



BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING MEETING MINUTES

JULY 18, 2022
JULY 19, 2022 (Reconvened)

A Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, July 18, 2022, at 6:31 pm, via videoconference and at the Park Board Office. The Board Committee meeting reconvened at 6:35 pm on Tuesday, July 19, 2022.

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 Giesbrecht
SECONDED by Commissioner Barker

THAT the Vancouver Park Board suspend the rules to hear from speakers who had not register by the published deadline.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion to Suspend the Rules

MOVED by Commissioner Irwin
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

THAT the Vancouver Park Board varies the length of time Speakers are permitted to speak to three minutes.

CARRIED

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

Opposed: Barker, Coupar

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Board Committee Meeting – July 4, 2022

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon

SECONDED by Commissioner Giesbrecht

THAT the Board Committee minutes of the July 4, 2022 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Mackinnon advised of two important community figures who passed away in the last month:

- Elder Kat Norris, a member of the Lyackson First Nation, mother and grandmother
- Christine “Chrissy” Brett, an advocate and spokesperson for the rights of displaced people, particularly the urban Indigenous community.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Board Committee was advised that from July 18 2022 to 3:00 pm on July 18, 2022, the following emails were received via the PBCommissioners@vancouver.ca account and the [Contact Park Board Commissioners](#) webform regarding the report titled “Stanley Park Mobility Study – Initial Findings and Directions:

- Eight in support of the staff recommendations
- 249 in support of the bike lane and restricting vehicular access to Stanley Park
- 136 opposed to the bike lane and/or restricting vehicular access to Stanley Park
- Three in support of improved transit to Stanley Park
- Three requested improvements to walkways and signage
- Two expressed concerns with the lack of representation in studies and workshops.

STAFF REPORTS

1. REPORT: Park Board Code of Conduct Policy

John Brodie, Acting Director, Strategic Operations and Board Relations, Park Board, introduced.

- Andrew Aguilar, Lawyer, City of Vancouver
- Jason Twa, Assistant Director, Civil Litigation, City of Vancouver.

A. Aguilar led the review of a presentation on the proposed Code of Conduct Policy and highlighted:

- History of the City’s Code of Conduct By-Law

- The City’s Code of Conduct Policy does not apply to Commissioners or Park Board Advisory Board members
- Recommendation that a Code of Conduct be in the form of a policy passed by resolution of the Park Board
- Key provisions of the proposed Code of Conduct Policy
- Complaint and resolution procedures
- Changes from the City by-law
- Requirements for a mandatory review
- Code of Conduct principles
- Next steps.

A. Aguilar, along with J. Twa, responded to questions from the Board Committee. There was discussion on:

- Concern regarding the Integrity Commissioner’s interpretation of the principle of demonstrating collaboration with respect to the public expression of dissenting views from the majority of Commissioners
- Suggestion to include definitions in the Code of Conduct Policy of the terms “leadership” and “collaboration” to avoid future disagreement:
 - The Code of Conduct Policy would utilize the Province’s and City’s definition of “collaboration” and “leadership”, respectively
- Concern that the principle of “collaboration” would prevent the expression of dissenting views.

The Board Committee heard from two speakers. One speaker expressed opposition to the proposed Code of Conduct Policy and one speaker noted issues with the Park Board’s implementation of policies.

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon
SECONDED by Commissioner Irwin

THAT the Board Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the proposed Code of Conduct Policy in the form attached as Appendix “A” to this report; and
- B. FURTHER THAT the Park Board direct the General Manager, Parks and Recreation, to identify and recommend a candidate for Integrity Commissioner for approval by the Park Board.

CARRIED

In favour: Demers, Dumont, Giesbrecht, Irwin, Mackinnon
Opposed: Barker, Coupar

2. REPORT: Jericho Pump Station Replacement Project in Jericho Beach Park

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Irwin

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:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the replacement of the below ground Jericho Pump Station with a new above ground pump station and building in Jericho Beach Park as described in this report; and
- B. FURTHER THAT the Board authorize the establishment of a right of way agreement for the development and operations of the new pump station facility and other sewage infrastructure in form and content satisfactory to the Park Board General Manager, City Engineer, and Director of Legal Services.

