



## BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING MEETING MINUTES

**JUNE 20, 2022**

A Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, June 20, 2022, at 6:33 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.

### ADOPTION OF MINUTES

#### 1. Board Committee Meeting – June 6, 2022

MOVED by Commissioner Giesbrecht  
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Board Committee minutes of the June 6, 2022 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Irwin offered a reminder that June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples Day.

Commissioner Barker provided an update on the positive outcome regarding a child's birthday celebration that was publicized in the media.

### COMMUNICATIONS

The Board Committee was advised that there are no communications of note related to the agenda items.

## STAFF REPORTS

### 1. **REPORT: Symphony at Sunset – Corporate Sponsorship Fund Request**

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon  
SECONDED by Commissioner Barker

THAT the recommendation in the staff report be adopted on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The following recommendation contained in the report was adopted on consent:

THAT the Board Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve a contribution of up to \$100,000 from the Corporate Sponsorship Fund to support the delivery of the Symphony at Sunset concert event at Sunset Beach Park on July 2, 2022.

### 2. **REPORT: Vancouver Development Cost Levy By-Law Updates (2023–2032) – Parks and Recreation Implications**

Chris Clibbon, Planner II, City of Vancouver, and Nathan Bunio, Planner II, City of Vancouver, jointly led the review of a presentation on the updates to the Vancouver Development Cost Levy (DCL) By-Law that will be recommended to Council on June 22, 2022 and highlighted:

- Recommendations to be provided to City Council:
  - Recommended DCL rates with two-year phase in
  - Updated City-wide DCL allocations
  - Amended City-wide DCL waiver for for-profit affordable rental housing
  - Other amendments:
    - Amending reduced rates
    - Removing payments by instalments
    - Amending definitions
    - Adjusting micro-dwelling unit size exemption
- 2022 DCL update timeline and process
- Recommended allocation of the 2023–2032 DCL program:
  - Parks program allocation (2023–2032) of \$417 million, an increase of 34.5% from the 2017–2026 program
- Stakeholder feedback received on the recommendations.

Erin Embley, Manager, Strategic Initiatives, Park Board, led the review of a presentation on updates to the Vancouver Development Cost Levy (DCL) By-Law and highlighted:

- The Park Board’s DCLs will increase from \$19.5 to \$41.7 million per year, commencing in 2023
- Development forecast from 2023–2032

- Park Board implications:
  - Amount of funding
  - Flexibility of funding.

E. Embley and C. Clibbon, along with Grace Cheng, Director, Long-term Financial Strategy and Planning/Deputy City Treasurer, City of Vancouver; Theresa O'Donnell, General Manager, Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability, City of Vancouver; Paul Mochrie, City Manager, City of Vancouver; and Chris Robertson, Assistant Director, City-wide and Regional Planning, City of Vancouver, responded to questions from the Board Committee. There was discussion on:

- Request for information on the total amount of the reduction in the DCL approved in 2017
- Request for information on the amount that would have been available to provide parks in the Broadway Plan had the DCL been unchanged in 2017
- Expectation that approximately \$100 million of DCLs will be provided to the Park Board through the Broadway Plan during the timeframe of the 2023–2032 DCL Program
- The reason for \$104 million in Housing DCLs being unallocated
- A change to the *Vancouver Charter* will be required to provide increased flexibility for the use of DCLs
- Options to intensify park use and make existing spaces more durable and resilient, rather than acquiring additional parkland, to serve a growing population
- Concern that future Park Board DCLs could be reduced if there is an unallocated balance:
  - In some instances, the Park Board is required to build surpluses in order to acquire large parcels of parkland
- The Broadway Plan is not embedded in the 2023–2032 DCL program as it has not been approved by Council, and will be revisited in the next DCL update
- The developments included in the 2023–2032 DCL program.

