



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 7, 2022

The Regular Park Board meeting was held on Tuesday, June 7, 2022, at 7:03 pm, via videoconference and at the Park Board Office.

PRESENT: Commissioner Tricia Barker
Commissioner John Coupar
Commissioner Camil Dumont
Commissioner Gwen Giesbrecht, Vice-Chair
Commissioner John Irwin
Commissioner Stuart Mackinnon, Chair

ABSENT: Commissioner Dave Demers

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 Giesbrecht

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:

- (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 – May 17, 2022

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar

SECONDED by Commissioner Giesbrecht

THAT the Park Board minutes of the May 17, 2022 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ANNOUNCEMENT

Commissioner Coupar acknowledged the recent passing of Joe Segal and offered condolences to his family and friends.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Mackinnon highlighted the participation of Park Board Commissioners at official Park Board events since the May 17, 2022 Board meeting:

- Commissioner Mackinnon attended the special announcement of \$25 million in federal and provincial funding for the Invictus Games 2025 that will be held in Vancouver and Whistler, BC
- Commissioners Barker, Coupar, Giesbrecht and Irwin attended the 2022 Awards of Excellence ceremony where Yosef Wosk was honoured with the Freedom of the City award
- Commissioner Mackinnon spoke at the Arts and Health: Healthy Aging Through the Arts gathering, a Seniors' Week event
- Commissioner Mackinnon spoke at the BC Library Trustees Association (BCLTA) Gathering: Governance and Relationship Building where participants were informed about the priorities of municipal, regional and First Nations governance and operations
- Commissioners Barker, Coupar and Irwin attended, and Commissioner Giesbrecht spoke at the construction of a floating ecosystem of local plants at Trout Lake in John Hendry Park
- Commissioners Barker and Giesbrecht attended, and Commissioners Coupar and Mackinnon spoke at the event at Queen Elizabeth Park to commemorate the legacy of Grace McCarthy.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Board was advised that from May 17, 2022 to 3:00 pm on June 6, 2022, the following emails were received via the PBCCommissioners@vancouver.ca account and the [Contact Park Board Commissioners](#) webform with respect to:

- Draft 2023–2026 Capital Plan Preliminary Engagement Findings – Parks and Rec
 - One related to the Mount Pleasant Outdoor Pool.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Report of the Board Committee – June 6, 2022

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

1. REPORT: Skateboard Amenities Strategy (CitySkate)
2. REPORT: Name for New Park at Smithe and Richards – Host Nations Engagement Process.

MOVED by Commissioner Giesbrecht
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Board Committee at its meeting of June 6, 2022, as contained in items 1 and 2.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

STAFF REPORTS

1. Draft 2023–2026 Capital Plan Preliminary Engagement Findings – Parks and Rec

Donnie Rosa, General Manager, Park Board, introduced the following City of Vancouver representatives:

- Paul Mochrie, City Manager
- Patrice Impey, Chief Financial Officer and General Manager of Finance, Risk, and Supply Chain Management.

P. Mochrie provided comments on the City-led capital planning process:

- Necessity to undertake a prioritization process to develop the recommendation to Council as the capital funding needs identified exceed the financial capacity of the City
- The Capital Plan will be reassessed at the mid-point of the plan.

Erin Embley, Manager of Strategic Initiatives, Park Board, and Amanda Gibbs, Manager of Engagement, Park Board, jointly led the review of a presentation on the draft 2023–2026 Capital Plan and preliminary engagement findings and highlighted:

- The Park Board’s commitment to reconciliation
- Park Board’s capital planning process, timeline and service areas
- Trends and events affecting capital investments
- Policies directing capital investments
- Guidance to prioritize capital planning
- Flexibility in Capital Plan allocations
- Draft 2023–2026 Capital Plan allocation = \$504 million:
 - Draft Parks and Open Spaces allocation = \$208.2 million

- Park Land Acquisition allocation = \$22.5 million
- Urban Forest and Natural Areas allocation = \$13.4 million
- Seawall and Waterfront allocation = 15.5 million
- Park Amenities allocation = \$107.1 million
- Decolonization, Arts and Culture allocation = \$1.0 million
- Buildings, Infrastructure and Vehicles allocation = \$48.8 million
- Recreation Facilities allocation = \$294.0 million, inclusive of in-kind values
- Service Yards allocation = \$8.0 million
- Council motions regarding Park Board assets passed on April 26, 2022
- Public input:
 - Early themes
 - Public engagement methods and events
 - Shape Your City results
- Next steps.

