



## REGULAR BOARD MEETING MEETING MINUTES

**JANUARY 30, 2023**

The Regular Park Board meeting was held on Monday, January 30, 2023, at 8:11 pm, via videoconference and at the Park Board Office.

**PRESENT:** Commissioner Brennan Bastyovanszky, Vice Chair  
Commissioner Tom Digby  
Commissioner Angela Kate Haer  
Commissioner Marie-Claire Howard  
Commissioner Scott Jensen, Chair  
Commissioner Jas Virdi

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Laura Christensen (with leave)

**GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE:** Donnie Rosa, General Manager  
Carol Lee, Meeting Clerk  
Jessica Kulchyski, Board Support and Meeting Assistant  
Julia Scott-Lenz, 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 Virdi  
SECONDED by Commissioner Howard

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;
- (i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;

- (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 – January 16, 2023**

MOVED by Commissioner Howard  
SECONDED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky

THAT the Park Board minutes of the January 16, 2023 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **CHAIR'S REPORT**

The Chair highlighted the participation of Park Board Commissioners at official Park Board events since the January 16, 2023 Board meeting:

- The Chair attended the Lunar New Year celebration hosted by the Victoria Drive Business Improvement Association
- The Chair spoke at the Lunar New Year event at Dr. Sun Yat Sen Classical Chinese Garden.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

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

## **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT**

### **1. Report of the Board Committee – January 30, 2023**

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

1. Special Events Calendar 2023 – Major Events.

MOVED by Commissioner Haer  
SECONDED by Commissioner Viridi

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Board Committee at its meeting of January 30, 2023, as contained in item 1.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **1. VanPlay Update**

Donnie Rosa, General Manager, Park Board, introduced:

- Emily Dunlop, Planner III, Planning, Policy and Environment, Park Board
- Doug Shearer, Manager, Planning, Policy and Environment, Park Board.

D. Shearer and E. Dunlop jointly led the review of a presentation providing an update on VanPlay and highlighted:

- Deep community engagement undertaken during the development of VanPlay
- Vision and mission
- VanPlay reports:
  - Inventory and Analysis
  - 10 Goals to Shape the Next 25 Years
  - Strategic Bold Moves
  - The Playbook
  - VanPlay Framework
- Directions:
  - Equity
  - Asset targets
  - Connectivity
- VanPlay's impact
- 2022 implementation highlights:
  - Community development approach to managing urban parks
  - Ranger service review
  - Increase tree canopy in equity initiative zones
  - Park naming policy and procedures
  - Pop-up park activation and amenities
  - Implement High Five guidelines for healthy child development
  - Develop internal culture of welcome, inclusion, anti-oppression and truth and reconciliation
  - Improved identity standards, signage and wayfinding and engagement framework
  - Sport Field Strategy
- Next steps.

D. Shearer, along with Amit Gandha, Director, Parks, Park Board, and Tiina Mack, Director of Planning and Park Development, Park Board, responded to questions from the Board. There was discussion on:

- Whether the goal of planting 100,000 trees within four years is achievable
- Park Board policy regarding the replacement of trees
- Request for a summary of planned capital improvements to Park Board facilities in 2023.

## **2. General Manager’s Report**

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

- CRAB Park encampment clean-up on January 17, 2023
- Installation of new closure gates on the Stanley Park seawall
- Repair of the Kitsilano pathway and stairs located near Point Grey Park
- Board briefing memos and emails issued from January 17 to 30, 2023.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

The Chair reported that a Special Park Board meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on February 6, 2023 to consider 2023 Fees and Charges and the Capital and Operating Budgets.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 8:59 pm.

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Donnie Rosa  
General Manager

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Commissioner Scott Jensen  
Chair