



## **BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING MEETING MINUTES**

**MARCH 28, 2022**  
**MARCH 29, 2022 (Reconvened)**  
**MARCH 30, 2022 (Reconvened)**

A Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, March 28, 2022, at 7:27 pm, via videoconference and at the Park Board Office. The Board Committee meeting reconvened at 6:44 pm on Tuesday, March 29, 2022 and at 6:05 pm on Wednesday, March 30, 2022.

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

Commissioner Mackinnon offered condolences to the friends and family of Richard Saunders, a devoted volunteer at the Hastings Community Little League, who passed away suddenly on March 14, 2022.

### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

#### **1. Board Committee Meeting – February 28, 2022**

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon  
SECONDED by Commissioner Demers

THAT the Board Committee minutes of the February 28, 2022 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Irwin wished the Islamic community all the best for Ramadan.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **1. CHEQUE PRESENTATION: Stanley Park Bright Nights Update and Firefighters Burn Fund**

Steve Jackson, Director, Business Services, Park Board, introduced Rosemary Yip, Train Operations Team Lead.

The following representatives of the Firefighters Burn Fund joined the meeting:

- Ray Boucher, Vice President, Firefighters Burn Fund
- Jeff Sauvé, Executive Director, Firefighters Burn Fund.

R. Yip noted that the 2021 Stanley Park Bright Nights event was the first in-person event since 2019 and marked the 24 years of partnership between the Burn Fund and Park Board.

The Park Board presented a cheque in the amount of \$102,077 to the Burn Fund.

#### **Recess**

The meeting recessed at 7:40 pm.

#### **Meeting Reconvened**

The Vice-Chair reconvened the Board Committee meeting of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation on Tuesday, March 29, 2022 at 6:44 pm.

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

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## **COMMUNICATIONS**

The Board Committee was advised that from March 21, 2022 to 3:00 pm on March 28, 2022, the following emails were received via the [PBCcommissioners@vancouver.ca](mailto:PBCcommissioners@vancouver.ca) account with respect to the report titled “Proposed Vancouver Urban Food Forest in Burrard View Park”:

- Three in opposition to the staff recommendation
- Thirty-three in support of the staff recommendation
- One in support of the northwest location.

### **2. REPORT: Art Phillips Park Concept Design**

The Vice-Chair advised that, in light of the TransLink media release issued on March 25, 2022 announcing that the Burrard SkyTrain Station upgrades are no longer proceeding as planned, the Art Phillips Park Concept Design report has been postponed.

### **3. REPORT BACK: Proposed Vancouver Urban Food Forest in Burrard View Park**

Donnie Rosa, General Manager, Park Board, introduced the following Park Board staff:

- Geordie Howe, Archaeologist/Policy Analyst
- Doug Shearer, Manager of Planning Policy and Environment
- Chad Townsend, Senior Environment and Sustainability Planner.

D. Shearer led the review of a presentation on the proposed Vancouver Urban Food Forest in Burrard View Park (Food Forest) and highlighted:

- Background of Burrard View Park and the project
- Key elements of the proposed Food Forest
- Project timeline
- Alignment with VanPlay and Local Food System Action Plan (LFSAP)
- Technical analysis of the northwest and southeast site options
- Phase 2 public engagement that occurred in fall 2021:
  - Engagement approach and methodology
  - Input received
  - Challenges experienced during the engagement process
- Recommended option.

