

PACIFIC NATIONAL EXHIBITION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
THURSDAY DECEMBER 7, 2023
6:00pm – PNE Hastings Room, Webex & YouTube
Public Realm Portion

M I N U T E S

Chair Kirby-Yung called the meeting to order at 6:14pm

Present: Sarah Kirby-Yung, Chair
Steve Jackson, Vice Chair
Patrice Impey, Treasurer
Ty Speer, Director
Paul Mochrie, Director
Rachel Roy, Director
Maury Kask, Director
Raj Sihota, Director
Armin Amrolia, Director

Shelley Frost, President & CEO
Stacy Shields, Vice President, People & Culture
Karen Massicotte, Vice President, Marketing, Sales & Business Development
Ming Tian, Vice President, Facilities, Maintenance and Master Plan Projects
Shauna Wilton, Vice President, Operations
Salome Valente, Executive Assistant/Corporate Secretary

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 Patrice Impey
SECONDED by Director Raj Sihota

Resolved that the agenda for the Public Realm Portion of the Board of Directors meeting for Thursday December 7, 2023 is adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED by Director Maury Kask
SECONDED by Director Paul Mochrie

Resolved that the minutes for the Public Realm Portion of the Board of Directors meeting from Monday June 12, 2023 are adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. STAFF REPORTS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

3.1 Tree Management Strategy

An update on the PNE's tree management strategy was provided in the Board of Directors packages for review. Ming Tian delivered the presentation.

Questions from the Board of Directors were as follows:

Director Patrice Impey inquired if the Board of Directors would be provided with continuous updates throughout the implementation process. Ming Tian replied that updates would be provided as the plan progressed.

Director Paul Mochrie inquired if there was a budget specific to tree management. Ming Tian replied that the current maintenance budget does include tree maintenance.

There were no speakers for this agenda item.

3.2 HP-PNE Master Plan Update

3.2.1 Amphitheatre

An update on the Amphitheatre project was provided in the Board of Directors packages for review. Ming Tian delivered the presentation.

Questions from the Board of Directors were as follows:

Director Raj Sihota inquired on the information that neighbourhood could expect to see regarding the changes onsite such as traffic once the construction begins. Ming Tian replied that the demolition should begin in February 2024 and that there would be some traffic and parking areas being affected. Karen Massicotte added that once the construction schedule has been finalized, the Community Engagement team will be providing updates on the PNE website along with any information on rerouting throughout the park. Karen Massicotte also noted that the construction information was also shared at the November Community Open House.

Chair Sarah Kirby-Yung inquired about the sound wall technology. Ming Tian replied that the Amphitheatre design team has engaged an acoustic consultant who has identified several strategies to help mitigate noise going forward. One of the main components is the Amphitheatre roof that will absorb and rebound noise back to the areas that will be transmitting and the sound wall itself which will reverberate sound away from residences.

There were two speakers registered to speak on this agenda item.

Maria Mussenden, community member

Maria Mussenden indicated that at the June 12, 2023 business portion Board meeting, minutes indicated that the PNE was going to take to Council the Amphitheater Redevelopment project costs increased due to challenges with underground site infrastructure, escalating structural costs and to generate more revenue. Maria Mussenden didn't understand why these matters weren't also brought to the June 12, 2023 public board meeting as she felt that the

public had a right to know that information and encouraged the Board to bring such matters to the public portion of the meetings as this is what these meetings are for.

Maria Mussenden also noted that she would like to see third party documentation on the sound wall and doesn't understand why a sound impact study was not done.

Maria Mussenden shared that she expected the Amphitheatre roof model shared at community corner during the Fair to be more detailed as to what the actual Amphitheatre will look like.

Maria Mussenden also shared that she would like to know where things are at with the Playland redevelopment plan.

Chair Sarah Kirby-Yung thanked Maria Mussenden for attending tonight's meeting and sharing her thoughts.

Kathy Lau, Community Member

Kathy Lau shared a Vancouver Zoning map to indicate that the PNE area is zoned as comprehensive development and that all around the PNE is zoned as residential inclusive.

Kathy Lau highlighted section 7 of the City of Vancouver noise bylaw as she is concerned with the noise that the new Amphitheatre will bring.

The bylaw states:

- No person in an activity zone, an intermediate zone or a quiet zone make, cause, or permit to be made or caused, non-continuous sound the sound level of which during the daytime exceeds a rating of 75 on an approved sound meter, or during the nighttime exceeds a rating of 70 on an approved sound meter when received at the point of reception.

Chair Sarah Kirby-Yung thanked Kathy Lau for attending tonight's meeting and sharing her thoughts.

3.2.2 PNE Launch Coaster Update

An update on the Launch Coaster project was provided in the Board of Directors packages for review. Ming Tian delivered the presentation.

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

3.3 Community Engagement Programs Update

An update on the PNE community initiatives for 2023 – 2024 was provided in the Board of Directors packages for review. Karen Massicotte delivered the presentation.

Questions from the Board of Directors were as follows:

Director Maury Kask inquired if there was a way to quantify the impact of these initiatives to better show better all that the PNE has and is doing. Karen Massicotte agreed to put that together for a future Board community program update.

Director Patrice Impey inquired where the ideas for new content come from. Karen Massicotte replied that it is a combination of input from the neighbourhood and community members, such as the Sanctuary education program with the Hastings Park Conservancy & North West Wildlife Preservation Society, as well as the PNE team's brainstorming ideas.

Director Raj Sihota shared that she really appreciates the PNE's response to the community on some of these initiatives and how much of this work is with children. She also stated that seeing the number of neighbours at these events is amazing.

3.4 Sustainability Update

An update on the PNE's sustainability and zero waste initiatives were provided in the Board of Directors packages for review. Ming Tian delivered the presentation.

Questions from the Board of Directors were as follows:

Director Paul Mochrie inquired if the PNE has been tracking its GHGs. Ming Tian replied that the PNE has been able to track the emissions for electricity and natural gas but haven't been able to track in detail some of the small contributors such as gasoline and diesel but are now starting to track those as well and then will be able to fully track GHGs.

Director Steve Jackson inquired if there was a target that the PNE was trying to achieve. Ming Tian replied that the target has been zero waste across the whole site and 90% is what is needed to be certified as zero waste.

Director Maury Kask inquired on what was projected as estimated cost savings for the lighting replacement project. Shelley Frost replied that the estimates that were done indicated about \$360,000 in savings but will need a full year to be able confirm that.

4. NEXT BOARD MEETING

It was agreed that the next Public Portion Board of Directors meetings would be May 23, 2024.

5. ADJOURNMENT OF PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

MOVED by Director Rachel Roy

SECONDED by Director Raj Sihota

Resolved that the Public Portion of the Board of Directors meeting be adjourned at 7:09pm

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY