



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 28, 2022

The Regular Park Board meeting was held on Monday, February 28, 2022, at 8:00 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 Demers
SECONDED by Commissioner Giesbrecht

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 – February 7, 2022

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Irwin

THAT the Park Board minutes of the February 7, 2022 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

STAFF REPORTS

2. COVID-19 Mandatory Vaccination Policy for Contractors

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Dumont

THAT the Board adopts the staff recommendation contained report titled “COVID-19 Mandatory Vaccination Policy for Contractors” on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CHAIR’S REPORT

Chair Mackinnon highlighted the participation of Park Board Commissioners at official Park Board events since the February 7, 2022 Board meeting:

- Feb 04: Vice-Chair Giesbrecht attended and spoke on behalf of the Park Board at the ceremony held at Joe Fortes Memorial Drinking Fountain in Alexandra Park in honour of Black History Month and to recognize and celebrate the important contributions of Seraphim Joe Fortes to the City of Vancouver.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Board was advised that from February 22 to 3:30 pm on February 28, 2022, there was one email were received via the PBCommissioners@vancouver.ca account requesting that consideration of the report titled “COVID-19 Mandatory Vaccination Policy for Contractors” be deferred.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Report of the Board Committee – February 28, 2022

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

1. REPORT: Canadian E-Fest at Creekside Park (Formula E) – Special Event.

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Barker

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Board Committee at its meeting of February 28, 2022, as contained in item 1.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

STAFF REPORTS (Continued)

1. Coyotes in Stanley Park

Dana McDonald, Environment Stewardship Coordinator, Park Board, and Amit Gandha, Director of Parks, Park Board, jointly led the review of a presentation on coyote management in Stanley Park and highlighted:

- Coyote bite incidents and other acts of aggression reported between December 2020 and September 2021
- Contributing factors in Stanley Park:
 - Unintentional and intentional feeding
 - Pandemic shift in park use
 - Gaps in education and enforcement of By-laws
- Pillars of action:
 - Attractant management
 - Enforcement
 - Education
 - Aversion conditioning
- Next steps.

D. McDonald and A. Gandha responded to questions from the Board. There was discussion on:

- The number of coyotes currently remaining in Stanley Park is unknown
- The goal to replace all waste bins with animal proof totes
- The number of tickets issued by Park Rangers to enforce the Parks Control By-law
- Two Park Rangers per shift will be dedicated to deal with wildlife issues in Stanley Park
- Actions taken by the Stanley Park Ecology Society upon receiving a report of a sighting of coyotes in Stanley Park
- Whether the provincial government and the Conservation Office will be mobilized rapidly if there are reports of aggressive coyotes in Stanley Park.

2. COVID-19 Mandatory Vaccination Policy for Contractors (Continued)

The recommendation contained in the report was adopted on consent:

THAT, to align with the City of Vancouver’s COVID-19 policies that apply to employees and City contractors, the Vancouver Park Board approve the proposed “COVID-19 Mandatory Vaccination – Contractors Policy” attached as Appendix A.

3. General Manager’s Report

Members of the Park Board Senior Leadership Team presented the General Manager’s Report and highlighted:

- Development of a detailed plan to deconstruct and remove the barge located on Sunset Beach
- Utilizing the City’s VanMap mapping portal, Urban Forestry technicians worked with the City’s Information Technology (IT) Geospatial Information System (GIS) team to develop the ability to refresh the Van Tree inventory system daily
- Engagement of consulting services to develop options and recommendations for the annual management of Canada geese
- Commencement of construction of the Harbour Green Dock renewal is expected to begin in April 2022 and completed in late May 2022
- Upcoming Council business related to or impacting parks and recreation:
 - Report on Inventory of Parks, their Status under the Vancouver Charter and Recommended Public Park Designation
 - Member’s Motion titled “Centering Community Facilities and Infrastructure in 2023–2026 Capital Plan
 - Report on Quarterly Capital Budget Adjustments and Closeouts
- Board briefing memos and emails issued from February 8 to 28, 2022.

NOTICE OF MEMBERS' MOTIONS

1. Park Board Staff to Maintain all Public Parks under Park Board Jurisdiction

Commissioner Irwin gave notice of motion on the following:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board have fully qualified Park Board staff maintain and carry-out all work for any future, or proposed 'airspace' parks, similar to, but not including the new 'airspace' park at Oakridge Centre Mall with the Westbank development, or in all parks that are in any way different from traditional, surface parks;
- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board write management of the Oakridge development to request that Park Board staff be contracted to carry-out work in the new park at Oakridge Centre; and
- C. THAT only Park Board staff maintain and tend Vancouver Park Board public parks, and lands under Park Board jurisdiction.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioners acknowledged upcoming secular and religious holidays and days of observance.

The Chair commented on the events in the Ukraine and the good fortune of Canadians to live in a robust democracy. The Chair encouraged all to strive for peace and to look after each other.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 8:44 pm.

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Donnie Rosa
General Manager

Commissioner Stuart Mackinnon
Chair