



BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MAY 8, 2023

A Committee meeting of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation was held on Monday, May 8, 2023, at 5:30 pm, in the Boardroom at the Park Board Office, and via videoconference.

PRESENT:

Commissioner Laura Christensen, Chair
Commissioner Brennan Bastyovanszky
Commissioner Tom Digby
Commissioner Angela Haer, Vice Chair
Commissioner Marie-Claire Howard
Commissioner Scott Jensen
Commissioner Jas Virdi

GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE:

Steve Jackson, Acting General Manager & Director of Business Services
Denise Swanston, Acting Manager, Executive Office and Board Relations & Meeting Clerk
Jessica Kulchyski, Board Support and Meeting Assistant
Julia Scott-Lenz, Board Support and Meeting Assistant

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Committee acknowledged that the meeting is taking place on the traditional territory of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Board Committee Meeting – April 24, 2023

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Digby

THAT the Minutes of the Board Committee meeting on April 24, 2023, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNICATIONS

The Board Committee was advised that from April 24, 2023 to 12:00 pm on May 8 2023, the following emails were received via the [Contact Park Board Commissioners](#) webform:

- one email in opposition to Canada Goose Management Plan
- one email with suggestion for an alternative Canada Goose Management Plan

STAFF REPORTS

1. Canada Goose Management Plan

Amit Gandha, Director of Parks Operations, along with Dana McDonald, Environmental Stewardship Coordinator, presented the proposed Canada Goose Management Plan and highlighted:

- Urban wildlife in Vancouver parks
- Coexistence and operational considerations
- Background of Canada Geese in Vancouver
- Regional issue not specific to Vancouver
- Negative impacts of geese in parks (holes in fields, geese droppings)
- Current management efforts and proposed strategies

Following the presentation, staff responded to question related to the following:

- Costs and feasibility of repairing damaged fields
- Enforcement of wildlife feeding by-law
- Alternative management methods, e.g. use of dogs
- Geese impact on water quality and other wildlife
- Collaboration with Host Nations

The Board heard from one speaker in support of recommendation A, and one who spoke to other aspects of the recommendation.

Subsequently, it was,

MOVED by Commissioner Howard

SECONDED by Commissioner Bastyovansky

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board endorse the draft Canada Goose Management Action Plan, attached as Appendix A to this Report, and direct staff to create park-specific Implementation Plans;

FURTHER THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to implement Management Scenario B as described in this Report;

AND FURTHER THAT staff explore collaborating with the Host Nations on long-term Canada Goose management.

- B. THAT, subject to approval of A above, the Vancouver Park Board request City Council approval to fund the ongoing operating costs in the range of \$275,000-\$375,000 as part of the 2024 operating budget process.

CARRIED

In favour: Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Christensen, Haer, Howard, Jensen

Opposed: Commissioner Digby

Abstained: Commissioner Viridi

The Committee meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.

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Steve Jackson
Acting General Manager

Commissioner Laura Christensen
Chair



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MAY 8, 2023

A Regular meeting of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation was held on Monday, May 8, 2023, at 7:45 pm, in the Boardroom at the Park Board Office, and via videoconference.

PRESENT:	Commissioner Scott Jensen, Chair Commissioner Brennan Bastyovanszky, Vice Chair Commissioner Laura Christensen Commissioner Tom Digby Commissioner Angela Haer Commissioner Marie-Claire Howard Commissioner Jas Viridi
GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE:	Steve Jackson, Acting General Manager & Director of Business Services Denise Swanston, Acting Manager, Executive Office and Board Relations & Meeting Clerk Jessica Kulchyski, Board Support and Meeting Assistant Julia Scott-Lenz, Board Support and Meeting Assistant

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Board acknowledged that the meeting is taking place on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations. The meeting is being held on the land respectfully and with knowledge that there must be continued acknowledgement of the history of injustice toward Indigenous peoples. The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation is committed to supporting truth and reconciliation, and to use this opportunity to amplify local First Nations voices and culture through our work in community.

IN CAMERA MEETING

MOVED by Commissioner Digby
SECONDED by Commissioner Christensen

THAT the Board will go into meetings 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:

- (a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the city or another position appointed by the city;
- (i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;

- (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;
- (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 if they were held in public.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Regular Board Meeting – April 24, 2023

MOVED by Commissioner Digby

SECONDED by Commissioner Bastyovansky

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting of April 24, 2023, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair highlighted the participation of Park Board Commissioners at official Park Board events since the April 24, 2023, Board meeting:

- Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Christensen and Jensen, along with several Park Board staff, attended the annual BCRPA symposium.
- Commissioner Bastyovanszky attended the West End Community Centre's Art in the City event.
- Commissioner Bastyovansky attended the Vancouver Tennis Association's Club Championships at Stanley Park.
- Commissioner Howard attended the Jericho Sailing Centre's open house.

