



## BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**JUNE 26, 2023**

A Committee meeting of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation was held on Monday, June 26, 2023, at 6:45 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 Viridi

**GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE:**

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

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

### ADOPTION OF MINUTES

#### Board Committee Meeting – May 29, 2023

MOVED by Commissioner Digby  
SECONDED by Commissioner Jensen

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen  
SECONDED by Commissioner Digby

THAT Item 2 be adopted on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Jensen recognized that between the June 26 and July 10 meetings is Canada Day, and wished Canada a Happy Birthday and that everyone is able to enjoy the day at one of Vancouver's parks, beaches or recreation facilities.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

The following communications related to the Committee meeting agenda were received via email or the [Contact Park Board Commissioners](#) web form:

- nine pieces of correspondence related to 'Emery Barnes, Heather and Granville Parks Dog Off-Leash Area – Concept Plan'
- two pieces of correspondence related to "Community Centre Childcare Use of Park Space Policy"

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **1. Community Centre Childcare Use of Park Space Policy**

The Manager of Planning, Policy and Environment introduced the item, and the Senior Planner and Planner, [presented an overview](#) of the proposed policy and responded to questions related to:

- Clarifying exclusive use of park space
- Preliminary applications for a pilot
- Funding for these licenses
- Ownership of assets acquired or built as part of the policy
- Clarifying outdoor licensing requirements
- Distribution of licenses across the city

Subsequently it was,

MOVED by Commissioner Bastovanszky  
SECONDED by Commissioner Howard

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT Item 1 "Community Centre Use of Park Space Policy" be deferred to the July 17, 2023, Committee Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 2. Brazilian Day - Special Event

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve an application from the Consulate General of Brazil in Vancouver, the organizers of the Brazilian Day festival, to host their event at David Lam Park on Monday, September 4, 2023, from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager of the Park Board.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

## 3. Emery Barnes, Heather and Granville Parks Dog Off-Leash Area - Concept Plans

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### *Motion to Suspend the Rule*

*MOVED by Commissioner Howard*

*SECONDED by Commissioner Jensen*

*THAT the Committee suspend section 15.3 of the Procedure By-law to reduce speaker time from five to three minutes.*

*CARRIED BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY*

*In favour: Commissioners Bastyovansky, Christensen, Haer, Howard, Jensen, Viridi,*

*Opposed: Commissioner Digby*

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The Manager of Park Development introduced the item and the Senior Project Manager, along with the Manager of Strategic Operations, the Manager of Animal Control, and the Landscape Designer, [presented an overview](#) of the concept plans for two new and one renewed off-leash areas.

- The following correspondence was received relating to the Emery Barnes, Heather and Granville Parks Dog Off-Leash Area - Concept Plans:
  - five in favour of the staff recommendations
  - three opposed to the staff recommendations
  - one with other comments related to the item

Following the presentation, staff responded to questions related to:

- The number of calls to 311 and Animal Control regarding conflicts with off-leash dogs;
- Potential for Off-Leash Areas in other underserved neighborhoods
- Engagement strategies
- Historically time bound off-leash areas
- Use of specialty turf for off-leash areas

The Committee heard from two speakers in support of the recommendations, one speaker in opposition to the recommendations and two speakers who spoke to other aspects of the recommendations.

### **Main Motion**

MOVED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky  
SECONDED by Commissioner Digby

THAT the Committee Recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the design concept for the renewal and expansion of the existing dog off-leash area at Emery Barnes Park, as outlined in appendix B.
- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the design concept for the proposed dog off-leash area at Heather Park, as outlined in appendix C.
- C. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the design concept for the proposed dog off-leash area at Granville Park, as outlined in appendix D.

### **Amendment to the Main Motion**

AMENDMENT MOVED by Commissioner Digby  
SECONDED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky

THAT the following be added to the end as D:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to report back on the pros and cons of time-of-use restrictions to increase availability of authorized off-leash areas in selected parks.

CARRIED

*In favour: Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Christensen, Digby, Jensen*  
*Opposed: Commissioners Haer, Viridi, Howard*

### **Amendment to the Amended Motion**

AMENDMENT MOVED by Commissioner Howard  
SECONDED by Commissioner Viridi

THAT the B and C be struck; motion to read as follows:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the design concept for the renewal and expansion of the existing dog off-leash area at Emery Barnes Park, as outlined in appendix B.

- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to report back on the pros and cons of time-of-use restrictions to increase availability of authorized off-leash areas in selected parks.

