



## BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 27, 2023

A Committee meeting of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation was held on Monday, November 27, 2023, at 6:31pm, in the Boardroom at the Park Board Office.

**PRESENT:** Commissioner Brennan Bastyovanszky, Acting Chair  
Commissioner Tom Digby  
Commissioner Scott Jensen  
Commissioner Jas Viridi

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Laura Christensen (Leave of Absence)  
Commissioner Angela Haer (Medical Leave)  
Commissioner Marie-Claire Howard (Medical Leave)

**GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE:** Steve Jackson, 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

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### ELECTION OF ACTING COMMITTEE CHAIR

As neither the Chair nor Vice-Chair were present, the General Manager called for nominations for Acting Chair.

Commissioner Jensen moved, and Commissioner Digby seconded, the nomination of Commissioner Bastyovanszky as Acting Chair of the Committee; Commissioner Bastyovanszky accepted the nomination.

The General Manager called for additional nominations. There being no further nominations, the General Manager declared Commissioner Bastyovanszky as Acting Chair by acclamation.

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### 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**

### **1. Board Committee Meeting – October 30, 2023**

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen  
SECONDED by Commissioner Digby

THAT the Minutes of the Board Committee meeting on October 30, 2023, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Viridi wished everyone a Happy Gurburab, which celebrates the birth of Guru Nanak Dev Ji, the first guru and founder of Sikhism.

Commissioner Jensen acknowledged that Hanukkah will be celebrated from Thursday December 7, 2023 to Friday December 15, 2023 and wished a Happy Hanukkah to all those who celebrate

Commissioner Bastovanszky recognized December 1 as World AIDS Day, which shows support for those living with HIV and remembers those who lost their lives to AIDS.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

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

- Five pieces of correspondence related to the Report titled “Killarney Track & Field Upgrades – Concept Plan”.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **1. Auditor General – Report Back**

The Director of Financial Planning & Analysis introduced the item and the Auditor General presented an update on the audit of [Park Board Revenue Management](#).

Following the presentation, staff responded to questions related to:

- Roles of City Council and Park Board in determining finances and budget
- Park Board audit findings and performance evaluations compared to other municipalities.

Subsequently it was,

MOVED by Commissioner Virdi  
SECONDED by Commissioner Jensen

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation receive the Auditor General's report titled "[Park Board Revenue Management](#)", dated November 20, 2023.
- B. THAT the report's six recommendations be endorsed.
- C. THAT the Board of Parks and Recreation invite the Auditor General to commence a performance audit effective January 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
*Abstained: Commissioner Digby*

## **2. The Great Outdoors Comedy Festival – Special Event**

The Director of Business Services introduced the item and the Manager of Business Development presented information on [The Great Outdoors Comedy Festival 2024](#) event application.

Following the presentation, staff responded to questions related to:

- Transportation plans for the event, including event ingress and egress
- Policies and guidelines around commercial events in parks
- Field recovery methods for sport fields following commercial events, and the impact on user groups

Prior to the vote, the Board agreed to separate the components of the motion.

Subsequently it was,

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen  
SECONDED by Commissioner Virdi

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board receive for information the report back on the 2023 Great Outdoors Comedy Festival as outlined in the report; and

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- B. FURTHER THAT the Board approve the addition of The Great Outdoors Comedy Festival to the annual Calendar of Major Special Events starting in 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
*Abstained: Commissioner Digby*

### **3. LOVELOUD Festival – Special Event**

The Director of Business Services introduced the item and the Manager of Business Development presented information on the [LOVELOUD Festival](#) event application.

Subsequently it was,

MOVED by Commissioner Viridi  
SECONDED by Commissioner Jensen

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve an application from Brandlive Group to host the LOVELOUD Festival Vancouver at Brockton Cricket Fields in Stanley Park on Saturday, September 7, 2024, from 1:00 to 11:00pm, with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager of the Park Board.
- B. THAT the Park Board approve an application from Brandlive Group for a Special Event Permit from the BC Liquor & Cannabis Regulation Branch to serve alcohol at the aforementioned location and date, with a maximum capacity of 10,000 guests.

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### **4. Killarney Track & Field Upgrades – Concept Plan**

The Director of Planning and Park Development introduced the item and the Project Manager, along with the Landscape Architect, presented an update on the [Killarney Track & Field Upgrade Concept Plan](#).

Following the presentation, staff responded to questions related to:

- Concurrent bookings for multiple track and field facilities
- Fencing requirements between track facilities and field facilities
- Field use allocations and user group conflicts
- Field lining and irrigation
- Usage overlap between various user groups
- Funding for separate throw facilities

The Committee heard from five speakers who spoke to other aspects of the recommendations.

Subsequently it was,

MOVED by Commissioner Virdi  
SECONDED by Commissioner Jensen

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the proposed concept plan for the Killarney Park Track and Field Upgrades, as outlined in the Report dated November 15, 2023, entitled "Killarney Park Track & Field Upgrades – Concept Plan", and shown in Appendix A of the related Report, and direct staff to proceed with Infield Material – Natural Grass in the approved design

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.

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Steve Jackson  
General Manager

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Commissioner Brennan Bastyovanszky  
Acting Chair