



## 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](mailto: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

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Commissioner Camil Dumont  
Chair



## 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**

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- 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

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Commissioner Stuart Mackinnon  
Chair