



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 15, 2021

The Regular Park Board meeting was held on Monday, November 15, 2021, at 9:06 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 Mackinnon

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;

- (j) information that is prohibited, or information that if it were presented in a document would be prohibited, from disclosure under section 21 [*disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party*] of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act;
- (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/CARRIED/DEFEATED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Regular Board Meeting – October 18, 2021

MOVED by Commissioner Giesbrecht
SECONDED by Commissioner Irwin

THAT the Park Board minutes of the October 18, 2021 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Dumont highlighted the participation of Park Board Commissioners at official Park Board events since the October 18, 2021 Board meeting:

- Nov 06: Survivors Pole Refurbishment Ceremony held at Pigeon Park
- Nov 08: Commissioner Irwin attended Aboriginal Veterans Day at Victory Square
- Nov 11: Commissioner Coupar attended the Remembrance Day Ceremony at Victory Square
- Nov 11: Commissioner Mackinnon attended the Japanese Canadian War Memorial ceremony.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Board was advised that from November 8, 2021 to 3:00 pm on November 15, 2021, the following emails were received via the PBCCommissioners@vancouver.ca account with respect to the Board agenda items:

- VanSplash Implementation Update and Outdoor Pool Study:
 - Two oppose both projects
 - 42 prefer the Mount Pleasant pool project
 - Six in support both projects
 - One supports the Mount Pleasant pool and suggests a new pool at Riley Park

- Four prefer the Hillcrest pool extension over the Mount Pleasant pool
- One prefers a pool at China Creek Park instead of Mount Pleasant
- One email in unclear
- Member’s Motion titled “Stanley Park Temporary Bike Lane on Park Drive – Extension”:
 - 76 in support
 - Two opposed.

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

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Report of the Board Committee – November 15, 2021

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

1. REPORT: Raymur Pump Station Replacement Project in Strathcona Park
2. REPORT: Local Food System Action Plan – Update.

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Board Committee at its meeting of November 15, 2021, as contained in items 1 and 2.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

STAFF REPORTS

1. VanSplash Implementation Update and Outdoor Pool Study

Steve Kellock, Director of Recreation, Park Board, introduced:

- Peter Fox, Manager, Recreation Services – Citywide, Park Board
- Leila Todd, Planner III, Park Board.

L. Todd and P. Fox jointly led the review of a presentation providing the annual update on the implementation of VanSplash and outdoor pool study to inform the 2023–2026 capital plan and highlighted:

- Facility planning and development process
- Status of projects in the 25-year vision:
 - Marpole outdoor pool
 - Britannia replacement indoor pool
 - Kerrisdale indoor pool

- Vancouver Aquatic Centre (VAC) replacement pool
- Outdoor Pool Study:
 - Engagement
 - Recommendation to reinvest in existing assets
- Updates on other projects:
 - Stand-alone whirlpools
 - Wading pools and spray parks
 - Existing outdoor pools
 - Beaches
 - Capital maintenance – sustainability
 - Accessibility equipment
- Next steps.

L. Todd and P. Fox, along with Dave Hutch, Director of Planning and Park Development, Park Board, responded to questions from the Board. There was discussion on:

- The need to ensure the Mount Pleasant outdoor pool will be included in the 2023–2026 capital plan, in accordance with the direction provided by the Park Board in 2018
 - The reason for the delay in obtaining funding for the Mount Pleasant outdoor pool
- Changes in building codes and health regulations pose a challenge to comparing the cost of replacing the Mount Pleasant outdoor pool now with the costs that would have been incurred when the pool was decommissioned
- The rationale for the number of additional parking spaces required at the Mount Pleasant and Hillcrest sites
- Concern that the Board's priority on the Mount Pleasant outdoor pool is not reflected in the report.

Extension of Meeting

MOVED by Commissioner Irwin
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Park Board extend the meeting until 11:30 pm.

