

**PACIFIC NATIONAL EXHIBITION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2021
6:30pm – Via Video Conferencing (Webex)**

Public Realm Portion

M I N U T E S

Acting Chair Rosa called the meeting to order at 6:35pm

Present: Donnie Rosa, Acting Chair
Ty Speer, Director
Rachel Roy, Director
Raj Sihota, Director
Maury Kask, Director

Shelley Frost, President & CEO
Karen Massicotte, Vice President, Marketing, Sales & Business Development
Salome Valente, Executive Assistant/Corporate Secretary

Regrets: Lisa Dominato, Chair
Patrice Impey, Treasurer
Paul Mochrie, Director
Jeff Strickland, Vice President, Operations
Stacy Shields, Vice President, People & Culture
David Crawford, Vice President, Finance & Corporate Services

There being a quorum present and due notice having been given, the meeting was declared to be constituted for the transaction of business.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

**MOVED by Director Rachel Roy
SECONDED by Director Ty Speer**

Resolved that the agenda for the Public Realm Portion of the Board of Directors meeting for Monday December 2, 2021 is adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

**MOVED by Director Rachel Roy
SECONDED by Director Ty Speer**

Resolved that the minutes for the Public Realm Portion of the Board of Directors meeting from Monday June 14, 2021 are adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. STAFF REPORTS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

3.1 Japanese Canadian Interpretive Centre

The staff report on the Japanese Canadian Interpretive Centre was provided in the Board of Directors packages for review. This report was delivered by Karen Massicotte.

Questions from the Board of Directors were as follows:

Director Ty Speer enquired when the Interpretive Centre would be operational and ready to welcome people. Karen Massicotte responded that the planning committee is currently working on the plans for the centre and also currently working on their funding applications through the Provincial government, so the timelines haven't been determined just yet. Shelley Frost added that the PNE is prepared to make that space available to them immediately but understands that they need time to plan and fund. We will hold it until they are ready to move forward.

Speakers

There was one speaker for this agenda item:

Dan Tokawa, President, Japanese Canadian Hastings Park Interpretive Centre Society

Dan Tokawa acknowledged the leadership of Judy Hanazawa & Beth Carter (Nikkei Cultural Centre) who lead the project until a couple of years ago. Dan Tokawa also expressed his excitement for the opportunity of this interpretive centre space identified by PNE administration and that he felt it was a good space that would meet their needs. Dan Tokawa shared that they are currently rebuilding the team and had their first meeting in November with a very good response and have a second brainstorming session coming up to look at more nuts-and-bolts details. They are looking at a timeline of 5 years to build out but hopefully sooner.

Acting Chair Donnie Rosa thanked everyone from the Japanese Canadian Hastings Park Interpretive Centre Society for joining the meeting as this is very important work.

3.2 Art in the Park Update

The updated staff report on Public Art at Hastings Park was provided in the Board of Directors packages for review. This report was delivered by Karen Massicotte.

Questions from the Board of Directors were as follows:

Director Maury Kask enquired if a launch initiative was planned for each of the art installations. Karen Massicotte responded that once they are all installed, Vancity will be doing a find the art social and digital campaign that that the PNE will support through our social channels.

3.3 Return to Community Programs

The staff report on the return of community programs was provided in the Board of Directors packages for review. This report was delivered by Karen Massicotte

There were no speakers to this agenda item and no questions from the Board of Directors.

3.4 Rolla Skating Club

The staff report on the new Rolla Skating Club in the Rollerland building was provided in the Board of Directors packages for review. This report was delivered by Karen Massicotte.

Questions from the Board of Directors were as follows:

Director Ty Speer enquired if the Rolla Skating Club will be operating as their own commercial enterprise as a tenant. Karen Massicotte responded that they are a tenant much like CircusWest but they are considered a commercial tenant serving the community with a three year lease. Shelley Frost added that like other leases they continue to use our staff services and our union team onsite to take care of the needs of the facility.

Guest Rick Hurlbut shared that the Roller-Skating Community has been pressuring the Park Board for some years to provide an amenity like this so it's a great relief that the PNE has taken this on. Acting Chair Donnie Rosa responded that the Park Board had been trying to find a space and had this conversation with Shelley Frost a number of years ago and is thrilled to see this group land here.

3.5 Community Questions

Community members were asked to send in questions for PNE staff to answer during the meeting. The questions and answers were provided in the Board of Directors packages for review.

3.5.1 Question #1 – What are the plans for the Sanctuary and its upkeep? Also are there any plans for stocking the pond with less fish?

Karen Massicotte delivered a presentation to answer this question.

Questions from the Board of Directors were as follows:

Director Maury Kask enquired how a community members can communicate when something needs attention and make sure it gets to the appropriate person. Karen Massicotte responded that there are several ways to communicate with the PNE, such as signs throughout the Sanctuary that have direct access to the watchman for both security and reporting of incidences or concerns, users can also share information through the community engagement form on the website that goes directly to the PNE's community engagement team. Karen Massicotte added that people can also call or email reception and that social channels are monitored daily. Once Community Relations is fully back up and running, there will be a dedicated phone line into Community Relations Manager.

Shelley Frost added that fishing in the Sanctuary is a controversial topic, and some people are very dedicated to the ecosystem there and are avid bird watchers and at the same time there's a community full of people that appreciate the ability to learn how to fish. The process the PNE follows is to be inline with other urban lakes and the partnership is with the City of Vancouver and the Vancouver Park Board. There is PNE security that does daily tours

through the Sanctuary to look for hazards like fishhooks. Overall, it is a balance act to ensure that the wildlife and ecosystem are protected while also allowing all types of activities in the Sanctuary.

4. NEXT BOARD MEETING

It was agreed that the next Board meeting with Public Realm Portion would be Monday June 13, 2022, at 6:00pm.

5. ADJOURNMENT OF PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

MOVED by Director Ty Speer
SECONDED by Director Maury Kask

Resolved that the Public Portion of the Board of Directors meeting be adjourned at 7:07pm

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY