



## REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 11, 2023

A Regular meeting of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation was held on Monday, September 11, 2023, at 8:38 pm, in the Boardroom at the Park Board Office.

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Commissioner Scott Jensen, Chair Commissioner Brennan Bastyovanszky, Vice Chair Commissioner Laura Christensen Commissioner Tom Digby Commissioner Jas Virdi
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Commissioner Angela Haer Commissioner Marie-Claire Howard
<b>GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE:</b>	Steve Jackson, Acting General Manager Denise Swanston, Acting Manager, Board Relations & Meeting Clerk Jessica Kulchyski, Board Support and Meeting Assistant Victoria Tyers, Board Support and Meeting Assistant & Meeting Clerk

### 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:

- (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the Council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of 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

## **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

### **1. Regular Board Meeting – July 17, 2023**

MOVED by Commissioner Digby  
SECONDED by Commissioner Christensen

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting of July 17, 2023, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **CHAIR'S REPORT**

The Chair highlighted the participation of Commissioners at Park Board events since the previous Board meeting on July 17, 2023:

- Commissioners attended behind the scenes barge tours for the Honda Celebration of Light
- Commissioner Bastyovanszky attended the African Descent Festival at English Bay Beach
- Chair Jensen and Commissioner Digby attended Signing with the Ancestors in Stanley Park
- Chair Jensen and Commissioner Bastyovanszky attended the Victoria Drive BIA's Summer Festival
- Chair Jensen, with Commissioners Bastyovanszky and Christensen attended the 2023 Pride Run + Walk in Stanley Park
- Chair Jensen and Commissioner Bastyovanszky attended the Little Yellow School House Relocation
- Commissioners attended the 2023 Vancouver Pride Parade alongside Park Board Staff, City Councillors, School Trustees, and Mayor Sim
- Chair Jensen and Commissioner Bastyovanszky attended Pride Night Fish + Sips at the Vancouver Aquarium
- Commissioner Bastyovanszky attended the Vancouver Canadians Pride Night game at Nat Bailey Stadium
- Commissioner Bastyovanszky attended the West End Community Center's Music at the Bandstand in Alexandra Park
- Commissioners attended Diner en Blanc in Coopers Park

- Chair Jensen and Commissioner Bastovanszky attended the 2023 Maui Jim charity Golf Tournament Kick-off at Fraserview Golf Course

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

No communication related to the meeting agenda was received.

## **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT**

### **1. Report of the Board Committee – September 11, 2023**

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

1. Jericho Beach Park Pier – Next Steps

MOVED by Commissioner Christensen  
SECONDED by Commissioner Jensen

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Board Committee at its meeting on September 11, 2023, as contained in Item 1.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **STAFF REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS**

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

Members of the Park Board Leadership Team presented the General Manager's Report, highlighting:

- Staff have completed a number of significant field renovation projects. Recent upgrades include Douglas Park, Tisdall Park, and Hillcrest Park Little League Baseball Diamond.
- An update was provided on the upgrades currently underway at the Kerrisdale Park – Point Grey School Track and Field Facility. A competitive procurement process is underway to obtain qualified contractors to construct these upgrades, and staff anticipate updating the Board on contract award in October 2023.
- Throughout the summer, staff have reduced hazards and wildfire risk in Stanley Park by removing 212 hazardous trees, and the use of water cannons and flusher trucks to wet forest areas and reduce ignition likelihood.
- Creekside Park will be the site of Vancouver's first ever live drone show on September 15.
- Upcoming Council business related to or impacting parks and recreation:
  - Report titled "Contract Award for Architectural Consulting for Redevelopment of the Vancouver Aquatic Centre"

- Report titled "Approach to Identifying Opportunities for Increased Revenues for the 2024 Budget"
- Board briefing memos and emails issued from July 17, 2023, to September 11, 2023.

Park Board staff responded to questions from the Board. There was discussion on:

- The Kerrisdale Track & Field Upgrades and increasing capacity to other turf fields to offset the closure of the Kerrisdale field.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **1. Change to 2023 Meeting Schedule**

MOVED by Commissioner Bastovanszky  
SECONDED by Commissioner Digby

THAT the Special Budget meeting scheduled for Monday, December 4, 2023, be rescheduled to Tuesday, November 28, 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **2. Request for Leave of Absence**

MOVED by Commissioner Christensen  
SECONDED by Commissioner Jensen

THAT Commissioner Christensen be granted a Leave of Absence from October 30, 2023 to December 11, 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 9:03 pm.

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Steve Jackson  
Acting General Manager

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Commissioner Scott Jensen  
Chair