3. REPORT: Dunbar Pump Station Replacement Project in Musqueam Park

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Irwin

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:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the replacement of the below ground Dunbar Pump Station with a new above ground pump station in Musqueam Park as described in this report; and
- B. FURTHER THAT the Board authorize the establishment of a right of way agreement for the development and operations of the new pump station facility and other sewage infrastructure in form and content satisfactory to the Park Board General Manager, City Engineer, and Director of Legal Services.

4. REPORT: Indigenous Community-Led Cultural Events – Corporate Sponsorship Fund Request

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Irwin

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 \$150,000 from the Corporate Sponsorship Fund to support the delivery of emergent cultural events led by Indigenous organizations and community.

5. REPORT: Stanley Park Mobility Study – Initial Findings and Directions

Emily Dunlop, Planner II, Park Board, and Nalon Smith, Planner II, Park Board, jointly led the review of a presentation on the purpose, scope and initial findings of the Stanley Park Mobility Study (Mobility Study) and highlighted:

- Project overview, scope and timeline
- Goal of the Mobility Study is to improve park access and the user experience for all, by developing and evaluating the feasibility of options for the reduction in private vehicle traffic
- Public and stakeholder engagement:
 - Lessons learned from previous public engagement
 - Mobility Study engagement process, timelines and participation
 - Key themes that emerged from listening sessions
- Key lessons learned from best practice and case study review
- Mobility data collection and analysis:
 - Total annual visitation by mode from 2017 to 2021
 - Total visitors vs. park vehicle entries from 1980 to 2020
 - Barriers to using transit
 - Opportunities and challenges of reducing vehicle traffic in Stanley Park
 - Transportation mode share over time
- Foundational values to be explored as part of the Mobility Study:
 - Reconciliation
 - Equity
- Values, priorities and key themes that emerged from stakeholder engagement

- Guiding Principles developed through public and stakeholder engagement:
 - Safety
 - Accessibility
 - Economic vitality
 - Climate action and environmental protection
 - A flexible and resilient system
 - A connected transportation network
 - Enhance park experience
- Next steps.

E. Dunlop, along with Amanda Gibbs, Senior Manager, Communications, Marketing and Engagement, Park Board, Simon Mueller, Senior Transportation Planner, Mott MacDonald, Donnie Rosa, General Manager, Park Board, and Dave Hutch, Director, Planning and Park Development, Park Board, responded to questions from the Board Committee. There was discussion on:

- Concern with the small representation of visitors to Stanley Park who responded to the survey
- Whether the survey included question about the amenities visited in Stanley Park, as opposed to the area
- The reasons for the significant reduction in daily traffic entering Stanley Park from 1980 to 1990
- Confirmation that the Guiding Principles are not listed in priority order
- Confirmation that the 1908 lease agreement with the federal government, which includes provisions regarding the use of the perimeter road around Stanley Park, will be included in the final report to be provided to the Board in spring 2023:
 - Whether changes have been made to Stanley Park Drive have been approved by the federal government
- Local First Nations did not indicate their preferred mode to access Stanley Park during the consultation
- Sources of historical data included in the Mobility Study.

Recess

The meeting recessed at 8:54 pm and reconvened at 9:07 pm.

The Board Committee heard from three speakers, of which one spoke in support and two spoke in opposition to the staff recommendation. The speakers responded to questions from the Board Committee:

Recess

The meeting recessed at 9:27 pm and reconvened at 9:36 pm.

Recess

The meeting was recessed at 9:37 pm.

Meeting Reconvened

The Chair reconvened the Board Committee meeting of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation on Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at 6:35 pm.

The Board Committee heard from 12 speakers, of which 3 spoke in support and 9 in opposition to the staff recommendation. The speakers provided the following comments and responded to questions from the Board Committee:

- Agreement with Guiding Principle of accessibility
- It is premature to proceed with the Mobility Study when the complaint lodged with the BC Human Rights Tribunal has not been decided
- Request that the scope of the Mobility Study be expanded to include the 32 km gravel road network within the park
- Concern with the lack of consultation with the cycling community regarding the planned closure of 83% of the gravel roads within Stanley Park to cyclists
- The need to balance the concepts in the Mobility Study with the critical transportation routes required to hold live events in Stanley Park, particularly those at Brockton Point
- Concern with the Park Board voting on draft Guiding Principles of an incomplete study that does not have a defined goal
- The need to protect and prioritize the accessibility rights of people with disabilities
- Concern that the increase in parking rates has resulted in a reduction in the number of park visitors
- Concern with the accuracy of the statistics in the Mobility Study regarding the percentage of the Vancouver population with disabilities.

