



## **BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING MEETING MINUTES**

**OCTOBER 18, 2021**

A Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, October 18, 2021, at 6:33 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.

### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

#### **1. Board Committee Meeting – October 4, 2021**

MOVED by Commissioner Irwin  
SECONDED by Commissioner Dumont

THAT the Board Committee minutes of the October 4, 2021 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Mackinnon noted that October 19, 2021 will mark the two year anniversary of the Board's approval of VanPlay. It was recently announced that VanPlay received the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) 2021 Professional Award for Analysis and Planning.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

The Board Committee was advised that there are no communications of note related to the agenda items.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **1. REPORT: VanDusen and Bloedel Strategic Plan**

Steve Jackson, Director of Business Services, Park Board, introduced members of the project team in attendance.

Leila Todd, Planner III, Planning, Policy and Environment, Park Board, and S. Jackson, jointly led the review of a presentation on the proposed VanDusen and Bloedel Strategic Plan and highlighted:

- Overview of process to develop the draft strategic plan
- Engagement events and methods and number of participants
- Key themes of the engagement findings
- Strategic plan components:
  - Vision
  - Mission
  - Values
  - Transformative goals
- Next steps.

S. Jackson responded to questions from the Board Committee. There was discussion on:

- The negotiation of the new Joint Operating Agreement (JOA) will commence after the strategic plan is approved by both the Park Board and Vancouver Botanical Gardens Association Board of Directors
- Expectation that the new JOA will be finalized in early 2022.

### **Recess**

The meeting was recessed at 6:57 pm and reconvened at 7:07 pm.

The Board Committee heard from two speakers who spoke in support of the staff recommendation. The speakers responded to questions from the Board Committee.

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar  
SECONDED by Commissioner Barker

THAT the Board Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the proposed “VanDusen & Bloedel Strategic Plan” attached as Appendix A, and direct staff to start the process of updating the existing Joint Operating Agreement (JOA) with the Vancouver Botanical Gardens Association (VBGA).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **Recess**

The meeting was recessed at 7:39 pm and reconvened at 7:44 pm.

## **2. REPORT: Park Ranger Service Model – Phase 1 Report Back**

Donnie Rosa, General Manager, Park Board; Natalie Froehlich, Director of Financial Planning and Analysis, Park Board; and Amit Gandha, Director of Park Operations, Park Board, jointly led the review of a presentation on the proposed Park Ranger Service Model and highlighted:

- History of the Park Ranger program
- By-law enforcement by Park Rangers
- Park Ranger funding and park safety
- Increasing service demands on Park Rangers:
  - Funding and resources for the Park Ranger Program have not kept pace with expanding community needs and service requests
- Components of the proposed model:
  - City-wide Park patrols
  - Teams to support urban issues
  - Enhanced enforcement capabilities
- Financial considerations
  - The accumulated operating labour cost deficit from 2016 through 2020 was \$2.2 million
  - The Park Ranger Program will require an ongoing annual base funding investment of \$1.8 million
  - Potential sources of funding
- Conclusion and next steps.

D. Rosa and N. Froehlich responded to questions from the Board Committee. There was discussion on:

- Whether there is a mechanism to increase Park Rangers' powers without creating a new level of police officer
- A contingency plan will be developed if the City does not approve the request for additional funding for the Park Ranger Program:
  - Required fee increases and new revenue opportunities to fund the Park Ranger Program will be presented to the Board
- Additional funding will be necessary to provide the training required to enable Peace Officer status
- Concern that additional funding previously approved by Council for park operations was directed to the Park Ranger Program
- Whether the additional funding request of \$1.8 million is sufficient to improve the safety in parks.

## **Main Motion**

MOVED by Commissioner Barker  
SECONDED by Commissioner Demers

THAT the Board Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board endorse the proposed Phase 1 changes to the Park Ranger Service Model as outlined in the report, which include:
  - (i) Increasing the regular full-time staff complement to support expanded year-round coverage with additional daily shifts; and
  - (ii) Create new positions with Peace Officer status to provide enhanced by-law enforcement support; and
- B. THAT, subject to the Board's approval of Recommendation A, staff be directed to seek an additional \$1.8 million of funding through the 2022 Service Planning and Budget Process, along with considerations of reinvestment opportunities through increases in fees and internal budget allocation, in order to implement the proposed changes.

## **Amendment to the Main Motion**

MOVED by Commissioner Dumont  
SECONDED by Commissioner Demers

THAT Item A(ii) be amended to read:

- (ii) Exploring the creation of new positions with enhanced by-law enforcement authority that would be included as part of the regular full-time staff complement.

and Item C be added as follows:

- C. THAT, subject to the Board's approval of Recommendation A(ii), staff will report back to the Board with recommendations for the mandate of the new enhanced by-law enforcement positions, including details on the proposed position title, job scope, training requirements and schedule coverage.

CARRIED

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

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

THAT the Board Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board endorse the proposed Phase 1 changes to the Park Ranger Service Model as outlined in the report, which include:
  - (i) Increasing the regular full-time staff complement to support expanded year-round coverage with additional daily shifts; and

- (ii) Exploring the creation of new positions with enhanced by-law enforcement authority that would be included as part of the regular full-time staff complement;
- B. THAT, subject to the Board's approval of Recommendation A(i), staff be directed to seek an additional \$1.8 million of funding through the 2022 Service Planning and Budget Process, along with considerations of reinvestment opportunities through increases in fees and internal budget allocation, in order to implement the proposed changes; and
- C. THAT, subject to the Board's approval of Recommendation A(ii), staff will report back to the Board with recommendations for the mandate of the new enhanced by-law enforcement positions, including details on the proposed position title, job scope, training requirements and schedule coverage.

