



## **BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING MEETING MINUTES**

**NOVEMBER 15, 2021**

A Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, November 15, 2021, at 6:42 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 18, 2021**

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon  
SECONDED by Commissioner Irwin

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Coupar thanked Chair Dumont for the opportunity to attend the Remembrance Day ceremony at Victory Square.

Commissioner Irwin wished the Jewish community a happy start to Hanukkah.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

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

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **1. REPORT: Raymur Pump Station Replacement Project in Strathcona Park**

The recommendation contained in the report was adopted on consent:

THAT the Board Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the replacement of the below ground Raymur Pump Station with a new above-ground pump station and building in Strathcona Park as described in this report; and
- B. FURTHER THAT the Board authorize the modification of the existing right of way agreements as required for the development and operations of the new pump station facility and other sewerage infrastructure in form and content satisfactory to the Park Board General Manager, City Engineer, and Director of Legal Services.

### **2. REPORT: Local Food System Action Plan - Update**

Rena Soutar, Manager, Decolonization, Arts and Culture, Park Board, and Rebecca Till, Environmental Stewardship Coordinator, Park Board, jointly led the review of a presentation on the Local Food System Action Plan (LFSAP) and highlighted:

- Decolonization and equity priorities
- Goals of the 2021 update to the 2013 Local Food Action Plan
- Project timeline
- LFSAP content:
  - Vision
  - Objectives
  - Food asset and service inventory
  - Challenges and opportunities identified through research, public engagement and spatial analysis
  - Implementation plan
  - Goals:
    - Goal 1: Centre Indigenous voices in food system to honour the teaching that “Food is Medicine”
    - Goal 2: Improve equity in Park Board food assets, services and programs
    - Goal 3: Strengthen food partnerships and collaboration to support a decolonized, sustainable and just food economy
    - Goal 4: Build long-term food system resiliency, sustainability and increase biodiversity
- Implementation considerations.

R. Till and R. Soutar responded to questions from the Board Committee. There was discussion on:

- The intention of the LFSAP to both improve and increase access to food
- Suggestion that the provision of vegetable and food plant starters to residents be considered as an annual initiative
- Challenges faced to develop the LFSAP through a decolonization lens
- Whether the funding request will be refined in the next capital budget:
  - Request for details on the operating and capital costs associated with the five-year implementation plan
- The potential for the Park Board to collaborate with City departments to develop a holistic food systems approach
- Experience working with the Vancouver Food Policy Council
- The need for increased outreach to seniors who experience additional food insecurity
- Suggestion to include senior representation in the implementation of the LFSAP.

#### **Motion to Refer**

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar  
SECONDED by Commissioner Barker

THAT the report be referred to a future meeting pending the provision of additional information on the financial implications of the Local Food System Action Plan.

DEFEATED

*In favour: Barker, Coupar*

*Opposed: Demers, Dumont, Giesbrecht, Irwin, Mackinnon*

#### **Recess**

The meeting recessed at 7:36 pm and reconvened at 7:49 pm.

The Committee heard from seven speakers, six of whom spoke in support of the staff recommendation and one who provided recommendations to prioritize farmers markets in the LFSAP. The speakers responded to questions from the Committee.

MOVED by Commissioner Dumont  
SECONDED by Commissioner Irwin

THAT the Board Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the proposed updated “Local Food System Action Plan”, attached as Appendix A, to guide the planning and implementation of food assets, services, and capacity-building in the Vancouver Parks and Recreation system; and

- B. FURTHER THAT the Board endorse the 5-year Implementation Plan attached within Appendix A, as the basis for submissions to future capital budgets, the City's 2023-2032 Capital Strategic Outlook, and future capital plans.

CARRIED

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

*Opposed: Barker, Coupar*

The Board Committee adjourned at 8:56 pm.

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Donnie Rosa  
General Manager

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Commissioner Gwen Giesbrecht  
Chair