E. Embley, A Gibbs and P. Mochrie, along with Dave Hutch, Director, Planning and Park Development, Park Board; Donnie Rosa, General Manager, Park Board; and Amit Gandha, Director, Parks, Park Board, responded to questions from the Board. There was discussion on:

- Confirmation that funding has not been allocated in the 2023–2026 Capital Plan for the replacement of the False Creek deck
- Concern with the selected publication of information regarding opposition to the Mt. Pleasant Pool
- Discussions with the provincial government regarding restrictions on the allocation of development-related charges for infrastructure renewal
- The efforts made to engage seniors who are not comfortable with the use of technology and social media
- The relationship between the Queen Elizabeth Park Master Plan, Queen Elizabeth Service Yard and the 2023–2026 Capital Plan
- The ability of the Park Board to reallocate funds within the approved 2023–2026 Capital Plan to respond to emergent needs and priorities
- Discussions with Real Estate and Facilities Management (REFM) regarding the timing of the repair of the Kitsilano Pool
- Request that consideration be given to exempt the water features in destination parks from potable water conservation requirements
- Request for information on the funding allocated to replace the greenhouses at Sunset Nursery and to enable the Park Board to grow trees within its system
- Funding provided in the 2023–2026 Capital Plan for public washrooms in Park Board facilities
- Whether capital funding is available to address sea level rise and flooding along the Fraser River.

2. General Manager's Report

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

- Recent and upcoming events at Bloedel Conservatory and VanDusen Botanical Garden to celebrate the spring gardening season
- Retirement of Alex Downie, Manager of Park Operations
- An Invitation to Tender (ITT) will be issued in early June 2022 to identify suppliers for the construction of South Kinross Park
- Upcoming Council business related to or impacting parks and recreation:
 - Report on Developing Application and Permitting Modernization Task Force – Report Back on Design Guidelines and Protection of Trees By-Law Policies on June 7, 2022
 - Referral report on the East Fraser Lands Waterfront Precinct on June 7, 2022
 - Report on the Sites for 2022 Alcohol Consumption in Public Plazas Program on June 8, 2022
 - Report on Making Strides: Vancouver's Childcare Strategy
 - Decision on the Broadway Plan on June 9, 2022
 - Consideration of rezoning of 1406–1410 East King Edward Avenue at the June 14, 2022 Public Hearing
- Board briefing memos and emails issued from May 17 to June 6, 2022.

Steve Kellock, Director, Recreation, Park Board, responded to a question from the Board regarding actions that will be taken by the Park Board to support the community during future heat events.

Recess

The meeting recessed at 8:55 pm and reconvened at 9:06 pm.

MEMBERS' MOTIONS

1. Renaming Pioneer Place (Pigeon Park) to Peoples' Park

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

Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Irwin

SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

1. The small park or civic square known as Pigeon Park, located at West Hastings Street and Carrall Street in the Downtown Eastside, is an important gathering place for people in the neighbourhood;
2. The park has recently been improved, with the refurbishing and ceremonial unveiling of the Survivor's Totem pole in the park on November 5, 2021; and

3. The recognition of survivors of both residential schools and conditions that indigenous peoples have faced is a significant part of reconciliation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board explore the feasibility of changing the name of Pioneer Place (Pigeon Park) to “Peoples’ Park”; and
- B. FURTHER THAT this work be considered a priority action for the Commemoration Framework to be implemented once the Framework is complete.

Amendment to the Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Giesbrecht
SECONDED by Commissioner Dumont

THAT Item A be amended to read:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board explore the feasibility of changing the name of Pioneer Place (Pigeon Park).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Question on the Main Motion, as Amended

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board explore the feasibility of changing the name of Pioneer Place (Pigeon Park); and
- B. FURTHER THAT this work be considered a priority action for the Commemoration Framework to be implemented once the Framework is complete.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NOTICE OF MEMBERS’ MOTIONS

1. Accessible and Inclusive Design Guidelines for Playgrounds

Commissioner Irwin gave notice of motion on the following:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to work with the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee to develop accessible and inclusive design guidelines for new and renewed playgrounds to provide play opportunities for people with mobility, auditory, visual, and sensory needs.

2. Park Stewardship with Urban Indigenous Residents

Commissioner Irwin gave notice of motion on the following:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, as part of the co-management exploration work already underway with the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations (MST), the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to specifically look at issues affecting Urban Indigenous people and work with MST and the City of Vancouver's Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee to empower Urban Indigenous residents to play a significant role in Vancouver's parks and recreation system.

ENQUIRIES

1. A Board member requested an update on why the large pond at South Memorial Park had its water source shut down. It is very disappointing to see the lack of water fowl at the pond; what was once teeming with ducks and songbirds is now a slimy pit of dead plants.
2. A Board member enquired about the number of years the Luxury and Supercar Weekend event has taken place at VanDusen Botanical Garden, the amount of revenue it generated, and why it relocated to Richmond this year.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 9:18 pm.

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Donnie Rosa
General Manager

Commissioner Stuart Mackinnon
Chair