LOST

*In favor: Commissioners Haer, Howard, Virdi*

*Opposed: Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Christensen, Digby, Jensen*

**Question on the Main Motion as Amended**

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT, as outlined in the Report dated June 15, 2023 entitled “Emery Barnes, Granville, and Heather Parks Dog Off-Leash Area - Concept Plans,” the Vancouver Park Board approve the design concept for the renewal and expansion of the existing dog off-leash area at Emery Barnes Park, as outlined in Appendix B of the Report dated June 15, 2023, entitled “Emery Barnes, Heather and Granville Parks Dog Off-Leash Area - Concept Plans”.
- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the design concept for the proposed dog off-leash area at Heather Park, as outlined in Appendix C of the Report dated June 15, 2023, entitled “Emery Barnes, Heather and Granville Parks Dog Off-Leash Area - Concept Plans”.
- C. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the design concept for the proposed dog off-leash area at Granville Park, as outlined in Appendix D of the Report dated June 15, 2023, entitled “Emery Barnes, Heather and Granville Parks Dog Off-Leash Area - Concept Plans”.
- D. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to report back on the pros and cons of time-of-use restrictions to increase availability of authorized off-leash areas in selected parks.

CARRIED

*In favour: Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Christensen, Digby, Jensen*

*Opposed: Commissioners Haer, Howard, Virdi*

The Committee meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm.

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Steve Jackson  
Acting General Manager

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Commissioner Laura Christensen  
Chair



## REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 26, 2023

A regular meeting of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation was held on Monday, June 26, 2023, at 9:13 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 Marie-Claire Howard  
Commissioner Jas Virdi\*

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Angela Haer (Leave of Absence)

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Julia Scott-Lenz, Board Support and Meeting Clerk

\* *Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.*

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair 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 Christensen  
SECONDED by Commissioner Digby

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;

(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; and

(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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
*Absent: Commissioner Virdi*

## **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

### **1. Regular Board Meeting – June 12, 2023**

MOVED by Commissioner Digby  
SECONDED by Commissioner Christensen

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting of June 12, 2023, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
*Absent: Commissioner Virdi*

## **CHAIR'S REPORT**

The Chair highlighted the participation of Commissioners at Park Board events since the previous Board meeting on June 12, 2023:

- Chair Jensen attended the closing ceremonies for the Dunbar, Kerrisdale, and Trout Late Little League teams.
- Chair Jensen attended the Enchanted Evening Concert Series at Sun-Yat Sen Classical Chinese Garden alongside Councilor Kirby-Yung, Garden Director Lorraine Lowe, Terry Yun, and Park Rangers.
- Chair Jensen, Commissioners Bastyovanszky and Howard attended the KitsFest VIP Social to announce the 15th Annual KitsFest celebration.
- Chair Jensen and City Councilors attended the Dragon Boat Blessing Ceremony at the Concord Pacific Dragon Boat Festival on June 24 and 25
- Commissioners, City Councilors, School Trustees and Mayor Sim attended the 35th Annual 2023 Concord Pacific Dragon Boat Festival.
- Commissioner Bastyovanszky attended East Side Pride at Grandview Park with organizers Benny and Madi.
- Commissioner Bastyovanszky, City Councilors, School Trustees, Ministers and MPs attended a ceremony honoring the victims of Air India Flight 182 in Stanley Park.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

The Board was advised that no communications related to the Regular Board Meeting agenda were received.

## **BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING**

### **1. Report of the Board Committee – June 26, 2023**

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

1. Community Centre Childcare Use of Park Space Policy
2. Brazilian Day - Special Event
3. Emery Barnes, Heather and Granville Parks Dog Off-Leash Area - Concept Plans

MOVED by Commissioner Christensen  
SECONDED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Board Committee at its meeting of June 26, 2023, as contained in items 1, 2 and 3.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **STAFF REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS**

### **1. General Manager's Report**

Members of the Park Board Leadership Team presented the [General Manager's Report](#), highlighting:

- Coastal Adaptation Planning Update
- Upcoming Council business related to or impacting parks and recreation:
  - Report titled "Vancouver Community Sport Event Grants – Summer 2023 Intake"
- Board briefing memos and emails issued from June 12, 2023 to June 26, 2023.

## **NOTICES OF MEMBERS' MOTIONS**

### **1. Assessment and mitigation of forest fire risk in Stanley Park**

Commissioner Digby submitted notice of the following motion which may be placed on the July 10, 2023, Regular Board meeting agenda as a Members' Motion:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to report back with an assessment of the risk of forest fire in Stanley Park and an updated risk mitigation plan.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

*Commissioner Bastyovanszky assumed the role of Chair to while Commissioner Jensen moved the motion below; subsequently, Commissioners Jensen resumed the role of Chair.*



MOVED by Commissioner Jensen  
SECONDED by Commissioner Digby

THAT the Board approve expenses related to Commissioners Jensen and Christensen's attendance at the 2023 BC Recreation and Parks Association Symposium in Vancouver, which took place May 3-5, 2023, at an estimated cost of \$1,580, to be funded from the 2023 commissioner expenses budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*In favour: Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Christensen, Digby, Jensen*

*Abstained: Commissioners Howard, Viridi*

## ENQUIRIES

Commissioners requested information related to the following topics:

1. Raising a pride progress flag in a Park Board Facility.
2. Status and project timeline for the expansion of the Sunset Beach Dog Park.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 9:32 pm.

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Steve Jackson  
Acting General Manager

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Commissioner Scott Jensen  
Chair