



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 7, 2022

The Regular Park Board meeting was held on Monday, February 7, 2022, at 8:57 pm, via videoconference and at the Park Board Office.

PRESENT: Commissioner Tricia Barker
Commissioner John Coupar
Commissioner Dave Demers
Commissioner Camil Dumont
Commissioner Gwen Giesbrecht, Vice-Chair
Commissioner John Irwin
Commissioner Stuart Mackinnon, Chair

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 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 Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Dumont

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*; and
- (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 – January 24, 2022

MOVED by Commissioner Irwin
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Park Board minutes of the January 24, 2022 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Mackinnon highlighted the participation of Park Board Commissioners at official Park Board events since January 25, 2022:

- Jan 28: Chair Mackinnon and Commissioners Barker, Coupar and Giesbrecht met the Invictus Games Foundation delegates from London, England, who travelled to Vancouver to conduct a site visit and learn more about the 2025 Invictus Winter Hybrid games bid.

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 – February 7, 2022

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

1. REPORT: BC Hydro Request for Rights-of-Way in Nelson Park.

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Demers

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Board Committee at its meeting of February 7, 2022, as contained in item 1.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

STAFF REPORTS

1. General Manager's Report

Members of the Senior Leadership Team presented the General Manager's Report and highlighted:

- The new West End Calisthenics Park in Barclay Heritage Square opened to the public in January 2022
- Request for Proposals (RFPs) will be issued in February 2022 for consultant services for the design, engagement and construction of the new Main and 7th Avenue Park
- The third and final round of public engagement for the Kitsilano Beach Park Seaside Greenway project will commence in mid-February 2022
- Upcoming Council business related to or impacting parks and recreation:
 - Member's Motion titled Aligning Vancouver's 2023–2026 Capital Plan with Increased Climate Emergency Action.

MEMBERS' MOTIONS

1. Alcohol in Parks Pilot – Extension and Next Steps

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

MOVED by Commissioner Demers
SECONDED by Commissioner Dumont

WHEREAS:

1. In December 2018, the Board directed staff to develop a feasibility study for a pilot allowing alcohol consumption at select sites;
2. In July 2020, 22 park sites were approved for the pilot, but implementation required amendments to the BC Liquor Control and Licensing Act (LCLA) to grant the Park Board legal authority to designate areas within its jurisdiction where public consumption of alcohol would be permitted;
3. In June 2021, the BC Provincial government amended the Liquor Control and Licensing Act (LCLA) to recognize the Park Board's legal authority, allowing the Park Board to enact the new park by-laws required to authorize the approved pilot;

4. In July 2021, the pilot was launched; staff began monitoring the sites and collecting feedback, including through an online public survey;
5. In October 2021, the pilot ended and the public survey closed; staff reviewed data and feedback; and
6. In December 2021, staff presented the key findings from the 2021 pilot, confirming general support and appreciation for this initiative, but also identifying notable areas for improvement.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to design and implement a second Alcohol in Parks Pilot for 2022, with considerations given to the lessons learned from the 2021 experience; and
- B. FURTHER THAT staff report back to the Board with recommendations for next steps beyond the Pilot.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Irwin acknowledged the February is Black History Month and the speech given by Commissioner Giesbrecht at a recent Black History Month event.

ENQUIRIES

1. A Board member requested an update on when the flame would be repaired on "The Flame of Peace" memorial fountain in Seaforth Peace Park.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 9:35 pm.

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Donnie Rosa
General Manager

Commissioner Stuart Mackinnon
Chair