



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 12, 2021

The Regular Park Board meeting was held on Monday, April 12, 2021, at 6:33 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.

Amit Gandha, Director of Parks, Park Board, noted that March 31, 2021 marked the fifth anniversary of the passing of Park Board arborist, Jody Taylor, who was fatally injured while working in Connaught Park. The Park Board has taken actions to commemorate Jody Taylor and increase urban forestry safety awareness and training.

IN CAMERA

1. In Camera Meeting

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Irwin

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:

- (c) labour relations or other employee relations;
- (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 – March 29, 2021

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon
SECONDED by Commissioner Giesbrecht

THAT the Park Board minutes of the March 29, 2021 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNICATIONS

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

STAFF REPORTS

1. Neighbourhood Matching Fund Review – 2019 and 2020 Projects

Luke Balson, Acting Manager, Recreation Services, Community Engagement, Park Board, introduced Marie Lopes, Recreation Services Coordinator, Park Board.

M. Lopes led the review of a presentation on the 2019 and 2020 Neighbourhood Matching Fund (NMF) projects and highlighted:

- Impact of COVID-19 on the 2020 NMF projects
- Organizations and projects funded in 2019
- Several NMF projects
- An adapted call for NMF projects was issued in October 2020 that follow COVID-19 guidelines
- 11 projects were approved for a funding total of \$80,000
- Appointment of two new members of the NMF Advisory Committee
- The 2021 call for projects that will follow COVID-19 guidelines will close at the end of April 2021.

M. Lopes responded to questions from the Board. There was discussion on:

- The two-year timeframe to complete NMF projects is flexible, given the COVID-19 constraints, and is monitored by Park Board staff

- Option to extend the 2021 project application deadline, if necessary
- A selection of projects is curated on the NMF webpage on the Park Board website.

2. General Manager's Report

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

- Work with Vancouver Coastal Health authority to host pop-up vaccination clinics in Creekside, Sunset and West End Community Centres from March 15 to April 9, 2021 for the 75+ age groups:
 - A larger COVID-19 vaccination clinic is operating at the Kerrisdale Seniors Centre from March 22 to August 31, 2021
- The replacement of the FortisBC gas main at Riverfront Park will occur between May and October 2021, requiring the closure of the pedestrian and cycling path linking Riverfront and Gladstone parks during construction from May to August 2021
- Board briefing memos and emails issued from March 30 to April 12, 2021.

BYLAWS

1. Park Board Procedure By-Law

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon
SECONDED by Commissioner Irwin

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

THAT the Park Board Procedure By-law, dated April 12, 2021, be enacted.

CARRIED

In favour: Demers, Dumont, Giesbrecht, Irwin, Mackinnon
Opposed: Barker, Coupar

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Coupar recognized the passing of Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, and offered condolences to her Majesty, the Queen, the Royal Family, the government of Great Britain and the Commonwealth on behalf of the Board,

Commissioner Mackinnon wished the Muslim community and the community at large Ramadan Mubarak.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 7:00 pm.

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Donnie Rosa
General Manager

Commissioner Camil Dumont
Chair