



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 30, 2022

The Regular Park Board meeting was held on Wednesday March 30, 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 Irwin
SECONDED by Commissioner Demers

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 28, 2022

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Demers

THAT the Park Board minutes of the February 28, 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:

- Commissioners Barker and Giesbrecht attended the event to celebrate the reinstallation of the 1928 La France Fire Truck in Ceperley Meadows Playground in Stanley Park following its restoration
- Commissioner Barker spoke at the unveiling of the Tom Cone Memorial sculpture in Charleson Park.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Chair announced Park Board Commissioner liaison assignments for the remainder of the term.

| Park Board Partners/Advisory Bodies | Commissioner Liaison |
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| Association Presidents Group | Board Chair – Stuart Mackinnon (2022) |
| Dunbar Community Association | John Irwin |
| Council Advisory Bodies | Commissioner Liaison |
| Arts & Culture Advisory Committee | John Irwin |
| Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee | Tricia Barker |
| Seniors' Advisory Committee | Tricia Barker |
| Transportation Advisory Council | John Irwin |
| Vancouver City Planning Commission | John Irwin |
| Vancouver Public Library Board | Stuart Mackinnon |

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

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Report of the Board Committee – March 28, 2022 (Reconvened March 29 and 30, 2022)

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

1. REPORT BACK: Proposed Vancouver Urban Food Forest in Burrard View Park

MOVED by Commissioner Dumont
SECONDED by Commissioner Giesbrecht

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Board Committee at its meeting of March 28, 2022 (reconvened March 29 and 30, 2022), as contained in item 3.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

STAFF REPORTS

1. General Manager's Report

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

- Two new regular full-time employees are being recruited for the 2SLGBTQ+ and 2STGD inclusion portfolios
- Eight remaining fieldhouses will be retrofitted with more efficient urinal systems by the end of 2022
- Stanley Park Easter Train event will operate from April 15 to 18, 2022
- Development of the 2023 – 2026 Capital Plan
- Upcoming Council business related to or impacting parks and recreation:
 - Report titled "Alcohol Consumption in Public Plazas Policy"
 - Report titled "Vancouver Community Sport Hosting Grants – Spring 2022 Intake"
- Board briefing memos and emails issued from February 28 to March 28, 2022.

Steve Jackson, Director, Business Services, Park Board, responded to questions from the Board. There was discussion on the maintenance of the Stanley Park train to improve its reliability.

MEMBERS' MOTIONS

1. Park Board Staff to Maintain All Public Parks Under Park Board Jurisdiction

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

MOVED by Commissioner Irwin

SECONDED by Commissioner Giesbrecht

WHEREAS:

1. At its July 9, 2018 meeting, the Vancouver Park Board approved a vision-plan for the Westbank Oakridge development, which includes 9 acres, some of which is 'airspace' park located over a privately-owned mall;
2. The new park will be maintained by workers contracted by the mall owners;
3. Very experienced, capable Park Board staff may have their work contracted out; and
4. The Park Board gardeners and staff already maintain 'green roofs' (Coal Harbour, Harbour Green Park).

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.

Motion to Refer

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar

SECONDED by Commissioner Barker

THAT the Member's Motion be referred to staff to provide a report back on Park Board staff providing horticultural services in parks as soon as possible.

Amendment on the Motion to Refer

MOVED by Commissioner Irwin
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Main Motion be amended to:

THAT the Member's Motion be referred to staff to provide a report back on Park Board staff providing horticultural services in parks by July 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Question on the Motion to Refer, as Amended

THAT the Member's Motion be referred to staff to provide a report back on Park Board staff providing horticultural services in parks by July 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NOTICE OF MEMBERS' MOTIONS

1. Bloedel Conservatory Visitor Centre – Feasibility and Funding

Commissioner Coupar gave notice of motion on the following:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board accept the offer of \$50,000 from the Vancouver Botanical Garden Association (VBGA) toward funding a feasibility study for a new Visitor Centre at the Bloedel Conservatory, and direct staff to immediately begin work on this study;
- B. FURTHER THAT this feasibility study be carried out concurrently with the ongoing work on the Queen Elizabeth Park Master Plan; and
- C. THAT staff report back with the study findings and recommendations for next steps.

OTHER BUSINESS

Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon
SECONDED by Commissioner Demers

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the attendance of Commissioner Mackinnon at the BC Recreation and Parks Association 2022 Symposium in Whistler from May 4 to 5, 2022.

Amendment to the Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Irwin
SECONDED by Commissioner Giesbrecht

THAT the Main Motion be amended to:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the attendance of Commissioners Mackinnon and Irwin at the BC Recreation and Parks Association 2022 Symposium in Whistler from May 4 to 5, 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Question on the Main Motion, as Amended

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the attendance of Commissioners Mackinnon and Irwin at the BC Recreation and Parks Association 2022 Symposium in Whistler from May 4 to 5, 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 9:42 pm.

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Donnie Rosa
General Manager

Commissioner Stuart Mackinnon
Chair