



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



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 27, 2021

The Regular Park Board meeting was held on Monday, September 27, 2021, at 8:31 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;
- (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 – July 19, 2021

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon
SECONDED by Commissioner Demers

THAT the Park Board minutes of the July 19, 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 – September 27, 2021

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

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

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Park Board Committee at its meeting of September 27, 2021, as contained in item 1.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

STAFF REPORTS

1. Parks and Recreation: Fundraising and Foundation Update

Octavio Silva, Manager of Business Development, Park Board, introduced:

- Kelly Oehlschlager, Assistant Director, Corporate, Legal Services, City of Vancouver
- Josie Riebe, Manager of Fundraising and Development, Park Board.

J. Riebe led the review of a presentation providing an update on fundraising initiatives and development of the Vancouver Parks and Recreation Foundation (Foundation) and highlighted:

- Background of the Fundraising and Development Office
- Work completed to date to establish the Foundation
- Current status of work required to be completed to establish the Foundation
- Input and resources required to develop an Enhanced Fundraising Plan (EFP) to support VanPlay Goal 10
- Next steps.

J. Riebe, along with K. Oehlschlager, responded to questions from the Board. There was discussion on:

- The process to appoint the Donnie Rosa, General Manager, Park Board, to fill the vacancy on the Foundation Board:
 - There is no requirement to appoint the Park Board General Manager to the Foundation Board
- The importance of Board advocacy to the success of the Foundation.

2. General Manager's Report

Members of the Park Board Senior Leadership Team presented the General Manager's Report providing updates on:

- Bloedel Conservatory and VanDusen Botanical Garden
- Stanley Park Train
- Upcoming public engagement for the Stanley Park temporary bike land project
- Skateboard Amenities Strategy pop-up event at Sunset Beach Plaza on August 28 and 29, 2021
- The request for proposal (RFP) for the Collingwood Park renewal will be posted publicly on BC Bid in October 2021:
 - Construction is targeted for fall 2022
- Vancouver sport permit relief fund to support not-for-profit child and youth based aquatic organizations that experienced financial burdens during COVID-19
- Board briefing memos and emails issued from July 22 to September 27, 2021.

Steve Jackson, Director of Business Services, Park Board, responded to a question from the Board regarding the process to resolve the scheduling conflict with the Binnars Project event.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Irwin wished the Jewish community a good Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah.

Commissioner Mackinnon reported that he attended the Together and Apart event at Roundhouse Community Centre, celebrating the connective power of art during the COVID-19 pandemic.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 9:11 pm.

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Donnie Rosa
General Manager

Commissioner Camil Dumont
Chair