



## REGULAR BOARD MEETING MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 13, 2021

The Regular Park Board meeting was held on Monday, December 13, 2021, at 7:01 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, Board Support and Meeting Assistant

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Vice-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.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Vice-Chair offered condolences to the family, friends, Park Board staff and members of the community on the senseless death of long-time Tatlow Park caretaker, Justis Daniels.

### IN CAMERA

#### 1. In Camera Meeting

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar  
SECONDED by Commissioner Barker

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;
- (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 – November 29, 2021**
- 2. Special Board Meeting – November 30, 2021**

MOVED by Commissioner Irwin  
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

THAT the Park Board minutes of the November 29, 2021 Regular Board Meeting and November 30, 2021 Special Board Meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

- 1. Chair's Annual Report – "2021 Year in Review"**

#### **Motion to Defer**

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon  
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Chair's Report be deferred to the January 24, 2022 Regular Board Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

The Board was advised that from November 29, 2021 to 3:00 pm on December 13, 2021, two emails were received via the [PBCcommissioners@vancouver.ca](mailto:PBCcommissioners@vancouver.ca) account expressing opposition to the Member's Motion titled "Co-Management of Vancouver Parklands with the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations".

The emails were distributed automatically to Commissioners.

## STAFF REPORTS

### 1. VanPlay Annual Report

Emily Dunlop, Senior Planner, Park Board, and members of the Leadership Team led the review of a presentation providing an update on the implementation of VanPlay and highlighted:

- The VanPlay Framework report was adopted by the Board in October 2020 and includes the three directions of:
  - Deliver Services Equitably: A fair and effective parks and recreation system for all
  - Welcome Everyone: Parks and recreation experiences that improve quality of life
  - Weave the City Together: Parks, nature, recreation and culture integrated into everyday life
- VanPlay's impact
- 2021 implementation of the Deliver Services Equitably direction:
  - Policy Framework: Articulate principles, values and approaches by developing a robust policy framework
  - Evidence-Based Decision-Making: Support evidence-based decision-making by collecting and managing data and information
  - Reconciliation: Focus reconciliation efforts on decolonizing the Park Board and relationship building with Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations
  - Partnerships: Strengthen and expand partnerships to build capacity and clarify roles
- 2021 implementation of the Welcome Everyone direction:
  - Customer Service: Provide excellent customer service by enhancing communication with the community, our partners and stakeholders
  - Community Engagement: Conduct meaningful, wide-reaching and effective community engagement through innovative opportunities and methods
  - Stewardship: Foster an ethos of stewardship and community development which engages people, community groups and organizations in caring for and about parks and recreation
  - Safe, Clean and Accessible: Improve the safety, cleanliness and physical accessibility of all parks to increase access for all
  - Responsiveness: Respond to challenges and future trends through proactive park design, operations and maintenance practices
  - Diversity: Provide a wide variety of park types, spaces and experiences that reflect the communities they serve
  - Capacity, Quality and Diversity: Increase the capacity, quality and diversity of recreation amenities through strategic management and investment
  - Sport for Life: Support a lifelong pursuit of sport and recreation for all ages and abilities
  - Local Food: Support access to sustainable, local and healthy food
  - Expand Access: Expand access to recreation facilities to keep up with population growth and changing needs

- Welcoming Spaces: Enhance existing facilities to create welcoming spaces and amenities which appeal to a wide range of recreational interests and are accessible to all
- Asset target update
- 2021 implementation of the Weave the City Together direction:
  - Complete Communities: Advocate for the protection and enhancement of parks, recreation, and nature throughout the city as an elemental part of complete communities
  - Arts and Culture: Support diverse cultural visibility through arts, culture and storytelling
  - Connections and Network: Enhance nodes and multi-modal connections to create a citywide network of parks and recreation
  - Protect and Acquire: Protect and acquire park land to provide access to space for sport, recreation, culture and nature throughout the city
  - Shoreline and Waterway Integrity: Protect and enhance the integrity for foreshores, waterways and beaches
  - Freshwater Resources: Protect Vancouver’s freshwater resources through ecological restoration, green infrastructure and water conservation
  - Ecological Network: Nurture, protect and connect the city’s ecological network and natural areas
  - Connection to Nature: Cultivate connection to nature through education, programming and stewardship
  - Urban Forest: Grow and improve the health of Vancouver’s urban forest
- Challenges and opportunities ahead
- Next steps.

E. Dunlop, Dave Hutch, Director of Planning and Development, Park Board, Steve Kellock, Director of Recreation, Park Board, and A. Gandha, Director of Park Operations, Park Board, responded to questions from the Board. There was discussion on:

- Timing for the development of the horticulture inventory
- The status of the development of the Public Participation Policy
- Suggestion to extend the outdoor pool season and hours during the summer 2022
- Status of the implementation of the Washroom Strategy.

## **2. Alcohol in Parks Pilot – Report Back**

Doug Shearer, Manager of Planning Policy and Environment, Park Board, introduced Frankie Mao, Planner II, Park Board.

F. Mao led the review of a presentation on the findings of the Alcohol in Parks Pilot (Pilot) and highlighted:

- Pilot timeline
- Pilot site selection criteria

- Implementation overview:
  - On-site signage
  - Communications
  - Installation and servicing of additional waste totes
  - Monitoring approaches
- Key findings:
  - Park Rangers
  - Park Operations
  - Park experience
  - Public health
  - Public safety
- Key themes of public feedback
- Future considerations:
  - Key learnings from the Pilot
  - Areas for improvement
  - Challenges and opportunities
  - Site monitoring challenges and opportunities
  - Challenges and opportunities with respect to clarity of Pilot sites and boundaries
  - Health and wellness
  - Geographic equity
  - Financial.

