



## REGULAR BOARD MEETING MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 21, 2021

The Regular Park Board meeting was held on Monday, June 21, 2021, at 7:32 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.

The Chair noted that today is National Indigenous Peoples Day and sent best wishes to all who are observing the day.

### IN CAMERA

#### 1. In Camera Meeting

MOVED by Commissioner Barker  
SECONDED by Commissioner Irwin

THAT the Board will go into meetings 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 – May 31, 2021**

MOVED by Commissioner Irwin

SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

THAT the Park Board minutes of the May 31, 2021 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **CHAIR'S REPORT**

The Chair reported that he and General Manager Donnie Rosa attended the First Nations ceremony and connection event for the restored carved house posts in Oppenheimer Park on June 16, 2021. D. Rosa was called upon to be a witness to the healing ceremony and shared her experience and emotions during the ceremony.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

The Board was advised that from May 31, 2021 to 3:00 pm on June 21, 2021, the following emails were received via the [PBCommissioners@vancouver.ca](mailto:PBCommissioners@vancouver.ca) account with respect to the Board agenda items:

- Parks Control By-law - Amendment Regarding Liquor Consumption in Parks - Schedule 2: Nine (9) emails expressing concern with the pilot site at Vanier Park and the effect on wildlife in the area;
- Eleven (11) emails in support of the Member's Motion titled "Signage for Safe Travel on Vancouver Park Pathways".

All emails sent to the above-noted account are distributed automatically to Commissioners.

## **COMMITTEE REPORT**

### **1. Report of the Park Board Committee – June 21, 2021**

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

1. REPORT: East Fraser Lands New Park – Concept Plan

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar  
SECONDED by Commissioner Barker

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Park Board Committee at its meeting of June 21, 2021, as contained in item 1.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **1. Decolonization, Arts and Culture**

Rena Soutar, Manager, Decolonization, Arts and Culture, Park Board, led the review of a presentation on the work of the new Decolonization, Arts and Culture Department (DAC) and highlighted:

- Role and responsibilities of the three areas within the DAC:
  - Arts and Culture Planning group
  - Arts, Culture and Engagement (ACE) team
  - Reconciliation team
- Organizational context of DAC
- Perspectives from a reconciliation worker after the discovery of the remains of 215 children found on the grounds of the former Kamloops Indian Residential School
- Things that can be done to help Indigenous peoples
- The need to decolonize purposefully, which is slow painstaking work.

### **Recess**

The meeting was recessed at 8:03 pm and reconvened at 8:15 pm.

### **2. General Manager's Report**

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

- Opening ceremony for the Blanketing the City Mural at Cathedral Square on June 21, 2021
- Opening of the Sunset Beach Park pop-up plaza on June 13, 2021
- Award of the construction contract for the Templeton Park track renewal:
  - Construction will commence in summer 2021, with completion expected in late 2021
- Update of the Water Conservation Action Plan to develop action items that will align with VanPlay and the City's latest bylaws and Green Operations commitments
- Video to recognize the work of Park Board arborists on Arborist Appreciation Day (June 16 2021)
- Upcoming Council business related to or impacting parks and recreation:
  - Motion titled "Towards a Quieter and Emission-Free Landscape Maintenance Equipment Future in Vancouver"

- Motion titled “Pursuing Emission-Free Landscaping Equipment in the City of Vancouver”
- Motion titled “Vancouver Blueway Cleanup”
- Motion titled “Reconnecting to the Sto:lo (Fraser River)”
- Report on Downtown Eastside (DTES) Plan Implementation Grant Allocation – 2021
- Report on Jericho Lands Planning Program – Process
- Report on Hastings Park – PNE Master Plan Program: Amphitheatre Renewal
- Board briefing memos and emails issued from June 1 to 21, 2021.

## **BY-LAWS**

### **1. Parks Control By-law – Amendment Regarding Liquor Consumption in Parks – Schedule 2**

MOVED by Commissioner Demers  
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The By-law to amend the Parks Control By-law Regarding Liquor Consumption in Parks – Schedule 2, be enacted

CARRIED

*In favour: Barker, Coupar, Demers, Dumont, Giesbrecht, Mackinnon*  
*Abstained: Irwin*

## **MEMBERS’ MOTIONS**

### **1. Signage for Safe Travel on Vancouver Park Pathways**

Commissioner Barker introduced the motion and responded to questions from the Board.

