



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MEETING MINUTES

MAY 17, 2021

The Regular Park Board meeting was held on Monday, May 17, 2021, at 7:02 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 Demers
SECONDED by Commissioner Giesbrecht

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 paragraph(s):

- (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 – April 26, 2021

MOVED by Commissioner Irwin
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

THAT the Park Board minutes of the April 26, 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. General Manager's Report

Members of the Park Board Senior Leadership Team presented the General Manager's Report and highlighted:

- Activities during Vancouver Youth Week from May 1 to 8, 2021
- Update on golf operations
- Food and beverage services update
- Partnership with the Bayview Community Pre-School on a month long tree planting project at Jericho Park during March 2021
- Construction of Brewers Park renewal
- Tender issued for Templeton Park track renewal with construction targeted to commence in early summer 2021 and be completed by late fall 2021
- Activities during Vancouver Bird Celebration from May 8 to 16, 2021
- A public Request for Quote (RFQ) for consultant teams for an Outdoor Pool Study is expected to be posted by May 24, 2021
- Upcoming Council business related to or impacting parks and recreation:
 - Report titled “2021 Alcohol Consumption in Public Plazas Pilot”
 - Report titled “Quarterly Capital Budget Adjustments and Closeouts report”
- Board briefing memos and emails issued from April 27 to May 17, 2021.

The Senior Leadership Team presenters responded to questions from the Board. There was discussion on:

- Request for confirmation that participation in the City’s food security program will continue in 2021
- The ability to undertake the Mount Pleasant pool planning and Hillcrest outdoor pool expansion concurrently will be dependent upon the approval of capital plans in the next budget
- Opportunity for continued involvement of Squamish ethnobotanist Cease Wyss in Park Board initiatives
- Request for information on the timeline for the opening of the park at Smithe and Richards Streets.

NOTICE OF MEMBERS’ MOTIONS

1. Iconic Vancouver Park Water Feature Renewals

Commissioner Coupar gave notice of motion on the following:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT staff provide an inventory of all water features across our park system along with the repairs/upgrades needed to ensure they are sustainable in their water use; and
- B. FURTHER THAT this inventory include a timeline with cost estimates for any repairs and upgrades needed so that the Board is aware of the financial requirements to complete this work, either through the immediate use of operational funds for priority repairs, or so that more significant projects can be prioritized for future capital planning.

2. Maintain Transit Accessibility During COVID-19 and Beyond

Commissioner Irwin gave notice of motion on the following:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board Chair inform TransLink that the Board of Parks and Recreation recommends TransLink consult with seniors and disability groups, neighbourhood houses, community centres, women’s groups, and the unions of workers who depend on buses before cutting the number of bus stops, or any other transit related services.; and
- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board Chair inform TransLink that the Board of Parks and Recreation does not support bus fare increases.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Irwin noted that May 17, 2021 is the International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, and Transphobia, and encouraged all to continue working towards eliminating these forms of discrimination.

ENQUIRIES

1. As follow-up to a previous enquiry regarding the closure of Park Drive (Ceperley Meadows to Beach Ave), a Board member requested an update on when the Beach Avenue exit from Stanley Park would be re-opened.
2. A Board member requested the estimated of costs for the temporary bike lane in Stanley Park, including planning, stakeholder engagement, materials, implementation, and installation for all three phases.
3. A Board member asked for the estimated costs for refurbishment of the Oppenheimer Park fieldhouse, along with a project timeline that includes the start date and any work already completed.
4. A Board member requested an estimate of all costs incurred by the Park Board, City of Vancouver and Vancouver Police related to the Oppenheimer Park encampment, including fence and equipment rentals, private security, refuse and material disposal, and park remediation, from the start date of encampment until the park's full return to neighbourhood use.
5. A Board member requested an estimate of all costs incurred by the Park Board, City of Vancouver and Vancouver Police related to the Strathcona Park encampment, including fence and equipment rentals, private security, refuse and material disposal, and park remediation, from the start date of encampment until the park's full return to neighbourhood use
6. A Board member asked what steps are being taken by Park Rangers, City of Vancouver Bylaw Officers, Vancouver Police, and Provincial Health to prevent continued anti-mask gatherings at Sunset Beach in violation of COVID-19 health orders.
7. A Board member asked for an estimate of expected parking revenue loss due to the removal of parking stalls to accommodate a temporary bike lane through the lot adjacent to the tennis courts in Kits Beach Park.
8. A Board member asked for a breakdown of the overall costs to the City of Vancouver, Province of BC, and Federal Government of Canada for the justice, healthcare, and social welfare systems due to not providing housing to people. This enquiry was subsequently withdrawn by the Commissioner.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 7:31 pm.

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Donnie Rosa
General Manager

Commissioner Camil Dumont
Chair