F. Mao and D. Shearer, along with Amit Gandha, Director of Park Operations, Park Board, Jessica Land, Manager of Recreation, Park Board, and Donnie Rosa, General Manager, Park Board, responded to questions from the Board. There was discussion on:

- The monitoring of non-Pilot sites
- Suggestion to increase the public awareness of the dangers of consuming alcohol if the Pilot is extended to 2022 or if the permissibility of alcohol consumption in parks becomes permanent
- Progress on the Board direction to undertake the sale of alcohol at concessions
- The need to increase recycling facilities at all parks
- Whether there was an increase in the number of alcohol-related calls to 3-1-1 increased as a result of the Pilot
- Public reaction to the inconsistent enforcement of the consumption of alcohol and drugs in parks
- Suggestion not to permit alcohol consumption in playgrounds and park areas adjacent to schools
- Next steps to proceed with a second stage of the Pilot.

### **3. Climate Emergency Action Plan Big Move 6 – Park Board Opportunities**

Dave Hutch, Director of Planning and Development, Park Board, introduced:

- Chad Townsend, Senior Environment and Sustainability, Park Board
- Tamsin Mills, Senior Sustainability Specialist, Sustainability Group, City of Vancouver.

T. Mills and C. Townsend led the review of a presentation on Park Board opportunities to support the City's Climate Emergency Action Plan (CEAP) Big Move 6 (MB6) and highlighted:

- Ecological networks and natural assets will be identified for x and protection
- Focus on mitigation
- Natural climate solutions (NCS)
- Current baseline of net bio-sequestration inside the City:
  - Proposed targeted additions to the baseline by 2050
- Quick start actions:
  - Retain/enhance NCS on private land
  - Enhance NCS on public land
  - Enhance sequestration through implementation of nine NCS pilot projects within the City
- Direct relevance of Council's December 8, 2021 decision to the Park Board
- Next steps.

T. Mills and C. Townsend, along with Joe McLeod, Urban Forester, Park Board, and Brad Badelt, Assistant Director, Sustainability Group, City of Vancouver, responded to questions from the Board. There was discussion on:

- Whether there is a plan to replace trees that are vulnerable to drought
- Whether the separation of combined sewers will be expedited to improve water quality as part of BM6
- The need to utilize Park Board tree sales to target the planting of trees on private land to increase the urban forest canopy
- The need to consider climate adaption in the selection of trees for the urban forest
- Status of the development of the Invasive Plant Strategy
- The additional funds approved by Council to address the climate emergency will be available to the Park Board in 2022.

#### **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

**Recess**

The meeting recessed at 9:46 pm and reconvened at 10:01 pm.

**4. General Manager's Report**

The General Manager's Report was received for information.

**MEMBERS' MOTIONS**

**1. Co-Management of Vancouver Parkland with the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations**

**Motion to Defer**

MOVED by Commissioner Demers  
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT consideration of the Member's Motion be deferred to the January 24, 2022 Regular Board Meeting due to technical difficulties with the public broadcast.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ELECTION OF BOARD CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR – 2022 TERM**

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At this point in the proceedings, the General Manager assumed the chair.

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**1. Election of Board Chair**

As set forth in the Park Board's Procedure By-law, the General Manager, acting as Chair pro tem, called for nominations for Chair of the Board for the 2022 term.

Commissioner Irwin moved, and Commissioner Demers seconded, the nomination of Commissioner Mackinnon as Chair of the Board for 2022.

Commissioner Mackinnon accepted the nomination.

The General Manager called for additional nominations. There being no further nominations, the General Manager declared nominations for the Chair of the Board closed.

The General Manager announced Commissioner Mackinnon elected as Chair of the Board by acclamation.

## **2. Election of Board Vice-Chair**

The General Manager called for nominations for the Vice-Chair of the Board for 2022.

Commissioner Demers moved, and Commissioner Mackinnon seconded, the nomination of Commissioner Giesbrecht as Vice-Chair of the Board for 2022.

Commissioner Giesbrecht accepted the nomination.

The General Manager called for additional nominations. There being no further nominations, the General Manager declared nominations for the Vice-Chair of the Board closed.

The General Manager announced Commissioner Giesbrecht elected as Vice-Chair of the Board by acclamation.

## **ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR – 2022 Term**

### **1. Election of Committee Chair**

The General Manager called for nominations for the Chair of the Committee for 2022.

Commissioner Giesbrecht moved, and Commissioner Irwin seconded, the nomination of Commissioner Dumont as Chair of the Committee for 2022.

Commissioner Dumont accepted the nomination.

The General Manager called for additional nominations. There being no further nominations, the General Manager declared nominations for the Chair of the Committee closed.

The General Manager announced Commissioner Dumont elected as Chair of the Committee by acclamation.

### **2. Election of Committee Vice-Chair**

The General Manager called for nominations for the Vice-Chair of the Committee for 2022.

Commissioner Mackinnon moved, and Commissioner Demers seconded, the nomination of Commissioner Irwin as Vice-Chair of the Committee for 2022.

Commissioner Irwin accepted the nomination.

The General Manager called for additional nominations. There being no further nominations, the General Manager declared nominations for the Vice-Chair of the Committee closed.

The General Manager announced Commissioner Irwin elected as Vice-Chair of the Committee by acclamation.



## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 10:07 pm.

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Donnie Rosa  
General Manager

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Commissioner Camil Dumont  
Chair