



## BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 11, 2022

A Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, April 11, 2022, at 6:31 pm, via videoconference and at the Park Board Office.

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

### ADOPTION OF MINUTES

#### 1. Board Committee Meeting – March 28 – 30, 2022

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon  
SECONDED by Commissioner Irwin

THAT the Board Committee minutes of the March 28 – 30, 2022 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Irwin wished all in the Jewish community a good Passover and happy Easter to those who celebrate Easter.

## COMMUNICATIONS

The Board Committee was advised that from April 4, 2022 to 3:00 pm on April 11, 2022, the following emails were received via the [PBCommissioners@vancouver.ca](mailto:PBCommissioners@vancouver.ca) account and the [Contact Park Board Commissioners](#) webform with respect to the Seaside Greenway Proposal at Kitsilano Beach Park – Report Back:

- Ninety-three in support of the staff recommendation
- Three in support, with concerns about parking
- Two in support, with concerns about the placement and/or width of the greenway
- One expressed concern with trees being removed for construction of the greenway.

## STAFF REPORTS

### 1. REPORT: Special Events Calendar 2022 – Major Events

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon  
SECONDED by Commissioner Irwin

THAT the recommendation in the staff report be adopted on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The following recommendation contained in the report was adopted on consent:

THAT the Board Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the 2022 Calendar of Major Special Events, as outlined in this report and attached as Appendix A.

### 2. REPORT BACK: Seaside Greenway Proposal at Kitsilano Beach Park

Ian Stewart, Manager of Park Development, Park Board, introduced:

- Kevin Connery, Landscape Architect II, Park Board
- Kate McIntyre, Civil Engineer II (Acting), Park Board
- David Rawsthorne, Senior Transportation Engineer, City of Vancouver
- Paul Storer, Director Transportation Engineering, City of Vancouver.

K. McIntyre and K. Connery jointly led the review of a presentation on the proposed Seaside Greenway at Kitsilano Beach Park and highlighted:

- Project objective to find a location for a separated cycling path that links Balsam Street with McNicoll Avenue that creates a safe and more comfortable route for all park and Seaside Greenway users while reducing conflicts
- Context of the Seaside Greenway
- Existing Seaside Greenway in and adjacent to Kitsilano Beach Park
- Project background

- 2021 temporary safety improvements implemented
- Findings from the engagement undertaken from August 2021 to March 2022:
  - Round 1 engagement regarding values
  - Round 2 engagement regarding pathway alignment options
  - Round 3 engagement regarding the proposed pathway alignment
- Strengths and concerns and responses associated with each of the alignment options
- Costs and impacts of the proposed interim pathway.

K. Connery responded to questions from the Board Committee. There was discussion on:

- Request to correct the report to indicate that the creation of the cycle path was suspended in 2013 as a result of a court injunction and public concerns
- The number of parking spaces available near the Lift Restaurant where the cycle path would end
- Whether consultation was undertaken with Point Grey Hospital patients who utilize the existing multi-use pathway and are dependent upon mobility devices.

### **Recess**

The meeting recessed at 7:18 pm and reconvened at 7:28 pm.

The Board Committee heard from three speakers, of which one spoke in support and one spoke in opposition to the staff recommendation; and one expressed opposition to Zone 1 while supporting Zones 2 and 3. The speakers responded to questions from the Board Committee.

### **Main Motion**

MOVED by Commissioner Irwin  
SECONDED by Commissioner Demers

THAT the Board Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board:

- A. Approve the proposed alignment of a new separated cycling path in Kitsilano Beach Park as described in this report;
- B. Direct staff to proceed with the detailed design and implementation of the proposed separated cycling path in the park; and
- C. Support collaboration with the City of Vancouver Engineering Department to coordinate and implement the design for the cycle path where the path occurs within City street rights-of-way.

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

MOVED by Commissioner Barker  
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT Items D and E be added to the Main Motion:

- D. FURTHER THAT Vancouver Park Board staff work to further improve safety on the Kitsilano Seaside Greenway extension at Kitsilano Beach Park with emphasis on clear signage of crossing points, engineered solutions for speed reduction, such as improved signage, for safe travel on park pathways to warn of upcoming pedestrian crossing points; including features similar to the newest City of Vancouver pedestrian crossings that warn those with challenges, such as hearing or visual impairments, of crossing points to ensure their safety; additionally any paved areas that bicycles, e-bikes, scooters and skateboards are prohibited to travel on be clearly marked as such, with painted marking and signage indicating prohibited use required to be highly visible to the public; and
- E. THAT the City of Vancouver Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee conduct an onsite assessment of the Kitsilano Seaside Greenway before any work commences.

Commissioner Giesbrecht requested that the amendment be separated into distinct propositions.

### **Question on Item D**

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DEFEATED

*In favour: Barker, Coupar*

*Opposed: Demers, Dumont, Giesbrecht, Irwin, Mackinnon*

### **Question on Item E**

- E. THAT the City of Vancouver Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee conduct an onsite assessment of the Kitsilano Seaside Greenway before any work commences.

CARRIED

*In favour: Barker, Coupar, Demers, Giesbrecht, Mackinnon*

*Opposed: Dumont, Irwin*

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

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- D. City of Vancouver Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee conduct an onsite assessment of the Kitsilano Seaside Greenway before any work commences.

CARRIED

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

*Opposed: Barker*

The Board Committee adjourned at 8:45 pm.

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Donnie Rosa  
General Manager

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Commissioner Camil Dumont  
Chair