



PARK BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 27, 2021

A Park Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, September 27, 2021, at 6:37 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
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 Chair noted that, every year on September 30th, people across Canada wear orange and participate in Orange Shirt Day events to recognize and raise awareness about the history of the residential school system in Canada and the impact that it has had on Indigenous peoples. The Canadian government designated September 30 as National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, beginning in 2021. This responds to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Call to Action No. 80, which states that the federal government will work with Indigenous people to establish a statutory day to "honour Survivors, their families, and communities, and ensure that public commemoration of the history and legacy of residential schools remains a vital component of the reconciliation process".

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Park Board Committee Meeting – July 5, 2021

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon
SECONDED by Commissioner Irwin

THAT the Park Board Committee minutes of the July 5, 2021 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Irwin echoed the Chair's call for reflection on the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

Commissioner Irwin noted that the Komagata Maru memorial was vandalized on August 22, 2021 and encouraged the public to work to be anti-racist.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Committee was advised that from September 21, 2021 to 3:00 pm on September 27, 2021, the following emails were received via the PBCCommissioners@vancouver.ca account or the [Contact Park Board Commissioners web form](#) with respect to the Park Board By-law Updates – Feeding Wildlife in Parks report:

- One supported the recommendations and provided comments on the fine amount
- One opposed the recommendation
- One provided comments on by-law enforcement.

All emails sent to the above-noted email account and through the Park Board website are distributed automatically to Commissioners.

STAFF REPORTS

1. **REPORT: Park Board By-law Updates – Feeding Wildlife in Parks**

Amit Gandha, Director of Parks, Park Board, introduced Chad Townsend, Senior Environment and Sustainability Planner, Park Board.

C. Townsend led the review of a presentation on proposed amendments to the Parks Control By-laws and the Park Board Ticket Offences By-law to mitigate the issues related to feeding wildlife in Vancouver Parks and highlighted:

- VanPlay Goal 7 is to provide habitat conditions for wildlife
- Evidence of mammal feeding in parks
- Signage to educate the public about the dangers of feeding wild animals
- Level of food conditioning of coyotes in Stanley Park
- Proposed wording to clarify the Parks Control By-law.

C. Townsend, along with A. Gandha and Cheryl Chan, Manager, Executive Office and Board Relations, Park Board, responded to questions from the Committee. There was discussion on:

- The rationale for the selection of the recommended fine amount
- The ability of Park Rangers to issue tickets for feeding wildlife in Vancouver parks:
 - The *Vancouver Charter* provides Park Rangers with the authority to issue tickets for offences

- The requirement to review and revise the Ticket Offences By-law before Park Rangers are able to issue tickets.

Recess

The meeting recessed at 7:05 pm and reconvened at 7:22 pm.

The Committee heard from three speakers, all of whom spoke in support of the staff recommendation and encouraged the Committee to increase the fine amount. The speakers responded to questions from the Committee.

Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Demers

SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the proposed amendments to the Parks Control By-law regarding feeding wildlife in parks, as set out in Appendix A of this report;
- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the proposed amendments to the Park Board Ticket Offences By-law to set fines for contravention of feeding wildlife by-laws, as set out in Appendix B of this report; and
- C. THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward by-laws for enactment by the Park Board generally in accordance with Appendix A and Appendix B.

Amendment to the Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Irwin

SECONDED by Commissioner Dumont

THAT Item B be amended to read:

- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the proposed amendments to the Park Board Ticket Offences By-law to set fines for contravention of feeding wildlife by-laws, as set out in Appendix B of this report with the amendment of the fine amounts to \$750.

DEFEATED

In favour: Irwin

Opposed: Barker, Coupar, Demers, Dumont, Giesbrecht, Mackinnon

Amendment to the Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Irwin
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

THAT Item A be amended to read:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the proposed amendments to the Parks Control By-law regarding feeding wildlife in parks, as set out in Appendix A of this report with the revision of the definitions to include all animal species.

DEFEATED

In favour: Irwin, Mackinnon

Opposed: Barker, Coupar, Demers, Dumont, Giesbrecht

Question on the Main Motion

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the proposed amendments to the Parks Control By-law regarding feeding wildlife in parks, as set out in Appendix A of this report;
- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the proposed amendments to the Park Board Ticket Offences By-law to set fines for contravention of feeding wildlife by-laws, as set out in Appendix B of this report; and
- C. THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward by-laws for enactment by the Park Board generally in accordance with Appendix A and Appendix B.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 8:19 pm.

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Donnie Rosa
General Manager

Commissioner Gwen Giesbrecht
Chair