



BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING MEETING MINUTES

MAY 16, 2022

A Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, May 16, 2022, at 6:32 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 Vice-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 – April 25, 2022

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

THAT the Board Committee minutes of the April 25, 2022 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNICATIONS

The Board Committee was advised that from April 26, 2022 to 3:00 pm on May 16, 2022, the following emails were received via the PBCommissioners@vancouver.ca account and the [Contact Park Board Commissioners](#) webform with respect to:

- John Hendry (Trout Lake) Park Renewal Plan:
 - Three in support of the staff recommendation
 - Three opposed to the staff recommendation
 - 170 support a community garden in the park
 - One expressing concern with cycling paths and lighting

- Alcohol in Parks Pilot 2022 – Proposed By-law Amendments:
 - One in support of the staff recommendation
 - One opposed to the staff recommendation.

STAFF REPORTS

1. REPORT: John Hendry (Trout Lake) Park Renewal Plan

Kevin Connery, Landscape Architect II, Park Board, Celia Winters, Landscape Designer, Park Development, Park Board, and Rena Soutar, Manager, Decolonization Arts and Culture, Park Board, jointly led the review of a presentation on the John Hendry Park Renewal Plan (Renewal Plan) and highlighted:

- Objectives of the Renewal Plan
- Key initiatives and events since the project commenced in 2013
- John Hendry Park context
- Planning process:
 - 2013 – 2014 engagement to identify opportunities and challenges
 - 2015 engagement on improvement recommendations
 - 2019 engagement to revisit 2015 improvement recommendations and additional topics
 - 2021 engagement on the overall concept plan
- Organizing framework for the multiple layers of actions required to advance the Renewal Plan
- Key recommendations within the layers:
 - Cultural – where we celebrate cultural diversity and continue the journey towards reconciliation
 - Blue – where water flows and where aquatic wildlife lives
 - Green – where natural ecosystems occur and wildlife lives
 - Relax – where people slow down
 - Play – where people run, compete, play and celebrate
 - Move – how people travel through and connect with park features
- The rationale for not including a community garden within John Hendry Park
- Financial considerations
- Next steps.

K. Connery, along with Dave Hutch, Director, Planning and Park Development, Park Board, and Steve Kellock, Director of Recreation, Park Board, responded to questions from the Board Committee. There was discussion on:

- Actions to improve the water quality in Trout Lake to reduce the number of closures to swimmers due to E. coli counts

- Actions that can be taken to improve the water quality with the current available capital funding of \$1.4 million
- Concern regarding the lack of a bike route connecting the northern part of the park to the community centre:
 - Suggestion that the laneways be designated as cycle paths
- The installation a floating ecosystem/wetland in June 2022
- Suggestion to redirect rainwater runoff from the neighbourhood to the southeast part of the park to restore Trout Lake
- Request for information on the number of swimmers who would typically use the Kitsilano Pool who would divert to Trout Lake
- Whether the water quality in Trout Lake poses a danger to dogs from the adjacent dog off-leash area
- Whether there has been exploration into the combined sewer system being the source of the water contamination.

Recess

The meeting recessed at 7:51 pm and reconvened at 8:06 pm.

The Board Committee heard from 14 speakers, of which:

- Three spoke in support of the staff recommendation
- One spoke in opposition to the staff recommendation
- Ten spoke in support of including a community garden in John Hendry Park.

The speakers offered suggestions to improve the Renewal Plan and responded to questions from the Board Committee.

Recess

The meeting recessed at 9:20 pm and reconvened at 9:25 pm.

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 John Hendry Park Renewal Plan, attached as Appendix A and summarized in this report; and
- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to develop an Implementation Plan that identifies phasing opportunities and reflects the Park Board's overall park renewal priorities and financial capacity as determined through the upcoming four-year Capital Planning process.

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At this point in the proceedings, Commissioner Irwin stepped down as Chair in order to introduce an amendment to the Main Motion and to participate in the discussion. Commissioner Giesbrecht assumed the chair.

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Amendment to the Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Irwin
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

THAT the Main Motion be amended by adding Item C:

- C. THAT the Park Board asks staff to explore inclusion of community garden plots in the Renewal Plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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At 9:37 pm, Commissioner Irwin resumed the Chair.

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Amendment to the Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Barker

THAT the Main Motion be amended by adding Item D:

- D. THAT the Park Board direct staff to develop and implement a plan to prioritize water quality improvements to ensure safe swimming at Trout Lake with a goal to eliminate public swimming closures as a result of unsafe E. coli levels.

CARRIED

In favour: Barker, Coupar, Irwin, Mackinnon

Opposed: Demers, Dumont, Giesbrecht

Extension of Meeting

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Barker

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Question on the Main Motion, as Amended

THAT the Board Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the John Hendry Park Renewal Plan, attached as Appendix A and summarized in this report;
- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to develop an Implementation Plan that identifies phasing opportunities and reflects the Park Board’s overall park renewal priorities and financial capacity as determined through the upcoming four-year Capital Planning process;
- C. THAT the Park Board asks staff to explore inclusion of community garden plots in the Renewal Plan; and
- D. THAT the Park Board direct staff to develop and implement a plan to prioritize water quality improvements to ensure safe swimming at Trout Lake with a goal to eliminate public swimming closures as a result of unsafe E. coli levels.

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

Question on Item A

THAT the Board Committee recommend to the Board that the Vancouver Park Board approve the John Hendry Park Renewal Plan, attached as Appendix A and summarized in this report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Question on Item B

THAT the Board Committee recommend to the Board that the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to develop an Implementation Plan that identifies phasing opportunities and reflects the Park Board’s overall park renewal priorities and financial capacity as determined through the upcoming four-year Capital Planning process.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Question on Item C

THAT the Board Committee recommend to the Board that the Park Board asks staff to explore inclusion of community garden plots in the Renewal Plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Question on Item D

THAT the Board Committee recommend to the Board that the Park Board direct staff to develop and implement a plan to prioritize water quality improvements to ensure safe swimming at Trout Lake with a goal to eliminate public swimming closures as a result of unsafe E. coli levels.

CARRIED

In favour: Barker, Coupar, Irwin, Mackinnon

Opposed: Demers, Dumont, Giesbrecht

2. REPORT: Alcohol in Parks Pilot 2022 – Proposed By-law Amendments

The Board Committee agreed to forego the staff presentation.

The Board Committee heard from one speaker, who spoke in opposition to the staff recommendation. The speaker responded to questions from the Board Committee.

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar

SECONDED by Commissioner Demers

THAT the Board Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the proposed amendments to the Parks Control By-Law Regarding Liquor Consumption in Parks, as set out in Appendix A of this report, to temporarily designate the park sites listed in the by-law as places where liquor may be consumed during the 2022 Alcohol in Parks Pilot; and
- B. FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward a by-law for enactment by the Park Board generally in accordance with Appendix A.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Board Committee extended birthday wishes to Jack Birch, a World War II veteran who attended a Park Board meeting several years ago.

The Board Committee adjourned at 10:30 pm.

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Donnie Rosa
General Manager

Commissioner Camil Dumont
Chair