Recess

The meeting recessed at 8:12 pm and reconvened at 8:25 pm.

The Board Committee heard from 22 speakers, of which 10 spoke in support and 11 in opposition to the staff recommendation. The speakers provided the following comments and responded to questions from the Board Committee:

- The opinion that the safety of the park and park experience has been compromised as a result of the temporary bike lane
- Recommendations to reduce the risks created by cyclists by imposing speed limits, monitoring bicycle speeds and placing security cameras throughout the park
- The increase in pedestrian and bicycle traffic on the Stanley Park seawall in the past several years
- Suggestion to remove the Stanley Park Horse Carriage in order to reduce congestion in remaining the vehicular lane
- The Mobility Study does not provide data to support the assertion that the bicycle lane will have an impact on greenhouse gas emissions
- Suggestion to hold a referendum on the inclusion of a bicycle lane in Stanley Park
- Suggestion that the Stanley Park Horse Carriage be permitted to travel in the bike lane
- Concern with the concrete barricade between the vehicle and bike lane

- Challenges navigating motor coaches through Stanley Park with the current lane configuration
- The importance of keeping options available to allow all to use Stanley Park

Extension of Meeting

MOVED by Commissioner Giesbrecht
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

THAT the Park Board extends the meeting until all items on the Board Committee agenda are completed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- The opinion that increasing accessibility will encourage the use of vehicles in Stanley Park
- The need to improve public transit along Beach Avenue and through Stanley Park.

Recess

The meeting recessed at 10:16 pm and reconvened at 10:25 pm.

MOVED by Commissioner Irwin
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

THAT the Board Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board receive for information, this update on the Stanley Park Mobility Study, specifically the Preliminary Mobility Context Report and the Engagement Update Report (Phases 1 and 2) appended to this Report; and
- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the draft 'Guiding Principles' in this Report which will inform future work on developing and evaluating options. Draft "Guiding Principles"
 1. Safety
 2. Accessibility
 3. Economic Vitality
 4. Climate Action and Environmental
 5. A Flexible and Resilient System
 6. A Connected Transportation Network
 7. Enhance Park Experience.

CARRIED

In favour: Demers, Dumont, Giesbrecht, Irwin, Mackinnon
Opposed: Barker, Coupar

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Coupar requested that a leave of absence be granted for the July 20, 2022 Regular Board meeting.

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon
SECONDED by Commissioner Irwin

THAT the Board grants a leave of absence to Commissioner Coupar for the July 20, 2022 Regular Board meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board Committee adjourned on July 19, 2022 at 10:57 pm.

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Donnie Rosa
General Manager

Commissioner Camil Dumont
Chair



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MEETING MINUTES

JULY 20, 2022

The Regular Park Board meeting was held on Wednesday, July 20, 2022, at 6:33 pm, via videoconference and at the Park Board Office.

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

ABSENT Commissioner John Coupar (with leave)

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 Barker
SECONDED by Commissioner Irwin

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;
- (g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the City or Park Board;
- (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. Special Board Meeting – June 27, 2022

MOVED by Commissioner Giesbrecht
SECONDED by Commissioner Dumont

THAT the Park Board minutes of the June 27, 2022 Special Board meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Regular Board Meeting – July 4, 2022

MOVED by Commissioner Irwin
SECONDED by Commissioner Dumont

THAT the Park Board minutes of the July 4, 2022 Regular Board 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 July 4, 2022 Board meeting:

