



BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 6, 2022

A Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, June 6, 2022, at 6:35 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.

Motion to Suspend the Rules

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon
SECONDED by Commissioner Giesbrecht

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, Mackinnon
Opposed: Barker, Coupar

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Board Committee Meeting – May 16, 2022

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Giesbrecht

THAT the Board Committee minutes of the May 16, 2022 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Barker announced that the week of June 5 to 11, 2022 is BC Seniors' Week.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

- Skateboard Amenities Strategy (CitySkate):
 - 27 in support of the staff recommendation
- Name for New Park at Smithe and Richards – Host Nations Engagement Process:
 - 10 in support of the staff recommendation.

STAFF REPORTS

1. REPORT: Skateboard Amenities Strategy (CitySkate)

Emily Dunlop, Senior Planner, Park Board, and Michelle Larigakis, Project Manager, Park Board, jointly led the review of a presentation on the draft Skateboard Amenities Strategy and highlighted:

- The purpose of a skateboard strategy
- Benefits of skateboarding
- Inventory of Vancouver's skate infrastructure
 - Comparison of skateable terrain in Vancouver and four comparable cities
- Public and stakeholder engagement:
 - Events
 - Key findings
- Strategy framework:
 - Guiding principles
 - Vision and mission
 - Goals
- Supporting policies
- Key actions for implementation areas:
 - New builds in parks
 - Upgrades to existing skate amenities
 - City spots and dots between parks
 - Skate friendly greenways
 - Partnerships and programming

- Implementation plan:
 - Timeline
 - 20-year vision map
 - Financial considerations.

E. Dunlop, along with Donnie Rosa, General Manager, Park Board; Dave Hutch, Director, Planning and Park Development, Park Board; Jason McMillen, Landscape Architect, Park Board; Mark van der Zalm, van der Zalm and Associates; and Paul Storer, Director of Transportation, City of Vancouver, responded to questions from the Board Committee. There was discussion on:

- Confirmation that \$550,000 has been earmarked in the current capital plan for “Quick Wins”:
 - Future projects would be subject to the allocation of capital funds
- Concern that there are numerous priorities for available capital funds
- The rationale for benchmarking Vancouver against Malmo, Sweden
- Potential locations for spots and dots
- Whether the provision of skate parks outside of Park Board facilities would enable the demand gap to be met at the end of the proposed 20-year implementation plan
- Suggestion to collaborate with the City of Vancouver to allow skateboarders to use protected bike lanes for transportation.

Recess

The meeting recessed at 7:40 pm and reconvened at 7:59 pm.

The Board Committee heard from 24 speakers, of which:

- 19 spoke in support of the staff recommendation
- Two suggested that the diverse styles of skateboarding be reflected in the skateboard strategy
- One suggested that a flat open space be provided for skateboarding
- One requested that covered skateparks be provided for year-round skateboarding
- One requested that covered indoor skate spaces, with lights, be provided.

The speakers responded to questions from the Board Committee.

Extension of Meeting

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

THAT the Park Board extend the meeting beyond 10:00 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon
SECONDED by Commissioner Dumont

THAT the Board Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board adopt the “Skateboard Amenities Strategy (CitySkate),” as outlined in this report and attached as Appendix A, to guide the planning and implementation for skateboard and small-wheeled sport amenities in Vancouver; and
- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the “Quick Wins” identified in this report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recess

The meeting recessed at 10:27 pm and reconvened at 10:45 pm.

2. REPORT: Name for New Park at Smithe and Richards – Host Nations Engagement Process

Julia Hulbert, Arts and Culture Planner II, Park Board, led the review of a presentation on the engagement with host Nations regarding the naming of the new park at Smithe and Richards Streets and highlighted:

- The Park Board’s commitment to reconciliation
- Host Nations park naming process and engagement principles
- Key findings of the pilot Indigenous Park Naming Process
- Cultural programming planned for the new park
- The name will be officially gifted through an Indigenous naming ceremony on June 17, 2022
- Next steps.

J. Hulbert, along with Rena Soutar, Manager, Decolonization, Arts and Culture, Park Board, responded to questions from the Board Committee. There was discussion on:

- Whether the Park Board will be reciprocating for the gift of the name from the Host Nations
- The intention to utilize the lessons learned from the Interim Indigenous Park Naming process to inform the implementation of a future process to restore Indigenous place names to parks.

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Dumont

THAT the Board Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the plan to receive a gifted name from the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations for the new downtown park located at Smithe and Richards Streets, to be formally presented at a special naming ceremony to be held at the park on Friday, June 17, 2022; and
- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board receive the update on the park naming process review and endorse the Interim Park Naming Process, as outlined in this report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board Committee adjourned at 11:28 pm.

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Donnie Rosa
General Manager

Commissioner Camil Dumont
Chair