



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 12, 2023

A Regular meeting of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation was held on Monday, June 12, 2023, at 6:34 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
Denise Swanston, Acting Manager, Executive Office and Board
Relations & Meeting Clerk
Jessica Kulchyski, 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 the 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 Howard
SECONDED by Commissioner Bastyovansky

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:

(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 Council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the city if they were held in public;

(l) a matter that, under another enactment, is such that the public may be excluded from the meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Regular Board Meeting – May 29, 2023

MOVED by Commissioner Bastyovansky

SECONDED by Commissioner Howard

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting of May 29, 2023, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair highlighted the participation of Park Board Commissioners at official Park Board events since the May 29, 2023, Board meeting:

- Chair Jensen and Mayor Sim attended the annual City Services Awards.
- Chair Jensen, Commissioners Christensen and Haer, and City Councillors attended the City of Vancouver Archives 90th Anniversary event.
- Commissioner Bastyovanszky attended the Dragon Boat BC Vessi 500 Championship.
- Chair Jensen and Commissioners Bastyovanszky and Digby along with Mayor Sim, City Councillors, and School Board Trustees, attended the Marpole Community Day Celebration.
- Chair Jensen and Commissioner Bastyovanszky attended opening day of the False Creek Farmer's Market.
- Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Haer and Howard attended Fleurs de Villes VOYAGE at VanDusen Botanical Gardens.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Board was advised that no meeting related correspondence was received.

STAFF REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

General Manager's Report

The Acting General Manager presented the GM's Report and highlighted:

- Cello Concerts at VanDusen Botanical Garden
- Upcoming Council Business related to or impacting parks & recreation:
 - Two by-laws that would amend the Drinking Water Conservation By-Law and Waterworks By-Law to allow exemptions for specific Park Board Water Features
 - Council to receive a report on June 14 titled [Climate Emergency Action Plan – Additional and Accelerated Climate Measures](#)
- Board briefing [memos and emails](#) issued from May 30, 2023 to June 12, 2023.

The Acting General Manager responded to questions from the Board related to:

- Showboat insurance insufficient to cover cost of repairs.
- Timeline related to Stanley Park Train repair.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Request for Leave of Absence

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Christensen

THAT Commissioner Haer be granted a Leave of Absence from meetings on June 26, 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ENQUIRIES

Commissioners requested updates related to the following topics:

1. Engagement timeline related to Moberly turf field.
2. Status of Metro Vancouver's Water Supply Tunnel project in Stanley Park.
3. Timeline and repairs of the Harbour Green Dock renewal.
4. Relocation of the Air Force Garden of Remembrance in Stanley Park.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 6:52 pm.

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Steve Jackson
Acting General Manager

Commissioner Scott Jensen
Chair