MOVED by Commissioner Demers

SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

THAT the Board Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board support the Council Report titled "[Vancouver Development Cost Levy By-Law Updates \(2023-2032\)](#)" as linked to and described in this report; and
- B. FURTHER THAT the Board direct staff to send a letter to Mayor and Council, requesting Council also advocate strongly to the Provincial government for increased flexibility in how DCLs may be used for parks and recreation capital projects, to better respond to the growing population, citing the City's need to direct more development contributions toward intensifying and upgrading parks, and providing a wide variety of new parks and recreation facilities.

Commissioner Coupar 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 support the Council Report titled "[Vancouver Development Cost Levy By-Law Updates \(2023-2032\)](#)" as linked to and described in this report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY/CARRIED/DEFEATED

*In favour: Demers, Dumont, Giesbrecht, Irwin, Mackinnon*

*Opposed: Barker, Coupar*

### Question on Item B

THAT the Board Committee recommend to the Board that the Board direct staff to send a letter to Mayor and Council, requesting Council also advocate strongly to the Provincial government for increased flexibility in how DCLs may be used for parks and recreation capital projects, to better respond to the growing population, citing the City's need to direct more development contributions toward intensifying and upgrading parks, and providing a wide variety of new parks and recreation facilities.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### Recess

The meeting recessed at 7:51 pm and reconvened at 7:59 pm.

### 3. REPORT: Joint City of Vancouver / Park Board Commemoration Framework – Guiding Principles, Vision and Emerging Priorities

Julia Hulbert, Planner II, Decolonization, Arts and Culture, Park Board, and Metha Brown, Social Planner II, Arts, Culture and Community Services (ACCS), City of Vancouver, jointly led the review of a presentation on the proposed joint City and Park Board Commemoration Framework and highlighted:

- The worldwide reckoning with colonial commemoration
- The importance of memorializing lost lives and movements and preserving legacies for generations
- First Nations are reasserting their presence and those of other equity-denied communities in the community
- The need to develop a commemoration framework that guides transparent, fair selection and funding processes
- Project team, structure and composition
- Project map, scope and proposed timeline
- Findings of Phase 1: Concept and Questions:
  - Nation-directed process
  - Transparent, equity-oriented, culturally safer, properly resourced process
  - Innovative and creative engagement methods
  - Centering Host Nations' presence and contending with colonial history

- Exploring equity-denied community experiences
- Reframing commemorative priorities: space and temporary projects
- Guiding principles and vision
- Themes of emerging priorities:
  - Make space for Host Nations to assert self-determined memory practices
  - Reckon with colonial history and narratives celebrating conquest
  - Centre equity-denied communities' stories and memory practices
  - Foster belonging, multiplicity and connection across communities.

J. Hulbert and M. Brown, along with Donnie Rosa, General Manager, Park Board, responded to questions from the Board Committee. There was discussion on:

- The impact of the Commemorative Framework on existing park names
- Suggestion to strengthen the Park Board representation on the project team
- Suggestion to expand the communities included in the group summaries to recognize the multiplicity of populations in Vancouver
- Whether the project is adequately resourced.

### **Recess**

The meeting recessed at 8:42 pm and reconvened at 8:50 pm.

The Board Committee heard from three speakers, of which two spoke in support of the staff recommendation and one who suggested that the achievements of the black community, particularly Joe Forte, be highlighted, and that the Park Board collaborate with the Vancouver Police Department and other City organizations. The speakers responded to questions from the Board Committee.

MOVED by Commissioner Demers

SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Board Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the proposed joint Commemoration Framework Guiding Principles, Vision & Emerging Priorities contained within this report in principle, subject to final approval by City Council and the Park Board at a future date;
- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to work with City staff to further develop a proposed Commemoration Framework and comprehensive administrative policies for a) monuments, memorials, and plaques; and b) naming and renaming, including Indigenous naming, and be prepared to receive a subsequent report with budget requests for Host Nations consultation and public engagement; and

- C. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to suspend the review of any new commemorative requests including plaques, naming, and monument donations while the Commemoration Framework is under development.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board Committee adjourned at 9:16 pm.

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Donnie Rosa  
General Manager

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Commissioner Camil Dumont  
Chair