



## **PARK BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING MEETING MINUTES**

**NOVEMBER 23, 2020**

A Regular Park Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, November 23, 2020, at 6:43 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 – November 2, 2020**

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon  
SECONDED by Commissioner Irwin

THAT the Park Board Committee minutes of the November 2, 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 BACK: Daylighting Canyon Creek at Spanish Banks**

Doug Shearer, Manager, Planning, Policy and Environment, Park Board, introduced Chad Townsend, Senior Environment and Sustainability Planner, Park Board.

Mr. Townsend led the review of a presentation on the potential daylighting of Canyon Creek at Spanish Banks Beach Park and highlighted:

- Alignment with existing Park Board and City strategies
- Location context
- Local considerations
- First Nations engagement
- Potential benefits.

Messrs. Shearer and Townsend responded to questions from the Committee. There was discussion on:

- The opportunity to create small and large off-leash dog areas and parking areas, separated by Canyon Creek
- Opportunities to daylight other creeks in parks
- Private and senior government funding contributions would be accepted to fund the daylighting of Canyon Creek
- The culvert under Marine Drive is adequate to handle the current flows
- Bridging options and the size and shape of the riparian area would be considered in the detailed design.

MOVED by Commissioner Demers  
SECONDED by Commissioner Irwin

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to proceed with planning and scoping work for the daylighting of Canyon Creek at Spanish Banks Beach Park, for consideration of project implementation funding in the 2023–2026 Capital Plan, with the scoping work to include:

- a. Conducting public and Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh engagement;
- b. Preparing preliminary concept plans; and
- c. Preparing preliminary implementation costing.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 7:10 pm.

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Donnie Rosa  
General Manager

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Commissioner Gwen Giesbrecht  
Chair



## 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  
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### 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

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Commissioner Camil Dumont  
Chair