



PARK BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING MEETING MINUTES

JULY 5, 2021

A Park Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, July 5, 2021, at 6:32 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 (Leave of Absence) (arrived at 7:15 pm)
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.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Park Board Committee Meeting – June 21, 2021

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

THAT the Park Board Committee minutes of the June 21, 2021 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Barker expressed condolences to the family and friends of the 777 individuals who died unexpectedly during the recent heat dome.

Commissioner Mackinnon acknowledged the efforts of the Grandview-Woodland Food Connection Program that delivered food to vulnerable and isolated people during the COVID-19 pandemic.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Committee was advised that as of 3:00 pm on July 5, 2021, 28 expressions of support for the agenda item titled “Coopers’ Park Expansion – Concept Plan” were received via the new online webform.

STAFF REPORTS

1. REPORT: Coopers’ Park Expansion – Concept Plan

Ian Stewart, Manager of Park Development, Park Board, introduced Lehran Hache, Senior Landscape Architect and Project Manager, Park Development, Park Board.

L. Hache led the review of a presentation on the proposed concept plan for the Coopers’ Park expansion and highlighted:

- Project background:
 - Alignment with Park Board and City goals
- Public engagement was undertaken between May 2018 and March 2021:
 - Preferred options and concerns identified during three public engagement events
- Design features of the fitness area, play space and dog off-leash area
- Enhancement will include a new public washroom and drinking fountain and improved circulation
- Financial impact
- Next steps and estimated timelines.

L. Hache, along with Dave Hutch, Director of Park Development, Park Board, and Megan Pate, Acting Manager, Utilities Management Branch, City of Vancouver, responded to questions from the Committee. There was discussion on:

- Concern regarding the ability of the synthetic turf to manage dog waste residue and stormwater to prevent infiltration to False Creek
- The possibility of including additional swings or expanding the number of swings in the future
- Confirmation that the inclusion of skateboard amenities in Coopers’ Park is not recommended as part of the concept plan
- The \$3.2 to \$4 million improvement budget does not include the cost of the Portland Loo:
 - The cost and location of the Portland Loo was approved by the Park Board in 2020
- The separation between pedestrians and bicycles in the fitness area will be considered during the detailed design phase
- The fitness area will be designed to serve a wide variety of abilities.

Recess

The meeting recessed at 7:09 pm and reconvened at 7:15 pm with Commissioner Irwin present.

The Committee heard from one speaker who suggested that the proposed fitness area would be better utilized as a sheltered gathering area.

MOVED by Commissioner Demers
SECONDED by Commissioner Dumont

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the proposed Concept Plan for a new fitness area, and a renewal of the existing playground and dog off-leash area planned for Coopers' Park, as outlined in this report and as shown in Figures 2 to 4.

CARRIED

In favour: Demers, Dumont, Giesbrecht, Irwin, Mackinnon

Opposed: Barker, Coupar

The Committee adjourned at 7:34 pm.

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Donnie Rosa
General Manager

Commissioner Gwen Giesbrecht
Chair



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MEETING MINUTES

JULY 5, 2021

The Regular Park Board meeting was held on Monday, July 5, 2021, at 7:41 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 Irwin
SECONDED by Commissioner Demers

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:

- (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 – June 21, 2021

MOVED by Commissioner Demers
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

THAT the Park Board minutes of the June 21, 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.

COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Report of the Park Board Committee – July 5, 2021

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

1. REPORT: Coopers' Park Expansion – Concept Plan.

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Park Board Committee at its meeting of July 5, 2021, as contained in item 1.

CARRIED

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

STAFF REPORTS

1. Decolonization, Arts and Culture Presentation – Follow-up

Rena Soutar, Manager, Decolonization, Arts and Culture, Park Board, responded to questions from the Board regarding the presentation that was provided at the June 21, 2021 Board meeting. There was discussion on:

- A decolonization lens will be applied to arts and culture policies:
 - Work to help strengthen the public's relationship with the land and the three host nations will be prioritized
- Renaming of Park Board facilities will be considered collaboratively with the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations in the next phase of the colonial audit
- Suggestion to plan a government-to-government meeting between the three host nations and the Park Board prior to the end of the Commissioners' current term
- The Park Board Boardroom reflects the colonial history of the organization and the culture of white settlers
- The role of community centres in raising public awareness of the history of Indigenous peoples in Canada
- Concern regarding the sufficiency of the Reconciliation team's resources to complete its work in a timely manner:
 - The need to build relationships with the three host nations and the urban Indigenous community
 - The need to take action to reconcile with local First Nations.

2. General Manager's Report

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

- Summer day camps were launched by 23 community centre associations (CCAs) on July 5, 2021:
 - Supported day camps are provided at the Hillcrest, Dunbar, Champlain and Hastings Community Centres
 - Youth employment and training opportunities provided by the summer day camps
- Park Peoples' 2021 Canadian City Parks Report centering on equity and resilience was released on June 24, 2021
- Upcoming Council business related to or impacting parks and recreation:
 - Report on 2022 Budget Outlook
 - Report on Additional Sites for 2021 Alcohol Consumption in Public Plazas Pilot
- Board briefing memos and emails issued from June 22 to July 5, 2021.

In response to a question, Jessica Land, Acting Director of Recreation, Park Board, provided examples of CCA initiatives to support communities that were disproportionately impacted during the COVID-19 pandemic.

NOTICE OF MEMBERS' MOTIONS

1. Senior's Safety in a Climate Emergency

Commissioner Barker gave notice of motion on the following:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board request staff to develop and implement a seniors and other vulnerable people safety plan to be employed in times of high temperatures. The plan would include, but not be limited to developing a voluntary registry of seniors and other vulnerable people to facilitate contacting them during a heat emergency;
- B. THAT the Park Board work with the City of Vancouver and the Province of British Columbia to provide a framework to deploy staff and resources that can be immediately deployed in the event of another heat emergency;
- C. THAT staff consult and work closely with the Seniors' Advisory Committee and the People With Disabilities Committee in the identification, development and implementation of the above; and
- D. THAT the Park Board do an inventory and status check on cooling aids in its jurisdiction such as drinking fountains, benches in shaded areas, misting stations, cooling stations and other things. Further that they report back on their condition and take steps to ensure they are all accessible, functional, and in good working order.

ENQUIRIES

1. A Board member requested information on the funding approvals that authorized proceeding with the purchase and installation of the Portland Loo in Coopers' Park.
2. In consideration of concerns from Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services regarding long dry grass being fuel for potential fires during the hot and dry summer season expected, a Board member asked whether staff are contemplating any changes to the meadow (low-mow) pilot.
3. In light of the Board-directed hold on all non-essential spending from the Golf Capital Reserve Fund, a Board member requested that staff provide an update on the reserve's balance, projected to the end of 2021, along with a high-level summary of spending since the hold on all non-essential spending was imposed, with the projected spending to the end of 2021.
4. A Board member requested data on the on the volume of water used in 2020 for irrigation at each of the three Park Board golf courses, with the water sources included where possible (e.g. onsite wells, ponds, etc.).
5. A Board member requested an overview of the summer irrigation practices for both new and well-established trees in the Urban Forestry system (from street trees to those in parks), along with a high-level summary of staffing, resources and quantity of water quantity dedicated to this activity.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 8:37 pm.

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Donnie Rosa
General Manager

Commissioner Camil Dumont
Chair