



Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting Mount Pleasant Community Centre Association

Date: Tuesday, June 16th, 2020

Time: 7:10 PM

Location: Phone Conference

Present: Rod H., President

Anita R., Past President

Meghan M., Treasurer

Margery D., Secretary

Thomas F., Executive At Large

Michael D., Board Member

David C., Board Member

Clare B., Board Member

Claire W., Board Member

Suman C., Board Member

Maja J., Board Member

Staff: Brenda T., Community Recreation Supervisor

Kate R., Child Care Manager

Guests: John I., Park Board Commissioner

Absent:

Recorder: Gary C., Administrative Assistant

Regrets: Jim B., Board Member

Joanna F., Board Member

I **Call to Order:** at 7:10 PM by presiding officer Rod H.

II **Acceptance of Agenda**

Moved by: Meghan M./ Seconded by: Margery D.

THAT the Board accepts the agenda for today's meeting.

CARRIED

III **Board Meeting Minutes from May 19th, 2020**

- Correction is required for the spelling of Nataly's name in the minutes.

Moved by: Anita R./ Seconded by: Thomas F.

THAT the amended Board meeting minutes of May 19th, 2020 are adopted.

CARRIED

IV **Park Board Commissioner's Report**

- There will be a briefing call on Thursday to discuss child care and finding ways to reopen facilities.
- Team field sports have opened up with mostly outdoor activities being approved sooner than indoor activities. Special events and filming have also reopened.
- Traffic management plan for Stanley Park being developed to allow vehicle access to the park, restaurants and attractions. Other areas of the park will be dedicated to cycling to allow for physical distancing for the seawall and ensuring access for seniors and those with mobility needs.
- The reopening of community centres may not happen until there is a shift to phase 3. John will try and push for the Mount Pleasant Pool to be placed in the capital budget, but it may be difficult at this time with the \$38 million shortfall.
- A question was asked about outdoor pools and whether it could be considered as essential. John will look into this and see what other avenues are available. Currently, it is safer to open outdoor facilities as opposed to indoor.
- There are discussions in progress regarding Park Board access to senior government emergency funding for municipalities.

- John has been working with transit to get more service and accessibility to the public facilities around the city.

V Financials

- No report.

VI Committee Reports

A. Pool Committee

- No Report. PB is conducting an assessment on opening beaches and outdoor pools in mid-July.

B. Park Committee

- No Report.

C. Community Outreach Committee

- No Report.

D. Program Committee

- No Report.

E. Childcare Committee

- There is progress on the reopening of 3 Corners for July 2nd. There is a logistical hurdle with access to the building and elevator. Staff are being rehired and brought back to work this coming Monday. Staff will be working to get everything cleaned, organized and familiarized with COVID-19 restrictions. Our House will started on the second of July and run programs until the end of August.
- Funds are needed to make the reopening of 3 Corners possible. Options were presented previously, which involved reprogramming the elevator for approximately \$10K or having a security guard for full time at \$9K or part time for \$4.5K. The cheapest option would be to program the elevator to only accessible to two floors, P1 and 3rd floor.
- Kate is looking at various options that would feasible. A restrictive pick up and drop off is being planned with the parking lot being closed. Staff will be required to operate the elevator and transport kids from P1 to 3. This option would allow the Board to avoid costs of reprogramming the elevator or utilizing security. City Protective Services will be required to sign off on the reopening plan. Janitorial staff are required to access all floors, while parents only need access to 3 Corners only.

Moved by: David C./ Seconded by: Anita R.

THAT THE BOARD approves expenses up to \$10000 for the elevator or security or whatever is required to facilitate the reopening of the 3 Corners daycare.

CARRIED

- A question about masks was brought up. The current recommendation from the Public Health Authority is that masks are not recommended for staff and children. However, those wishing to wear masks are more than welcomed to. A box of masks has been ordered for the childcare.
- As Our House is on VSB land, they may require sign off on any activities that are happening. Two other childcares are affected by similar arrangements: Thunderbird and Strathcona. Kate, Kelly and Becky were not able to source out the lease agreement. Brenda will ask Jessica Land to see if she can provide direction.

F. Executive Committee

- The APG had collectively put out a survey on the reopening of centres and there were 5700 replies received from the public.
- The grant for the youth leadership camp has been approved and \$13000 was received for three positions. Park Board had presented to BPOC regarding outdoor camps and only camps for the 6 to 12 years old age group was approved. Approval for youth leadership camps has not been received.
- Funds from the grant may be used to provide overflow for Our House, but this can be assessed after registration opens on Friday. Alternatively, the funding can be kept for fall programs.
- There is ongoing discussion on facilitating outdoor camps at Robson Park with focus on outdoor activities for 25 children or less. Park Board is currently working through the plan and the logistics of it. When there is more information received about summer day camps, Brenda will present to the Executive Committee or Board. Sites with outdoor day camps will be busy to get it up and running.

- The Board would like to wait for more details from the Friday registration. It would be great the funds from the grant to be used for youth programming in the fall. If funds are utilized for another program, it shifts the money away from the catchment. Deferring it would mean that the programs would be serving and filling the social gap of the area. Registration for the Our House Day Camp will open at 1PM on Friday and close at 9PM, the same day. Brenda or Kate will provide an update on how the registration went.

VII Staff Reports

A. Kate

- Staff of 3 Corners are being recalled to work with the start date of Monday June 22. The staff are keen to be back and start programming. Calls are being set up to re-familiarize children and their rooms. There will be a full day of training on health and safety and the guidelines and protocols from the Public Health Authority.
- There have been questions and conversations on illness leave. Any staff or child displaying symptoms must leave work immediately and isolation for 10 days. Most staff receive 1 day per month of illness leave. Some centres provides top ups from 25 to 40 percent to help staff throughout the time of isolation. A policy will need to be developed to cover such scenarios; this does mean that there would be an additional cost. A caveat can be placed regarding the requirement of getting tested within 24 hours. If any issue arises, the Executive can call for a meeting for the Board to convene in the summer.

B. Brenda

- Park Board is continuing to work on plans for reopening. Currently, the focus is on outdoor activities and programs. Traffic flow plans have been submitted, based on what the centre could look like. There isn't a timeline of when centres would reopen.
- Brenda is on currently working part time only.

VIII President's Report

- Anita will provide updates from the APG meeting. Rod can pass on any additional information.

IX New Business

A. Chris

- Chris' father had passed. Anita will buy the card on behalf of the Board and send to it to him.

B. Kate and Brenda

- The efforts of Kate and Brenda are commended by the Board. Both staff have been working hard and diligently throughout the pandemic.

X Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm. Next Board meeting to be scheduled on September 15th, 2020 at 7:15pm.

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