



## REGULAR BOARD MEETING MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 20, 2022

The Regular Park Board meeting was held on Monday, June 20, 2022, at 9:24 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 Demers  
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;
- (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 – June 7, 2022**

MOVED by Commissioner Irwin  
SECONDED by Commissioner Giesbrecht

THAT the Park Board minutes of the June 7, 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 June 7, 2022 Board meeting:

- Commissioners Giesbrecht and Mackinnon attended the Storm Football Club's Tsleil-Waututh Field blessing
- Commissioners Coupar and Irwin attended, and Commissioner Mackinnon spoke at the Festival Preview for the 2022 Concord Pacific Dragon Boat Festival where 18 new dragon boats were unveiled
- Commissioners Barker, Coupar, Giesbrecht and Mackinnon attended an appreciation dinner in recognition of the partnership between the Community Centre Associations and the Park Board
- Commissioners Coupar and Mackinnon attended the viewing party for the FIFA World Cup 2026 host city announcement, where Vancouver was named one of 16 host cities in North America
- Commissioners Coupar, Demers, Giesbrecht, Irwin and Mackinnon attended a special Naming Ceremony led by the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations for the new park at Smithe and Richards
- Commissioners Coupar, Giesbrecht and Mackinnon attended the regular season wind down and championship games for the Trout Lake Little League at John Hendry Park
- Commissioners Coupar, Giesbrecht and Mackinnon attended the first annual Black Culture Celebration at Sunset Beach: Juneteenth celebration of black culture, black people and their achievements.

## COMMUNICATIONS

The Board was advised that from June 8, 2022 to 3:00 pm on June 20, 2022, one email was received via the [PBCommissioners@vancouver.ca](mailto:PBCommissioners@vancouver.ca) account and the [Contact Park Board Commissioners](#) webform expressing support for Member’s Motion titled “Accessible and Inclusive Design Guidelines for Playgrounds”.

## BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

### 1. Report of the Board Committee – June 20, 2022

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

1. REPORT: Symphony at Sunset - Corporate Sponsorship Fund Request
2. REPORT: Vancouver Development Cost Levy By-Law Updates (2023-2032) – Parks and Recreation Implications
3. REPORT: Joint City of Vancouver / Park Board Commemoration Framework – Guiding Principles, Vision and Emerging Priorities.

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar  
SECONDED by Commissioner Barker

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Board Committee at its meeting of June 20, 2022, as contained in items 1 through 3.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## STAFF REPORTS

### 1. Marpole Community Centre Renewal and Outdoor Pool Update

Jordan Lypkie, Planner, Park Board, led the review of a presentation providing an update on the Marpole Community Centre renewal and outdoor pool and highlighted:

- Context of the Marpole neighbourhood
- Project team and partners
- Design principles and relevant policy
- Schematic of the location of the program elements within the site
- Proposed timeline
- Challenges of cost escalation and market conditions
  - Recent cost estimates reflect significant increases in unit rate costs due to escalation
  - Proposal to defer the implementation of the outdoor pool, spray park and associated mechanical systems and change rooms until additional funding available
- Next steps.

J. Lypkie, along with Paul Mochrie, City Manager, City of Vancouver, and Nataalka Lubiw, Associate Director, Real Estate and Facilities Management (REFM), City of Vancouver, responded to questions from the Board. There was discussion on:

- Concern with the continued deferral of the Marpole outdoor pool when other municipalities have been successful in constructing new pools
- Suggestion that the City and Park Board collaborate with senior levels of government to obtain the additional funding required to construct the community centre and outdoor pool in a single phase

### **Extension of Meeting**

MOVED by Commissioner Irwin

SECONDED by Commissioner Dumont

THAT the Park Board extend the meeting to 11:00 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Whether funding is available from an alternate source to allow the simultaneous construction of the community centre and outdoor pool
- Whether it would be possible to reallocate funds when the mid-term review of the 2023–2026 capital plan is undertaken.

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

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

- Anticipated reopening of the Kitsilano Pool on July 30, 2022, which will be weather dependent
- Deconstruction of the existing lawn bowling clubhouse building in Gray's Park, which has been deemed unsafe for occupancy, will commence in early summer 2022
- Upcoming Council business related to or impacting parks and recreation:
  - Report on Resilient Neighbourhood Grants: Summer Heat Preparedness on June 21, 2022
  - Council will reconvene on June 22, 2022 for the remainder of the debate and decision on the Broadway Plan
- Board briefing memos and emails issued from June 8 to 20, 2022.