CARRIED

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

2. Stanley Park Temporary Bike Lane – Report Back

Emily Dunlop, Planner III, Park Board, led the review of a presentation on the survey results, data analysis and next steps regarding the 2021 Stanley Park temporary bike lane project and highlighted:

- Timeline of the Stanley Park bike lane in 2020 and 2021:
 - Events that led to the closure of Stanley Park during summer 2021
- Lessons learned from 2020:
 - Need to study technical and operational challenges to separated lanes
 - Work closely with those with specific mobility needs
 - More ongoing and broader data collection and analysis is needed
- Improvements made to the bike lane in 2021 in response to feedback received from the 2020 bike lane
- Cost to implement the 2021 bike lane was \$870,300, of which \$120,000 was expended on permanent safety improvements:
 - Comparison with other pilot bike lane projects
- Data collection and analysis:
 - Tourism data
 - Cycling data
 - Vehicle data
 - Parking data
- Stakeholder engagement conducted between April and October 2021
- Survey results
- Key insights
- Next steps.

E. Dunlop, along with Dave Hutch, Director of Planning and Park Development, Park Board, responded to questions from the Board. There was discussion on:

- Mobility Study:
 - Comparable data collected prior to the COVID-19 pandemic will be referenced in the Mobility Study
 - An update on the Mobility Study will be provided in spring 2022 with the final report submitted at the end of July 2022
 - Whether it will be necessary to remove the bike lane in 2022 to obtain accurate vehicle data
 - Suggestion to provide data on the vehicles that previously utilized Beach Avenue to exit Stanley Park
 - Concern that vehicle data gathered in fall/winter 2021 will not be directly comparable with the similar period in a typical year

- Whether the opening of the Vancouver Aquarium and return of restaurants to full capacity had an impact of vehicle traffic
- Concern that the 2021 data visitors to Stanley Park will be skewed by the closures for coyote management
- The estimated cost to remove the bike lane is \$50,000
- Concern regarding the vehicular access to the disabled parking spaces and washrooms at Ceperley Park.

3. General Manager's Report

The General Manager's Report was received for information.

MEMBERS' MOTIONS

1. Stanley Park Temporary Bike Lane on Park Drive – Extension

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

Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Irwin
SECONDED by Commissioner Dumont

WHEREAS:

1. Approximately 30% of Vancouver's greenhouse gas emissions come from gasoline and diesel-powered vehicles;
2. Increased active transportation infrastructure in Stanley Park creates recreational cycling opportunities for many types of park visitors, including children and families;
3. The 2020 Shape Our City survey found that 70% of survey respondents (10,869 responses) want some sections of road space dedicated to cyclists, and at its June 8, 2020 meeting the Park Board passed a motion to study the long-term feasibility of reducing motor vehicle traffic in Stanley Park; this project is now referred to as the Stanley Park Mobility Study;
4. In March 2021, the Park Board passed a motion directing staff to implement the temporary Stanley Park bike lane that is currently in place; the implementation was phased with the final phase installed by the end of July 2021; and
5. A longer time period with the temporary bike lane implemented will provide further opportunities for improvement and another series of data for analysis to include in the Stanley Park Mobility Study.

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.

Motion to Refer

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Barker

THAT the Member's Motion be referred to a Board Committee meeting to hear from speakers.

DEFEATED

In favour: Barker, Coupar

Opposed: Demers, Dumont, Giesbrecht, Irwin, Mackinnon

Extension of Meeting

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon
SECONDED by Commissioner Irwin

THAT the Park Board extend the meeting until all items on the agenda are completed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Question on the Main Motion

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.

CARRIED

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

Opposed: Barker, Coupar

NOTICE OF MEMBERS' MOTIONS

1. Park Board Commissioners' COVID-19 Vaccinations

Commissioner Mackinnon gave notice of motion on the following:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, as the new City of Vancouver COVID-19 Vaccination Policy does not apply to elected officials, the Park Board confirms that all Commissioners are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and will voluntarily follow the intent of the staff policy, as well as advice from public health.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Chair announced that a Special Board meeting has been scheduled at 6:30 pm on November 30, 2021 to consider the 2022 Fees and Charges, Service Plan, and Budgets.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 11:36 pm.

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Donnie Rosa
General Manager

Commissioner Camil Dumont
Chair