



BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

May 6, 2024

A Committee meeting of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation was held on Monday, May 6, 2024, at 6:32pm, in the Boardroom at the Park Board Office, and via videoconference.

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| PRESENT: | Commissioner Laura Christensen, Chair Commissioner Brennan Bastyovanszky Commissioner Tom Digby Commissioner Scott Jensen, Vice-Chair Commissioner Jas Viridi |
| ABSENT: | Commissioner Angela Haer (Sick Leave) Commissioner Marie-Claire Howard |
| 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 |

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 – April 22, 2024

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Digby

THAT the Minutes of the Board Committee meeting on April 22, 2024, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNICATIONS

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

- One piece of correspondence opposed to Item 1
- One piece of correspondence in support of Item 3
- 12 pieces of correspondence in opposition to Item 3, including one petition titled "[No Parking Meters at Spanish Banks!](#)", with 4,003 signatures at the time of the meeting.

MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky

THAT Item 2 – Monstercat Compound – Special Event be approved on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

STAFF REPORTS

1. Alcohol on Beaches – 2024 Re-Pilot

The Director of Park Planning and Development introduced the item and Planner Dunlop presented overview on the [alcohol on beaches 2024 re-pilot](#).

Following the presentation, staff responded to questions related to:

- Data collection, demographics, statistics and notable trends
- Sanitation
- Enforcement and associated by-laws
- Other municipalities
- Impact on park experience

Subsequently it was,

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Virdi

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Board approve the proposed implementation of the Alcohol on Beaches Re-pilot for the summer of 2024 on Jericho Beach, John Hendry Beach, Kitsilano Beach, Locarno Beach, New Brighton, Spanish Banks, and Stanley Park Second Beach contingent upon incremental operating budget funding being allocated by Council to support the successful implementation as outlined in this report.
- B. THAT if the Board approves A above, that the Board, in keeping with the Auditor General's recommendation #1, direct staff to provide a report to Council on the Alcohol on Beaches pilot and request the funding necessary to implement the re-pilot
- C. THAT the Board approve the updates proposed to the Parks Control By-Law to update the pilot launch dates for permitting Alcohol Consumption on beaches from June 1, 2024, to September 30, 2024, limited to the same seven beaches as 2023: Jericho Beach, Trout Lake Beach (John Hendry Park), Kitsilano Beach, Locarno Beach, New Brighton Park Beach, Spanish Banks and Second Beach (Stanley Park).

CARRIED

In favour: Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Christensen, Jensen, and Viridi

Opposed: Commissioner Digby

2. Monstercat Compound - Special Event

- A. THAT The Vancouver Park Board approve an application from Monstercat to host the Monstercat Compound special event at Jonathan Rogers Park on Saturday, August 24, 2024, from 2:00 to 10:00pm, with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager of the Park Board.
- B. THAT the Park Board approve an application from Monstercat for a Special Event Permit from the BC Liquor & Cannabis Regulation Branch to serve alcohol at the aforementioned location and dates, with a maximum capacity of 6,000 guests.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

3. Spanish Banks Parking

The Director of Business Services, along with the Manager of Commercial Operations, presented an overview of the [paid parking recommendations at Spanish Banks](#).

Following the presentation, staff responded to questions related to:

- Impact of paid parking on users
- Community engagement
- Financial implications and pricing models
- Transit access
- Parking for seniors and those with mobility challenges
- Alignment with other Park Board and City of Vancouver initiatives

The Committee heard from one speaker in support of the recommendations.

Subsequently it was,

MOVED by Commissioner Digby

SECONDED by Commissioner Jensen

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve a new paid parking fee at parking lots within Spanish Banks Park Beach for a 12-month pilot period beginning in July 2024, where peak season pricing for the months May to September will be charged \$1/hour with reduced parking charges in the off-season, with such reduced fees to be determined in alignment with Engineering services. The setting of off-season fees is delegated to the Park Board General Manager for

this initial pilot period. This will be contingent upon a consistent paid parking model being applied to the surrounding neighbourhood on-street parking under the jurisdiction of City of Vancouver Engineering.

- B. THAT enforcement of paid parking at these lots runs from 9am to 10pm to align with proposed on-street paid parking and to enable free parking and improved public accessibility for morning visitors from 6am-9am;

FURTHER THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to update the Board in Q2 2025 on the performance of the paid parking pilot at Spanish Banks, one year after its launch.

CARRIED

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

Opposed: Commissioner Viridi

The Committee meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.

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Steve Jackson
General Manager

Commissioner Laura Christensen
Chair