D. Shearer, along with C. Townsend, Dana McDonald, Environmental Stewardship Coordinator, Park Board, Amit Gandha, Director of Parks, Park Board, Donnie Rosa, General Manager, Park Board, and Amanda Gibbs, Engagement Manager, responded to questions from the Board Committee. There was discussion on:

- Comparison of the southeast and northwest sites with respect to:
  - VanPlay and LSAFP policy goals served
  - Accessibility
- Access to the fieldhouse for public use
- Request for information on the cost to improve the accessibility of the fieldhouse washrooms
- A large portion of the southeast site would continue to be available for unstructured children's play:
  - Whether a fence would be erected around the Food Forest to avoid conflict
- Other areas in Burrard View Park that would be available for children's unstructured play, with the erection of any required fencing, if the Food Forest were to be located on the southeast site
- The configuration of the siting options was identified by the proponent
- The contribution of the Food Forest to food security in the neighbourhood
- Whether the water supply from the Cottage Hospice could be utilized to service the northwest site

- Suggestion that the play area redevelopment include the use of the wading pool area for unstructured children’s play
- Suggestion to rectify the unauthorized off-leash dog use of Burrard View Park to increase the useable space in the park
- Whether engagement was undertaken with the children who utilize the southeast site.

**Motion to Suspend the Rules**

MOVED by Commissioner Giesbrecht  
SECONDED by Commissioner Irwin

THAT the Vancouver Park Board suspend the rules to hear from a speaker who had not register by the published deadline.

CARRIED

*In favour: Demers, Dumont, Giesbrecht, Irwin*  
*Opposed: Barker, Coupar, Mackinnon*

**Recess**

The meeting recessed at 7:54 pm and reconvened at 8:19 pm.

The Board Committee heard from 16 speakers, of which five spoke in support and 11 in opposition to the staff recommendation. The speakers responded to questions from the Board Committee.

**Extension of Meeting**

MOVED by Commissioner Demers  
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Park Board extends the meeting to 11:00 pm.

CARRIED

*In favour: Barker, Couper, Demers, Dumont*  
*Opposed: Giesbrecht, Irwin, Mackinnon*

**Motion to Reconvene**

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar  
SECONDED by Commissioner Giesbrecht

THAT the Park Board reconvenes the Board Committee meeting on March 30, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board Committee heard from three speakers, of which two spoke in support and one in opposition to the staff recommendation. The speakers responded to questions from the Board Committee.

**Recess**

The meeting recessed at 10:20 pm and reconvened at 10:37 pm.

The Board Committee heard from four speakers, of which one spoke in support and three in opposition to the staff recommendation. The speakers responded to questions from the Board Committee.

### **Extension of Meeting**

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar

SECONDED by Commissioner Barker

THAT the Park Board extends the meeting to 11:30 pm.

CARRIED

*In favour: Barker, Coupar, Demers, Dumont*

*Opposed: Giesbrecht, Irwin, Mackinnon*

The Board Committee heard from six speakers, of which four spoke in support and two in opposition to the staff recommendation. The speakers responded to questions from the Board Committee.

### **Recess**

The meeting recessed at 11:30 pm.

### **Meeting Reconvened**

The Vice-Chair reconvened the Board Committee meeting of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation on Wednesday, March 30, 2022 at 6:05 pm.

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The Vice-Chair acknowledged that the meeting is taking place on the traditional territory of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations.

### **3. REPORT BACK: Proposed Vancouver Urban Food Forest in Burrard View Park (continued)**

The Board Committee heard from nine speakers, of which five spoke in support and four in opposition to the staff recommendation. The speakers responded to questions from the Board Committee.

### **Recess**

The meeting recessed at 7:05 pm and reconvened at 7:15 pm.

### **Main Motion**

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar  
SECONDED by Commissioner Barker

THAT the Board Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the northwest site option, as outlined in this report, for the general location of the proposed Vancouver Urban Food Forest in Burrard View Park, with the exact siting to be determined by the General Manager, Parks and Recreation, subject to an archaeological assessment; and
- B. THAT, subject to approval of Recommendation A, the Vancouver Park Board authorize the General Manager to approve a 5-year licence agreement with the Vancouver Urban Food Forest Foundation to operate the community garden.

### **Amendment to the Main Motion**

MOVED by Commissioner Giesbrecht  
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT Item A of the Main Motion be amended to:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the northwest site option, as outlined in this report, for the general location of the proposed Vancouver Urban Food Forest in Burrard View Park, with the exact siting to be determined by the General Manager, Parks and Recreation, subject to an archaeological assessment, with provisions for ease of access, in consultation with the Hastings Community Centre and the Cottage Hospice, for the use of the community room space, water, and washrooms located at grade in the Cottage Hospice.

DEFEATED

*In favour: Barker, Coupar, Giesbrecht*  
*Opposed: Demers, Dumont, Irwin, Mackinnon*

### **Question on the Main Motion**

THAT the Board Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the northwest site option, as outlined in this report, for the general location of the proposed Vancouver Urban Food Forest in Burrard View Park, with the exact siting to be determined by the General Manager, Parks and Recreation, subject to an archaeological assessment; and
- B. THAT, subject to approval of Recommendation A, the Vancouver Park Board authorize the General Manager to approve a 5-year licence agreement with the Vancouver Urban Food Forest Foundation to operate the community garden.

DEFEATED

*In favour: Barker, Coupar*  
*Opposed: Demers, Dumont, Giesbrecht, Irwin, Mackinnon*

### **Main Motion**

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon  
SECONDED by Commissioner Demers

THAT the Board Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the southeast site option, as outlined in this report, for the general location of the proposed Vancouver Urban Food Forest in Burrard View Park, with the exact siting to be determined by the General Manager, Parks and Recreation, subject to an archaeological assessment; and
- B. THAT, subject to approval of Recommendation A, the Vancouver Park Board authorize the General Manager to approve a 5-year licence agreement with the Vancouver Urban Food Forest Foundation to operate the community garden.

### **Amendment to the Main Motion**

MOVED by Commissioner Irwin  
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

THAT Item C be added to the Main Motion:

- C. THAT should the archaeological assessment find any evidence at all of either a sacred site, or any evidence of unmarked graves, that the project is halted until these issues are fully dealt with.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **Amendment to the Main Motion**

MOVED by Commissioner Giesbrecht  
SECONDED by Commissioner Demers

THAT Item A of the Main Motion be amended to:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the southeast site option, as outlined in this report, for the general location of the proposed Vancouver Urban Food Forest in Burrard View Park (VUFF), with the exact siting, that will maintain an active play area for use adjacent to the VUFF location, to be determined by the General Manager, Parks and Recreation, subject to an archaeological assessment.

DEFEATED

*In favour: Demers, Giesbrecht*

*Opposed: Barker, Coupar, Dumont, Irwin, Mackinnon*

### **Question on the Main Motion, as Amended**

THAT the Board Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the southeast site option, as outlined in this report, for the general location of the proposed Vancouver Urban Food Forest in Burrard View Park, with the exact siting to be determined by the General Manager, Parks and Recreation, subject to an archaeological assessment;
- B. THAT, subject to approval of Recommendation A, the Vancouver Park Board authorize the General Manager to approve a 5-year licence agreement with the Vancouver Urban Food Forest Foundation to operate the community garden; and
- C. THAT should the archaeological assessment find any evidence at all of either a sacred site, or any evidence of unmarked graves, that the project is halted until these issues are fully dealt with.

Commissioner Coupar requested that the motion be separated into distinct propositions.

### **Question on Items A and B**

THAT the Board Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the southeast site option, as outlined in this report, for the general location of the proposed Vancouver Urban Food Forest in Burrard View Park, with the exact siting to be determined by the General Manager, Parks and Recreation, subject to an archaeological assessment; and
- B. THAT, subject to approval of Recommendation A, the Vancouver Park Board authorize the General Manager to approve a 5-year licence agreement with the Vancouver Urban Food Forest Foundation to operate the community garden.

CARRIED

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

*Opposed: Barker, Coupar*

### **Question on Item C**

THAT the Board Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT should the archaeological assessment find any evidence at all of either a sacred site, or any evidence of unmarked graves, that the project is halted until these issues are fully dealt with.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



The meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm on March 30, 2022.

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Donnie Rosa  
General Manager

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Commissioner Camil Dumont  
Chair