Commissioner Coupar requested the motion be separated into distinct propositions.

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

MOVED by Commissioner Irwin  
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

THAT Item B be amended to read:

- B. THAT, subject to the Board's approval of Recommendation A(i), staff be directed to seek an additional \$1.8 million of funding through the 2022 Service Planning and Budget Process, along with considerations of reinvestment opportunities through increases in fines, fees and internal budget allocation, in order to implement the proposed changes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### **Question on Items A(i) and B, as Amended**

THAT the Board Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board endorse the proposed Phase 1 changes to the Park Ranger Service Model as outlined in the report, which include:
  - (i) Increasing the regular full-time staff complement to support expanded year-round coverage with additional daily shifts; and
- B. THAT, subject to the Board's approval of Recommendation A(i), staff be directed to seek an additional \$1.8 million of funding through the 2022 Service Planning and Budget Process, along with considerations of reinvestment opportunities through increases in fines, fees and internal budget allocation, in order to implement the proposed changes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Question on Items A(ii) and C, as Amended**

THAT the Board Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board endorse the proposed Phase 1 changes to the Park Ranger Service Model as outlined in the report, which include:
  - (ii) Exploring the creation of new positions with enhanced by-law enforcement authority that would be included as part of the regular full-time staff complement; and
- C. THAT, subject to the Board’s approval of Recommendation A(ii), staff will report back to the Board with recommendations for the mandate of the new enhanced by-law enforcement positions, including details on the proposed position title, job scope, training requirements and schedule coverage.

CARRIED

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

*Opposed: Barker, Coupar*

The Board Committee adjourned at 8:48 pm.

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Donnie Rosa  
General Manager

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Commissioner Gwen Giesbrecht  
Chair



## REGULAR BOARD MEETING MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 18, 2021

The Regular Park Board meeting was held on Monday, October 18, 2021, at 9:00 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 Mackinnon  
SECONDED by Commissioner Irwin

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:

- (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 – October 4, 2021**

MOVED by Commissioner Giesbrecht

SECONDED by Commissioner Irwin

THAT the Park Board minutes of the October 4, 2021 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

The Board was advised that there are no communications of note related to the agenda items.

## **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT**

### **1. Report of the Board Committee – October 18, 2021**

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

1. REPORT: VanDusen and Bloedel Strategic Plan
2. REPORT: Park Ranger Service Model – Phase 1 Report Back.

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon

SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Board Committee at its meeting of October 18, 2021, as contained in items 1 through 2.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **1. Park Board Meeting Dates – Proposed 2022 Schedule**

The recommendation contained in the report was adopted on consent:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the 2022 meeting dates as outlined below, with the meetings open to the public commencing at 6:30pm, except for the Inaugural Board meeting that commences at 7:00pm, and with Regular Board meetings to immediately follow Board Committee meetings (when scheduled):



January 24	February 07 February 28	March 28
April 11 April 25	May 16	June 06 June 20
July 04 July 18	August BREAK	September <i>No meetings per Procedure By-law</i>
October 24	November 07 ( <i>inaugural</i> ) November 14	December 05

- B. AND FURTHER THAT the Park Board reserve the hour prior to each public meeting for an In Camera meeting should it be required, and reserve every Tuesday evening following the above-noted meeting dates, commencing at 5:30pm, should any meeting need to be reconvened or rescheduled.

## 2. General Manager’s Report

Members of the Park Board Senior Leadership Team presented the General Manager’s Report and highlighted Summer day camps and playground programs:

- Community Centre Associations (CCAs) run full day camps at 22 sites across the City
- Training and development for day camp leaders
- 2021 year in review
- 11 east side and two west side community centres operated 20 playground programs during summer 2021
- Strathcona Park reopening:
  - Remaining fences have been removed to safely reopen the east side of Strathcona Park
  - Continuation of work with Indigenous and community partners to ensure extra care was provided to “treat the land”
- Burrard View Garden and Food Forest:
  - Planned engagement events in November and December 2021
- Staff announcements:
  - John Brodie is the successful candidate for the temporary full-time role of Director, Strategic Operations and Board Relations while Sarah Iacoe is on maternity leave
  - Christine Ulmer, Senior Communications Manager, will be departing the Park Board
- Requirement for all City of Vancouver employees to be fully vaccinated with a COVID-19 vaccine series, effective December 6, 2021.

Donnie Rosa, General Manager, Park Board, responded to questions from the Board. There was discussion on:

- Request that staff draft a policy applying the vaccination mandate to Park Board Commissioners

- The reason for the discrepancy in the number of summer playground programs in the east and west sides of the City
- Request that staff report back on the future of summer playground programs.

## **NOTICE OF MEMBERS' MOTIONS**

### **1. Extension of Stanley Park Temporary Bike Lane on Park Drive**

Commissioner Irwin gave notice of motion on the following:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to extend the timeframe for the Stanley Park temporary bike lane on Park Drive until the Stanley Park Mobility Study is complete and staff report back with long-term recommendations.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Commissioner Irwin reminded that the Muslim community is celebrating Eid Milad-un-Nabi today, which is the birth anniversary of Prophet Muhammad.

Commissioner Mackinnon reminded all that the sale and use of fireworks is now illegal in the City of Vancouver and encourage all to enjoy the festivities in a safe manner.

## **ENQUIRIES**

1. A Board member asked for an update on when the accessibility ramp at the Andy Livingstone Park sports field will be completed.
2. A Board member asked staff to provide details on the type, placement, and ongoing maintenance of the portable toilet located at the northwest end of Andy Livingstone Park, and if the placement is permanent.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 9:21 pm.

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Donnie Rosa  
General Manager

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Commissioner Camil Dumont  
Chair