#### **Main Motion**

MOVED by Commissioner Barker  
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

WHEREAS:

1. Vancouver has the world's longest uninterrupted waterfront path. The 28km Seaside Greenway is an uninterrupted pathway, including the Stanley Park Seawall, which extends from the Vancouver Convention Centre to Spanish Banks Park. Perfect for a walk, roll, cycle, or jog, it is the most popular recreational spot in the city;
2. The Seawall is divided into two clearly marked sections - one for pedestrians and runners (closest to the water), and one for cyclists and all the other modes of transportation (inside path);

3. Pedestrians are located at the top of the City of Vancouver transportation pyramid as the highest priority;
4. Usage of Vancouver parks has increased during COVID-19 and information on how park pathways are used is key for the safety for all, with special notice to people with disabilities, compromised seniors, and small children;
5. In recent years, additional modes of wheeled transportation devices have been observed using the separated bike way on the seawall including, but not limited to, electric assist bikes, electric scooters, single wheel electric vehicles, and skateboards (including electric powered skateboards), many with a capability for high speed travel;
6. Further, due to the increased velocity of these new electric vehicles, they have the potential to cause serious injuries to other cyclists and pedestrians, especially those with mobility issues; and
7. Many signs and painted pavement markings are old and no longer visible.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT Vancouver Park Board staff work with our City of Vancouver partners and report back on suggested measures to improve safety on the Seaside Greenway and all other park pathways, with emphasis on clear signage at pedestrian crossing points, speed reduction, and other engineering solutions, such as (but not limited to): improved signage; rumble strips to warn these vehicles of upcoming pedestrian crossing points; and a clearly posted seawall speed limit as deemed necessary to reduce vehicle pedestrian collision risk; and
- B. FURTHER THAT this report back be provided in time to begin safety improvements in the first quarter of 2022.

### **Amendment to the Main Motion**

MOVED by Commissioner Giesbrecht  
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

THAT Item A be amended to read:

- A. THAT Vancouver Park Board staff work with our City of Vancouver partners and report back on suggested measures to improve safety on the Seaside Greenway and all other park pathways, with emphasis on clear signage at crossing points, engineered solutions for speed reduction, such as (but not limited to): improved signage; rumble strips to warn these vehicles of upcoming pedestrian crossing points; and a clearly posted seawall speed limit as deemed necessary to increase user safety.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **Question on the Main Motion, as Amended**

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

### Question on Item A

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Vancouver Park Board staff work with our City of Vancouver partners and report back on suggested measures to improve safety on the Seaside Greenway and all other park pathways, with emphasis on clear signage at crossing points, engineered solutions for speed reduction, such as (but not limited to): improved signage; rumble strips to warn these vehicles of upcoming pedestrian crossing points; and a clearly posted seawall speed limit as deemed necessary to increase user safety.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### Question on Item B

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this report back be provided in time to begin safety improvements in the first quarter of 2022.

DEFEATED

*In favour: Barker, Coupar*

*Opposed: Demers, Dumont, Giesbrecht, Irwin, Mackinnon*

### NOTICE OF MEMBERS' MOTIONS

#### 1. **Exploring Capital Funding for an Aboriginal Healing and Cultural Centre in CRAB Park**

Commissioner Irwin gave notice of the following Member's Motion:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to seek clarity from the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority on the potential for a cultural healing centre to be permitted as a land use under the lease agreement for CRAB Park at Portside;
- B. THAT Park Board staff consult with the local First Nations (Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh) to confirm their desired level of involvement in a healing centre on the downtown waterfront;
- C. THAT, should the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority permit the use of land in CRAB Park for a cultural healing centre, Park Board staff work with City of Vancouver staff to request funding in the next capital budget (2022-2025) for a project definition phase (e.g. operator, program, capital, and operating budgets) for an aboriginal healing centre in CRAB Park, combined with an arts and cultural centre, in partnership with local First Nations (Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh), urban indigenous residents, and the Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs;
- D. THAT the Vancouver Park Board copy this request for capital funding to: Vancouver City Council, the federal Minister of Transportation, the local Member of Parliament, and the local Member of the Legislative Assembly.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

MOVED by Commissioner Giesbrecht  
SECONDED by Commissioner Dumont

THAT Commissioner Irwin be granted leave from on July 5, 2021 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Commissioner Irwin encouraged all to fight against Sinophobia and racism against Indigenous peoples.

## **ENQUIRIES**

1. A Board member enquired if there were any plans for additional swing sets to be added to Memorial Park South to meet current demand.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 9:07 pm.

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Donnie Rosa  
General Manager

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Commissioner Camil Dumont  
Chair