defer the motion titled “2030 Winter Olympics Bid Considerations” until City Council has made a decision on its motion "Beyond 2010: Consideration for the City of Vancouver to Participate in a Future Olympic Winter Games Bid" that was referred to staff to provide a preliminary report to Council in Q1 2021.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

STAFF REPORTS

1. PRESENTATION: VanSplash Implementation Update

Doug Shearer, Manager, Planning, Policy and Environment, Park Board, introduced Leila Todd, Planner II, Park Board.

Ms. Todd led the review of a presentation providing an update on the implementation of VanSplash and highlighted:

- Background of the approved VanSplash 25-year vision
- Status of projects included in the 25-year vision and 10-year capital outlook:
 - Marpole outdoor pool
 - Britannia replacement indoor pool
 - Outdoor pool study for the Hillcrest and Mount Pleasant pools

- Kerrisdale indoor pool
- Vancouver Aquatic Centre (VAC) replacement pool
- Status of other VanSplash projects:
 - Stand-alone whirlpools
 - Revitalization of existing outdoor pools
 - Maintaining and enhancing beaches
 - Exploration of integration rainwater management opportunities in John Hendry Park
 - Wading pools and spray parks
 - Aquatics innovations
 - Reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions
- Next steps.

2. PRESENTATION: Mobility in Stanley Park – Survey Results, Data Analysis and Next Steps

Dave Hutch, Director of Planning and Park Development, Park Board, introduced Emily Dunlop, Planner III, Park Board.

Ms. Dunlop and Kim Morral, Qualitas Research, jointly led the review of a presentation on the findings of the survey on mobility in Stanley Park and highlighted:

- History of Stanley Park Drive
- The need to address the mobility in Stanley Park in the Stanley Park Comprehensive Plan
- Mobility trends during the COVID-19 pandemic
- COVID-19 pandemic response
- Survey distribution and in-person public engagement in Stanley Park to promote the survey
- Data cleaning process and methodology to validate survey results
- Survey structure
- Analysis of survey respondents
- Findings regarding closure to vehicles during the COVID-19 pandemic:
 - Opinions about future changes to Stanley Park
 - Visitation when Stanley Park was closed to vehicles
 - Experience of Stanley Park when it was closed to vehicles
 - Reasons for the experience of Stanley Park being “better” and “worse” when it was closed to vehicles
 - Reasons for not visiting Stanley Park when it was closed to vehicles
- Findings regarding the separated lanes configuration:
 - Visitation to Stanley Park when it was configured with separated lanes
 - Experience of Stanley Park with separated lanes compared to pre-COVID-19

- Reasons for the experience of Stanley Park being “better” and “worse” with separated lanes
- Experience of Stanley Park with separated lanes compared to when it was closed to vehicles
- Reasons for the experience of Stanley Park being “better” and “worse” compared to when it was closed to vehicles
- Opinions regarding current use and future changes:
 - Top reasons for visiting Stanley Park
 - What is valued most about Stanley Park
 - General sentiments about vehicle use in order to experience Stanley Park
 - General sentiments about seawall access for cyclists
- Data collection and analysis:
 - Cycling volumes when Stanley Park was closed to vehicles, with separated lanes and following removal of separated lanes
 - Cycling volumes per day in 2020 compared to 2019
 - Average vehicle volumes during the summer 2020
 - Estimated daily average vehicle volumes in 2020
 - Parking occupancy from June 22 to August 17, 2020 for Stanley Park as a whole and at individual lots
 - Average number of pedestrians per hour
 - Seawall capacity analysis
 - Comparison of all modes
- Lessons learned
- Next steps.

Mses. Dunlop and Morral and Mr. Hutch responded to questions from the Board. There was discussion on:

- Collection of additional data regarding vehicle volumes in Stanley Park prior to and following the COVID-19 pandemic
- Additional data required prior to a Board decision on mobility in Stanley Park in October 2021:
 - Normalized vehicle volume data
 - Pedestrian and cycling volumes in the interior of the Stanley Park
- Suggestion that the assumption of 2.5 passengers per vehicle appears high
- Transit ridership will be considered in the analysis of mobility in Stanley Park
- Public engagement will be undertaken to establish the goals and principles of the study
- The need to identify the number of people who did not respond to the survey as a result of isolating at home during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Investigation of mobility approaches in other parks around the world.

3. General Manager's Report

Donnie Rosa, General Manager, Park Board, reported:

- VanPlay was recognized by the American Society of Landscape Architects at the Colorado Chapter Annual Awards event held during the week of November 16, 2020
- Katherine Howard, Planner II, represented the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation at the Annual World Urban Parks Congress hosted by the Municipality of Tirana, Albania, and presented VanPlay, with a focus on the plan's approach to embedding equity in the organization's decision-making processes
- Still Creek stream keepers reported that five Chum salmon were observed in Still Creek near the Vancouver Film Studios representing the resilience of the indicator species and highlights objectives in VanPlay
- Spanish Banks stream keepers reported that they have seen a 32" Chum female in a daylighted stream in Spanish Banks Park
- Renewal project in Jones Park, which is located in the Kensington-Cedar Cottage neighbourhood
- Development of "East" Park (working name) temporary pollinator meadow to provide enhanced biodiversity as well as meeting a growing need for green space and access to nature in the False Creek community
- The Park Board's Special Events and Filming office will be issuing a permit to the Riley Park Farmers Market to extend operations from January 2021, rather than May 2021, to accommodate growing market demand and better enable physical distancing
- Park Board's Temporary Expanded Patio Program will be extended to October 31, 2021 to allow restaurant partners to continue to repurpose existing indoor seating outside, while maintaining physical distancing requirements
- In partnership with the Vancouver Park Board, Vancouver School Board, Vancouver Public Library Board, and Britannia Community Services Society, the City of Vancouver has awarded the contract for the next phase of the Britannia Renewal project
- Items of interest to the Park Board to be considered at the November 24, 2020 Council meeting and November 25, 2020 Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting:
 - Report on Contract Award for Consulting Services for Marpole-Oakridge Community Centre
 - Report on Coal Harbour School, Childcare and Affordable Housing Project
- Board briefing memos and emails issued from November 2 to 23, 2020.

Ms. Rosa, along with Dave Hutch, Director of Planning and Park Development, Park Board, responded to questions from the Board. There was discussion on: the validity of a media article indicating that decisions have been made regarding Nelson Park; and request that Ms. Howard's presentation to the Annual World Urban Parks Congress be made available to Commissioners and the public.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

1. Vancouver Aquatics Strategy and Blue Flag

Commissioner Demers gave notice of motion on the following:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to complete one Blue Flag beach application by January 13, 2021; and
- B. FURTHER THAT a beach management committee is established and meet twice yearly.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Irwin reported that he attended Aboriginal Veterans Day ceremonies and noted the importance of advancing reconciliation efforts with Indigenous peoples.

ENQUIRIES

- 1. A Board member requested a progress update on the installation of the "Stories of our Granddaughters" mural.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 9:42 pm.

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Donnie Rosa
General Manager

Commissioner Camil Dumont
Chair