- Commissioners Barker and Coupar attended the 37th Annual Walk with the Dragon fundraising event hosted by S.U.C.C.E.S.S.
- Commissioner Mackinnon served as the Master of Ceremonies at the Clean Building Tax Credit announcement hosted by the Province of British Columbia at the Kitsilano Ice Rink, which was recently retrofitted
- Commissioner Irwin spoke at the Vancouver Heritage Foundation's Places That Matter plaque project celebrating the lesser-known people, places and events that have helped shape Vancouver's history
- Commissioner Giesbrecht spoke at the Lotus Light Community Day Caring Day hosted by Lotus Light Charity Society.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Board was advised that from July 18 2022 to 3:00 pm on July 18, 2022, the following emails were received via the PBCommissioners@vancouver.ca account and the [Contact Park Board Commissioners](#) webform:

- Five in support of the Member’s Motion titled “Vancouver Park Board’s Approach to Climate Change”
- One in support of the Member’s Motion titled “Creating a Sonic Park”.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Report of the Board Committee – July 18 and 19, 2022

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

1. REPORT: Park Board Code of Conduct Policy
2. REPORT: Jericho Pump Station Replacement Project in Jericho Beach Park
3. REPORT: Dunbar Pump Station Replacement Project in Musqueam Park
4. REPORT: Indigenous Community-Led Cultural Events – Corporate Sponsorship Fund Request
5. REPORT: Stanley Park Mobility Study – Initial Findings and Directions.

MOVED by Commissioner Dumont
SECONDED by Commissioner Demers

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Board Committee at its meeting of July 18 and 19, 2022, as contained in items 1 through 5.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

STAFF REPORTS

1. Colonial Audit - Update

Spencer Lindsay, Reconciliation Planner, Park Board, led the review of a presentation providing an update on the colonial audit and highlighted:

- Timeline of the colonial audit and progress since the November 2021 update to the Board
- Nahanee Creative Inc. has been engaged as the design consultant for the report and will also develop the communications strategy
- Dr. Selena Couture has been retained as the subject matter expert and will be sharing her research and providing advice on the structure and tone of the document
- Updated directions:
 - Focus on Stanley Park as “ground zero” of colonial impact
 - Gathering stories, not case studies

- Reduced focus on a “data driven” process
- Reflections and learnings from the process to date:
 - Some subtle resistance and trepidation encountered at times
 - Lack of capacity to support the colonial audit
 - Roadblocks, inefficiencies, inherited decisions and inequities in the system
- Effects on staff:
 - Expectation that the Colonial Audit will solve other departments’ stagnancy in addressing reconciliation
 - Mental, emotional and spiritual impact experienced by the Reconciliation Team while conducting the colonial audit
- Next steps.

S. Lindsay responded to questions from the Board. There was discussion on:

- Suggestion to utilize post-secondary students to undertake the data analysis
- Whether consideration has been given to the way the stories will be told
- The decolonization action plan will be developed after the colonial audit is completed
- Suggestion that an update on the colonial audit and decolonization as part of the orientation of newly elected Commissioners
- The need for people of all ages to engage in reconciliation.

Recess

The meeting recessed at 7:33 pm and reconvened at 7:39 pm.

2. General Manager’s Report

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

- The Decolonization, Arts and Culture team’s announcement that the video series “Doing it for Love: Five Stories from Creative Communities in a Global Pandemic” is now publicly available on the [Park Board YouTube channel](#)
- Creation of a pop-up indoor skateboard park on the dry floor in the Vancouver Curling Club at the Hillcrest Community Centre:
 - Drop-in skateboarding sessions will be offered from July 2 to August 12, 2022
 - Skateboard lessons for neurodivergent children and youth will be provided by the Spectrum Skateboard Society
- Construction of the new Champlain Heights Playground is expected to commence in August 2022, with an expected completion date of March 2023, subject to lead times of materials and equipment
- The Park Board will be participating in the Pride Parade on July 31, 2022 from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm

- Upcoming Council business related to or impacting parks and recreation:
 - Council will reconvene on July 22, 2022 to continue debate and discussion on the Vancouver Plan from July 6, 2022
 - Report on the 2030 Winter Games Bid Update
 - Skeena Terrace Policy Statement was brought to Council for decision on July 19, 2022
 - Report on the first phase of the City’s Accessibility Strategy for approval
- Board briefing memos and emails issued from July 5 to 18, 2022.

