



## 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**

- 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.

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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- B. Direct staff to proceed with the detailed design and implementation of the proposed separated cycling path in the park;
- 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; and
- 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



## REGULAR BOARD MEETING MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 11, 2022

The Regular Park Board meeting was held on Monday, April 11, 2022, at 8:54 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;
- (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 – March 30, 2022**

MOVED by Commissioner Dumont  
SECONDED by Commissioner Barker

THAT the Park Board minutes of the March 30, 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 the March 30, 2022 Board meeting:

- Apr 02 Commissioners Barker, Coupar, Giesbrecht and Irwin attended the Cherry Blossom Festival's "Big Picnic" at David Lam Park
- Apr 09: Chair Mackinnon spoke on behalf of the Board and was joined by Commissioners Barker, Coupar, Giesbrecht and Irwin at the Sakura Days Japan Fair at VanDusen Botanical Garden.

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

Chair Mackinnon announced that Commissioner Demers has been appointed as the liaison to the 2SLGBTQ+ Advisory Committee for the current Board term.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

The Board was advised that from April 4, 2022 to 3:00 pm on April 11, 2022, six emails were received in support of the Member's Motion titled "Bloedel Conservatory Visitor Centre – Feasibility and Funding" via the [PBCommissioners@vancouver.ca](mailto:PBCommissioners@vancouver.ca) account and the [Contact Park Board Commissioners](#) webform.

## **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT**

### **1. Report of the Board Committee – April 11, 2022**

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

1. REPORT: Special Events Calendar 2022 – Major Events
2. REPORT BACK: Seaside Greenway Proposal at Kitsilano Beach Park.

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar

SECONDED by Commissioner Giesbrecht

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Board Committee at its meeting of April 11, 2022, as contained in items 1 and 2.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **1. Extreme Weather Impacts and Damages – Update**

Ian Stewart, Manager of Park Development, Park Board, introduced the following Park Board staff:

- Peter Fox, Manager, City-Wide Recreation
- Amit Gandha, Director of Park Operations
- Steve Kellock, Director of Recreation
- Kate McIntyre, Civil Engineer II (Acting).

I. Stewart, K. McIntyre, A. Gandha and P. Fox jointly led the review of a presentation providing an update on extreme weather impacts and damages and highlighted:

- January 7, 2022 king tide and storm event
- Response and recovery process
- Overview of damage to:
  - Spanish Banks
  - Jericho Pier
  - Kitsilano Beach Park: Balsam to Trafalgar Streets
  - Vanier Park
  - Sunset Beach to Third Beach
  - Third Beach to Prospect Point
  - Stanley Park Seawall – Third Beach to Prospect Point
- Debris removal from beaches and the Stanley Park Seawall



- Damage to the Kitsilano Pool and seawall:
  - Multi-disciplinary assessment has commenced
  - Next steps
- Order of magnitude cost estimates for repair work
- Coastal adaptation planning process.

I. Stewart responded to questions from the Board. There was discussion on:

- The possibility of expanding the scope of the West End Waterfront Master Plan to include areas north of Third Beach
- The potential to reopen a portion of the Vanier Dock for the summer boating season
- Funding available from senior governments
- Whether measures will be put in place to prevent damage from hazards, such as barges, in the future.

## **2. General Manager's Report**

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

- Introduction of Betty Lepps, Director of Urban Relationships
- Discounted admission to Playland has been added to the Leisure Access Program
- Expectation that the Oppenheimer Park fieldhouse and playground will reopen by the end of April 2022
- Reminders not to release, touch or feed Jericho Beach rabbits, which are an invasive species
- Upcoming Council business related to or impacting parks and recreation:
  - Report on Wildlife Feeding Regulation
- Board briefing memos and emails issued from March 28 to April 11, 2022.

B. Lepps was invited to share a few words on the first day of her employment with the Park Board.

It was suggested that the Park Board explore opportunities to partner with other organizations to expand the Leisure Access Program.

## **MEMBERS' MOTIONS**

### **1. Bloedel Conservatory Visitor Centre – Feasibility and Funding**

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

#### **Main Motion**

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar

SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

#### WHEREAS:

1. The Vancouver Park Board manages the iconic Bloedel Conservatory at the pinnacle of Vancouver with the Vancouver Botanical Garden Association (VBGA) and has done so since 2012;
2. There has been an identified need to expand the Conservatory's footprint to include a visitor centre containing classrooms, gift shop, and food services; this need was confirmed in the joint business plan of 2011 and at a VBGA strategic planning session in November 2018; past VBGA Board motions also support the need for a new visitor centre, including formally indicating to the Park Board that they were prepared to contribute \$50,000 toward a feasibility study;
3. In March 2019, the VBGA President indicated the VBGA Board was prepared to fund a portable option as proof of concept and was prepared to tender a contract to purchase. In July 2019, in support of Bloedel Conservatory's 50th anniversary, the Park Board approved a motion directing staff to explore the feasibility of allocating up to \$150,000 from the operating budget to provide a portable for the VBGA to do public education at Bloedel; staff indicated in the feasibility report back that although it was not possible to provide a facility for the 50th anniversary celebrations, staff would continue to work with the VBGA toward the goal of increased programming capacity for Bloedel Conservatory;
4. In the book "The Jewel atop Vancouver: 50 years at the Bloedel Conservatory", published to commemorate the 50th anniversary and signed by Stephen Shapiro, the Executive Director of VBGA, the VBGA has signalled that improvements can be made through investments from both donors and taxpayers alike in building a state-of-the-art Visitor Centre that includes: a new admissions and information desk; an airlock door for better temperature control; a classroom to deliver and expand on world class education programming; and a café with food service for guests to enjoy refreshments. Continued investment in the collections will ensure endangered plant species can be saved and cultivated in the Conservatory's environment. Since then, the VBGA has discussed plans to raise up to 5 million dollars in support of this new addition; and
5. The Park Board will soon be deciding on Capital funding priorities for the upcoming 4 year Capital Plan, and almost 10 years have passed since the need for a new Visitor Centre was identified in the joint business plan.

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.

**Extension of Meeting**

MOVED by Commissioner Irwin  
SECONDED by Commissioner Dumont

THAT the Park Board extend the meeting until all agenda items have been completed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Amendment to the Main Motion**

MOVED by Commissioner Demers  
SECONDED by Commissioner Dumont

THAT the Main Motion be amended to read:

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 that this feasibility study be carried out concurrently with the ongoing work on the Queen Elizabeth Park Master Plan; and
- B. THAT staff report back with the study findings and recommendations for next steps.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

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- 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 that this feasibility study be carried out concurrently with the ongoing work on the Queen Elizabeth Park Master Plan; and

- B. THAT staff report back with the study findings and recommendations for next steps.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **ENQUIRIES**

1. A Board member asked if Leisure Access Program discounts are offered at VanDusen Botanical Gardens and the Bloedel Conservatory.
2. A Board member requested an update on when the mobility beach mat (Mobi-Mat) at Kitsilano Beach would be reinstalled; it was removed due to damage from the January storm.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 10:03 pm.

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Donnie Rosa  
General Manager

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Commissioner Stuart Mackinnon  
Chair