## **MEMBERS' MOTIONS**

### **1. Accessible and Inclusive Design Guidelines for Playgrounds**

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

MOVED by Commissioner Irwin  
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

WHEREAS:

1. The playground at Kitsilano Beach Park is noted as Vancouver’s fully accessible playground; it is both one of the few listed as being accessible, and may not be as accessible for children in mobility devices;
2. Recent upgrades have also been made to incorporate principles of universal design at Charleson Park, Clinton Park, Falaise Park and Jonathan Rogers Park;
3. Accessible playgrounds that incorporate universal design are readily enjoyed by all children and playground visitors;
4. Equitable, accessible and inclusive playgrounds consider and accommodate various needs, including mobility, vision, hearing, and sensory disabilities (e.g., autism spectrum disorder); see Rick Hansen Foundation – Guide to Creating Accessible Play Spaces;
5. VanPlay’s Strategic Bold Moves identifies the need to provide universally accessible play features at all play areas (having access as a spectator is not sufficient); and
6. The recently passed *Accessible British Columbia Act* will require public sector organizations to develop accessibility plans.

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.

**Motion to Refer**

MOVED by Commissioner Barker  
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Park Board refer consideration of the Member’s Motion to a future Board Committee meeting.

CARRIED

*In favour: Barker, Coupar, Giesbrecht, Mackinnon*

*Opposed: Demers, Dumont, Irwin*

**2. Park Stewardship with Urban Indigenous Residents**

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

## **Main Motion**

MOVED by Commissioner Irwin

SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

### WHEREAS:

1. The City of Vancouver is home to many Urban Indigenous residents from across Canada;
2. The Vancouver Park Board is committed to reconciliation with all First Nations and Indigenous peoples;
3. Through the Vancouver Charter, the Park Board has exclusive jurisdiction over City of Vancouver land that has been designated as a permanent or temporary park;
4. The Park Board has accepted the Calls to Action within the Truth and Reconciliation Report of Canada, which will help to provide progress towards redressing the many wrongs Indigenous peoples have experienced from colonization;
5. In January 2022, the Park Board approved a motion directing staff to explore opportunities with the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations for co-management of parklands within their respective territories that are currently under Park Board jurisdiction per the *Vancouver Charter*; and
6. Traditional knowledge and stewardship of lands that Urban Indigenous peoples provide should be an integral part of park management.

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.

## **Primary Amendment to the Main Motion**

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon

SECONDED by Commissioner Irwin

THAT the motion be amended to read:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to specifically look at issues affecting Urban Indigenous people and work with the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations (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.

### **Secondary Amendment to the Main Motion**

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon

SECONDED by Commissioner Irwin

THAT the motion be amended to read:

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

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### **Question on the Primary Amendment to the Main Motion**

THAT the motion be amended to read:

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

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

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

### **Motion to Refer**

MOVED by Commissioner Dumont

SECONDED by Commissioner Demers

THAT the Park Board refers the Member's Motion to staff to provide information on the question of the motion being redundant and to provide a report to a future Board Committee for consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **NOTICE OF MEMBERS' MOTIONS**

#### **1. Iconic Vancouver Park Water Feature Renewals**

Commissioner Coupar gave notice of motion on the following:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT staff provide an inventory of all potable water fed features across our park system along with the repairs/upgrades needed to ensure they are compliant with City of Vancouver by-laws and remain sustainable in their water use.
- B. FURTHER THAT this inventory include a timeline with cost estimates for any repairs and upgrades needed so that the Board is aware of the financial requirements to complete this work, either through the immediate use of operational funds for priority repairs, or so that more significant projects can be prioritized for future capital planning.
- C. THAT staff seek a temporary exemption to keep key water features running in destination parks, such as Queen Elizabeth Park, South Memorial Park, Stanley Park, and VanDusen Botanical Gardens, until a plan is in place to ensure they are compliant with City by-laws.

**2. Micromobility Charging Pilot Project**

Commissioner Irwin gave notice of motion on the following:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Park Board have staff work with City of Vancouver staff to explore the feasibility of establishing charging stations in the further reaches of Stanley Park to provide recharging options for those using and reliant on micromobility devices (such as e-scooters and e-bikes), including people with disabilities.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 10:40 pm.

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Donnie Rosa  
General Manager

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Commissioner Stuart Mackinnon  
Chair