MEMBERS’ MOTIONS

1. Park Board Staff to Maintain all Public Parks Under Park Board Jurisdiction

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

Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Irwin

SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

WHEREAS:

1. At its July 9, 2018 meeting, the Vancouver Park Board approved a vision-plan for the Westbank Oakridge development, which includes 9 acres, some of which is `airspace` park located over a privately-owned mall;
2. The new park will be maintained by workers contracted by the mall owners;
3. Very experienced, capable Park Board staff may have their work contracted out; and
4. The Park Board gardeners and staff already maintain `green roofs` (Coal Harbour, Harbour Green Park).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board have fully qualified Park Board staff maintain and carry-out all work for any future, or proposed `airspace` parks, similar to, but not including the new `airspace` park at Oakridge Centre Mall with the Westbank development, or in all parks that are in any way different from traditional, surface parks;
- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board write management of the Oakridge development to request that Park Board staff be contracted to carry-out work in the new park at Oakridge Centre; and
- C. THAT only Park Board staff maintain and tend Vancouver Park Board public parks, and lands under Park Board jurisdiction.

Amendment to the Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Giesbrecht
SECONDED by Commissioner Dumont

THAT the motion be amended as follows:

- A. THAT Vancouver Park Board staff are consulted in the creation of any future, or proposed 'airspace' parks or in all parks that are in any way different from traditional, surface parks;
- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board write management of the Oakridge development to request that Park Board staff, where feasible, be contracted to carry-out horticultural services in the new park at Oakridge Centre;
- C. THAT Park Board staff maintain and tend Vancouver Park Board public parks, and lands under Park Board jurisdiction; and
- D. FURTHER THAT where contracting out is required, it is in consultation with any affected union group through the City of Vancouver Contracted Services Committee.

Commissioner Irwin challenged the Chair's ruling that the amendment to Item A is in order on the basis that the amendment significantly changes the intent of Item A of the Main Motion.

Challenge of the Chair

MOVED by Commissioner Irwin

THAT the ruling of the Chair be sustained.

CARRIED

In favour: Barker, Coupar, Demers, Dumont, Giesbrecht, Irwin, Mackinnon
Opposed: Irwin

Amendment to the Amendment

MOVED by Commissioner Dumont
SECONDED by Commissioner Giesbrecht

THAT the motion be amended by deleting Item D.

CARRIED

In favour: Barker, Coupar, Demers, Dumont, Giesbrecht, Irwin, Mackinnon
Opposed: Irwin

Question on the Amendment, as Amended

THAT the motion be amended as follows:

- A. THAT Vancouver Park Board staff are consulted in the creation of any future, or proposed 'airspace' parks or in all parks that are in any way different from traditional, surface parks;

- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board write management of the Oakridge development to request that Park Board staff, where feasible, be contracted to carry-out horticultural services in the new park at Oakridge Centre; and
- C. THAT Park Board staff maintain and tend Vancouver Park Board public parks, and lands under Park Board jurisdiction.

Commissioner Irwin requested that the amendment be separated into distinct propositions

Question on Item A

THAT the motion be amended as follows:

- A. THAT Vancouver Park Board staff are consulted in the creation of any future, or proposed 'airspace' parks or in all parks that are in any way different from traditional, surface parks.

CARRIED

In favour: Demers, Dumont, Giesbrecht, Mackinnon

Opposed: Barker, Irwin

Question on Item B

THAT the motion be amended as follows:

- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board write management of the Oakridge development to request that Park Board staff, where feasible, be contracted to carry-out horticultural services in the new park at Oakridge Centre.

CARRIED

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

Opposed: Barker

Question on Item C

THAT the motion be amended as follows:

- C. THAT Park Board staff maintain and tend Vancouver Park Board public parks, and lands under Park Board jurisdiction.

CARRIED

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

Opposed: Barker

Question on the Main Motion, as Amended

THAT the motion be amended as follows:

- A. THAT Vancouver Park Board staff are consulted in the creation of any future, or proposed 'airspace' parks or in all parks that are in any way different from traditional, surface parks;

- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board write management of the Oakridge development to request that Park Board staff, where feasible, be contracted to carry-out horticultural services in the new park at Oakridge Centre; and
- C. THAT Park Board staff maintain and tend Vancouver Park Board public parks, and lands under Park Board jurisdiction.