COMMUNICATIONS

There was no correspondence related to the Regular Board Agenda.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Report of the Board Committee – May 8, 2023

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

1. Canada Goose Management Action Plan

MOVED by Commissioner Christensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Bastyovansky

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Board Committee at its meeting of May 8, 2023, as contained in Item 1.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

STAFF REPORTS

1. Water Priority Plan Update - Potable Water Fed Decorative Features

Tiina Mack, Director of Planning and Park Development, introduced the item and Doug Shearer, Manager of Planning Policy and Environment, along with Chad Townsend, Senior Environment and Sustainability Planner, presented an update highlighting:

- Council approved amended report recommendations related to proposed changes to the City's Water Works By-law
- Proposed fountains for exception to the Water Works By-law
- Summary of compliant and non-compliant water features
- Forthcoming update on the Water Priority Action Plan

The above-noted Park Board staff along with Meaghan Norton-Daniel, Program Manager - Water Conservation, Engineering Services, responded to questions relating to:

- Jurisdictional purview of City Council on Park Board water features
- Liters of water used, and money spent on potable water for fountains
- Proposed fountains for exception from the Water Works By-law
- Estimated cost of converting non-recirculating features to circulating water features

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Haer

- A. THAT, following operational readiness of swimming pools, wading pools, water spray parks, and drinking fountains for the summer 2023 season, the following fountains be made operational if an exception from Water Works By-Law No. 4848 is approved by Council:

- Decorative fountains in Laurel, Davis, Barclay, and Helmcken parks as well as the Bute-Haro Street fountain;

FURTHER THAT the costs for the repair of the Bute-Haro fountain be funded through existing Park Board capital budgets.

- B. THAT staff include the estimated cost to convert these five fountains to recirculating fountains along with the Queen Elizabeth Park Dancing Waters Fountain repair costs, in the pending water features condition assessment and Water Action Plan Update Report for consideration of Board prioritization by Q4 2023;

FURTHER THAT, staff include the considerations for the Queen Elizabeth Park quarry garden waterfall and Seaforth Park fountain in the same report in Q4 2024.

referred

REFERRAL MOVED by Commissioner Christensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Bastyovansky

THAT the above-noted motion be referred to a future Committee meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
Abstained: Commissioner Howard

2. Kitsilano Pool - Maintenance and Opening - Update

Amit Gandha, Director of Parks Operations introduced the item and along with Carrie Hughes, Director of Facilities Management & Operational Excellence, Real Estate and Facilities Management (REFM), and Dennis Leung, Acting Director, Facilities Maintenance & Operations, REFM, presented an update on the status of Kitsilano Pool, highlighting the following:

- Damage to pool from King Tides
- Repair work completed and next steps as well as related environmental considerations
- While other pools will open on schedule, Kits will likely be delayed by two weeks

3. General Manager's Report

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

- Sakura Days at Vancouver Botanical Garden
- Vanier Park Boat Launch Float repairs
- Update to advise the Showboat structure is beyond repair after the fire
- Council Items related to Parks and Recreation:
 - Approved with amendments, a Report entitled [Water Works By-law Exemptions and/or Viable Exemptions for Notable Decorative City Water Features](#)

- “Bird is the Word” Member’s Motion from Council
- Summary of memos to the Board issued from April 24 to May 8, 2023

BY-LAWS

MOVED by Commissioner Howard
SECONDED by Commissioner Haer

THAT the Board enact the by-law listed on the agenda for this meeting as number 1, and authorize the Chair and General Manager to sign and seal the enacted by-law.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. A By-law to amend the Parks Control By-law Regarding Liquor Consumption in Parks

NOTICE OF MEMBERS’ MOTIONS

1. Prioritization of Sport and Recreation Fields and Facilities in Sunset Neighbourhood of South-East Vancouver

Commissioner Virdi submitted notice of motion on the above-noted matter. The motion below may be placed on the Board meeting agenda of May 29, 2023, as a Members’ Motion.

- A. THAT staff undertake a community engagement process of the Sunset neighbourhood to seek feedback from residents and organizations, including the Vancouver Field Sport Federation, field hockey associations in BC and Canada and community leaders for this proposal by Q3 2023. The engagement shall include data already collected by local community leaders and be included in the findings in a Report Back in Q4 of 2023 before proceeding to the design phase.
- B. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation direct staff to allocate funds from the 2023 Capital Budget toward the immediate planning of a lit, short piled unfilled synthetic turf sports field suitable for both field hockey and soccer at Moberly Park, without impacting the progress of a similar field at Churchill.
- C. THAT staff work with the project team to complete the Scoping phase by Q2 of 2024.
- D. THAT staff work with the project team to complete the Design phase by Q3 of 2025, including lighting.
- E. THAT staff be directed to have the Moberly synthetic turf sports field completed and operational by Q3 of 2026 unless otherwise indicated by the results of the community engagement exercise.
- F. THAT staff will provide quarterly progress reports to the Board on the progress of the project.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ENQUIRIES

1. Commissioner Bastovansky requested an update on the progress of the lighting installation at Hillcrest and Kits fields.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 8:53 pm.

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Steve Jackson
Acting General Manager

Commissioner Scott Jensen
Chair