CARRIED

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

Opposed: Barker

2. Creating a Sonic Park

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At this point in the proceedings, Commissioner Mackinnon stepped down as Chair in order to introduce a motion and to participate in the discussion. Commissioner Giesbrecht, as Vice-Chair, assumed the chair.

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

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon

SECONDED by Commissioner Irwin

WHEREAS:

1. One of the greatest Canadian composers, R. Murray Schafer (1933 – 2021) invented the concept of Acoustic Ecology in the City of Vancouver in the 1970s, defining it as “the study of the Soundscape – the sounds in our everyday environment – in relationship to life and society” in the 1970s;
2. The concept of Soundwalks – a walk focused on listening to that environment – was first invented by members of the World Soundscape Project under the leadership of R. Murray Schafer in Vancouver in the 1970s; that work has led to a worldwide Soundscape and Soundwalk movement; and
3. Vancouver composer Hildegard Westerkamp is internationally recognized as one of the foremost creators of Soundscapes and Soundwalks in the world.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Park Board investigate the creation of a sonic park to commemorate that unique legacy featuring an interactive sonic environment utilizing natural sounds to create a sonic oasis in the busy and noisy city of Vancouver.

CARRIED

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

Opposed: Barker

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At 8:30 pm Commissioner Mackinnon reassumed the Chair.

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3. Vancouver Park Board's Approach to Climate Change

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

MOVED by Commissioner Dumont
SECONDED by Commissioner Demers

WHEREAS:

1. Significant policy work has been done on a global scale by the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), but much of this work will need to be implemented on more local scales;
2. In January 2019, the City of Vancouver became one of the first cities in the world to declare a Climate Emergency. This declaration was in direct response to the landmark IPCC report released in the fall of 2018 calling for urgent action to limit global warming to 1.5°C;
3. The City of Vancouver passed a Climate Emergency Action Plan in 2020, and in November 2021, approved recommendations presented in the Big Move 6 (BM6) – Natural Climate Solutions report that focussed on carbon sequestration targets. Many of the projects referenced in the BM6 report, such as urban forest expansion, Lost Lagoon rehabilitation, and the expansion of naturally managed areas, will be led by Park Board staff. Other relevant Big Moves include Transportation and Buildings, but an action plan specific to the necessary changes to Park Board service delivery has not yet been developed;
4. The Park Board manages extensive municipal lands, facilities, and tree canopy within Vancouver. It is also responsible for significant capital and operational budgeting and spending. Connection to Nature and Equity are two key themes of VanPlay (2020), and the Board is well-placed for institutional leadership in the climate realm, with potential replicability for other jurisdictions; and
5. As evidenced by sea level rise and coastal park damage experienced by recent extreme weather events, such as the king tide and winter storms that occurred this past winter, parks and recreation specific climate adaptation will be key to future planning. The endorsed Capital Plan (2023-2026) identifies and allocates 15.5M to address coastal adaptation planning and implementation, among other initiatives in response to climate change.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to conduct an audit, informed by the most recent climate science, of existing parks and recreation capital projects and operational systems with the aim to adapt them through the lens of GHG reduction and climate change mitigation; and that staff prioritize this work by redirecting

existing resources and/or by seeking funding for additional resources through the next budget process;

- B. THAT the Park Board direct staff to prioritize, accelerate and consider expansion of any projects currently on record that aim to advance climate change mitigation and adaptation actions for the organization, reassess projects that do not, and report back to the Board with recommendations;
- C. THAT staff include a “Climate Considerations” section in all Park Board reports to ensure that the climate emergency lens is applied to all future projects and initiatives; and
- D. THAT Park Board staff develop a climate change mitigation and adaptation dashboard that can track the progress of the adaptation of parks and recreation capital projects and operational systems, and that this information be reported to the Board annually.

CARRIED

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

Opposed: Barker

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioners offered condolences to those whose lives were touched by Elder Kat Norris and Chrissy Brett.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 8:53 pm.

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Donnie Rosa
General Manager

Commissioner Stuart Mackinnon
Chair