



SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 27, 2022

The Regular Park Board meeting was held on Monday, June 27, 2022, at 5:51 pm, via videoconference and at the Park Board Office.

PRESENT: Commissioner Tricia Barker
Commissioner John Coupar
Commissioner Dave Demers
Commissioner Camil Dumont
Commissioner Gwen Giesbrecht, Vice-Chair
Commissioner John Irwin
Commissioner Stuart Mackinnon, Chair

GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE: Donnie Rosa, General Manager
Cheryl Chan, Manager, Executive Office and Board Relations
Carol Lee, Meeting Clerk
Jessica Kulchyski, Board Support and Meeting Assistant

Recess

The meeting recessed at 5:52 pm due to technical difficulties and reconvened at 6:02 pm.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair acknowledged that the meeting is taking place on the traditional territory of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations. The meeting is being held on the land respectfully and with honour to each other, the land and the communities that the Commissioners serve. The Chair invited Commissioners to join him in committing to actions of reconciliation in their deliberations and decisions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair reported, with sadness, that Mike Bradley, long serving president of the Thunderbird Neighbourhood Association, had passed away earlier in the day.

Motion to Suspend the Rules

MOVED by Commissioner Irwin
SECONDED by Commissioner Dumont

THAT the Vancouver Park Board suspend the rules to hear from two speakers who had not register by the published deadline.

CARRIED

In favour: Demers, Dumont, Giesbrecht, Irwin, Mackinnon

Opposed: Barker, Coupar

Motion to Suspend the Rules

MOVED by Commissioner Dumont
SECONDED by Commissioner Giesbrecht

THAT the Vancouver Park Board varies the length of time Speakers are permitted to speak to three minutes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNICATIONS

The Board was advised that from June 20, 2022 to 3:00 pm on June 27, 2022, the following emails were received via the PBCommissioners@vancouver.ca account and the [Contact Park Board Commissioners](#) webform with respect to 2023–2026 Capital Plan – Parks and Recreation:

- 609 opposed to the staff recommendation
- 30 opposed to a pool in Mount Pleasant Park
- 33 in support of a pool in Mount Pleasant Park
- One in support of a pool in Mount Pleasant Park or Jonathan Rogers Park
- Two in support of more outdoor pools in general
- Two opposed to the lack of community centre renewal plans in the capital plan.

In addition, following the April 10, 2022 City Council decision on the draft capital plan, the Park Board received 39 emails regarding the proposed pool in Mount Pleasant Park from May 9 to June 20, 2022, of which:

- 35 opposed a pool in Mount Pleasant Park
- Four supported a pool in Mount Pleasant Park.

STAFF REPORTS

1. 2023–2026 Capital Plan – Parks and Recreation

Erin Embley, Manager, Strategic Initiatives, Park Board, led the review of a presentation on the 2023–2026 capital plan and highlighted:

- 2019–2022 Capital Plan achievements
- Capital planning process
- Trends affecting capital investments
- Approximately 15% or \$539 million of the City-wide 2023–2026 capital plan is allocated to the Park Board
- Allocation of the 2023–2026 Capital Plan:
 - Parks and Open Spaces = \$208.3 million
 - Park Land Acquisition = \$22.5 million

- Urban Forest and Natural Areas = \$13.4 million
- Seawall and Waterfront = \$15.5 million
- Park Amenities = \$107.1 million
- Decolonization, Arts and Culture = \$1 million
- Buildings, Infrastructure and Vehicles = \$48.8 million
- Recreation Facilities = \$328.7 million
- Service Yards = \$2 million
- Public engagement methods and key themes of input received
- Analysis of the public input that was reflected in the 2023–2026 Capital Plan.

E. Embley, along with Donnie Rosa, General Manager, Park Board, and Steve Kellock, Director, Recreation, Park Board, and Dave Hutch, Director, Planning and Park Development, responded to questions from the Board. There was discussion on:

- Concern that the Board’s priority of constructing outdoor pools at Mount Pleasant and Marpole were overruled by City staff
- The Park Board is exploring additional funding from other areas to augment the \$1 million of capital allocated to the Decolonization, Arts and Culture program
- The temporary Stanley Park Bike Lane was funded through a reallocation in the 2019–2022 Capital Plan
- Confirmation that \$4.4 million is available to be carried forward from the 2019–2022 Capital Plan for sports fields.

Recess

The meeting recessed at 6:49 pm. and reconvened at 7:09 pm.

The Board heard from 27 speakers who provided the following comments and responded to questions from the Board:

- Support for the provision of funding in the 2023–2026 Capital Plan to construct an outdoor pool at Mount Pleasant Park
- Opposition to the allocation of funding to construct an outdoor pool at Mount Pleasant Park
- Request for more public washrooms
- Requests for additional funding for sports fields:
 - Maintain and refurbish existing artificial turf fields
 - Install lights at several soccer fields
 - Replace gravel soccer fields with artificial turf fields to facilitate youth soccer development
- Suggestion that the Park Board lobby Council for more capital funds
- Request for investments in community centres, in accordance with the Community Centre Strategy
- Request for the development of an off-leash dog park in the Mount Pleasant neighbourhood.

Recess

The meeting recessed at 8:53 pm. and reconvened at 9:16 pm.

The Board heard from one additional speaker who expressed support for the provision of funding for an outdoor pool at Mount Pleasant Park.

Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon

SECONDED by Commissioner Irwin

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board support the final 2023–2026 Capital Plan, specifically the service delivery areas of the Park Board as outlined in this report, totaling \$539 million:
 - i. \$208 million Parks and Open Spaces;
 - ii. \$329 million Recreation Facilities; and
 - iii. \$2 million Service Yards; and

- B. FURTHER THAT the Board direct staff to work with City of Vancouver staff to develop a focused funding and delivery strategy to address the infrastructure deficit for critical park infrastructure. This work would include in-ground infrastructure, soft and hard surfaces, park buildings and upgrades that serve both the existing population and growth, to facilitate strategic funding and delivery of this work in the 2027-2030 Capital Plan.

Amendment to the Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon

SECONDED by Commissioner Dumont

THAT the motion be amended by adding Items C and D:

- C. THAT, pending approval of the Sport Field Strategy currently in development, the Park Board request Council add \$7.7 million through emerging priorities funding, and a portion of new Development Cost Levy (DCL) funding that may become available at the time of the 2023–2026 mid-term update, to be directed towards new, renewed, and expanded outdoor sport field facilities in parks to support these critical assets for the promotion of mental and physical health of Vancouver residents and visitors, primarily youth and children; and

- D. THAT the Park Board request Council add \$2 million in funding to support the planning and design of the Mount Pleasant outdoor pool within the 2023–2026 Capital Plan.

Substitution Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Irwin
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

THAT the Vancouver Park Board consider the substitution of Item D with:

- D. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to explore reallocating \$11.5 million of funds in the proposed 2023–2026 Capital Plan to facilitate the planning, design and building of the Mount Pleasant Pool; \$5.5 million from converting parkland to healthy habitat; and \$6 million from other sources of funding to be determined by staff.

CARRIED

In favour: Barker, Coupar, Giesbrecht, Irwin

Opposed: Demers, Dumont, Mackinnon

Extension of Meeting

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Dumont

THAT the Park Board extend the meeting beyond 10:00 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Question on the Substitution Motion

- D. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to explore reallocating \$11.5 million of funds in the proposed 2023–2026 Capital Plan to facilitate the planning, design and building of the Mount Pleasant Pool; \$5.5 million from converting parkland to healthy habitat; and \$6 million from other sources of funding to be determined by staff.

CARRIED

In favour: Barker, Coupar, Giesbrecht, Irwin

Opposed: Demers, Dumont, Mackinnon

Question on the Amendment, as Amended

THAT the motion be amended by adding Items C and D:

- C. THAT, pending approval of the Sport Field Strategy currently in development, the Park Board request Council add \$7.7 million through emerging priorities funding, and a portion of new Development Cost Levy (DCL) funding that may become available at the time of the 2023–2026 mid-term update, to be directed towards new, renewed, and expanded outdoor sport field facilities in parks to support these critical assets for the promotion of mental and physical health of Vancouver residents and visitors, primarily youth and children; and
- D. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to explore reallocating \$11.5 million of funds in the proposed 2023–2026 Capital Plan to facilitate the planning, design and building of the Mount Pleasant Pool; \$5.5 million from converting parkland to

healthy habitat; and \$6 million from other sources of funding to be determined by staff.

Commissioner Dumont requested that the motion be separated into distinct propositions.

Question on Item C

THAT the motion be amended by adding Item C:

- C. THAT, pending approval of the Sport Field Strategy currently in development, the Park Board request Council add \$7.7 million through emerging priorities funding, and a portion of new Development Cost Levy (DCL) funding that may become available at the time of the 2023–2026 mid-term update, to be directed towards new, renewed, and expanded outdoor sport field facilities in parks to support these critical assets for the promotion of mental and physical health of Vancouver residents and visitors, primarily youth and children.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Question on Item D

THAT the motion be amended by adding Item D:

- D. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to explore reallocating \$11.5 million of funds in the proposed 2023–2026 Capital Plan to facilitate the planning, design and building of the Mount Pleasant Pool; \$5.5 million from converting parkland to healthy habitat; and \$6 million from other sources of funding to be determined by staff.

CARRIED

In favour: Barker, Coupar, Giesbrecht, Irwin, Mackinnon
Opposed: Demers, Dumont

Amendment to the Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Demers
SECONDED by Commissioner Giesbrecht

THAT the motion be amended by adding Item E:

- E. THAT the Park Board request Council for additional funding to complete the outdoor pool phase of the Marpole Community Centre renewal plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Question on the Main Motion, as Amended

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board support the final 2023–2026 Capital Plan, specifically the service delivery areas of the Park Board as outlined in this report, totaling \$539 million:
 - i. \$208 million Parks and Open Spaces;
 - ii. \$329 million Recreation Facilities; and

- iii. \$2 million Service Yards;
- B. FURTHER THAT the Board direct staff to work with City of Vancouver staff to develop a focused funding and delivery strategy to address the infrastructure deficit for critical park infrastructure. This work would include in-ground infrastructure, soft and hard surfaces, park buildings and upgrades that serve both the existing population and growth, to facilitate strategic funding and delivery of this work in the 2027-2030 Capital Plan;
- C. THAT, pending approval of the Sport Field Strategy currently in development, the Park Board request Council add \$7.7 million through emerging priorities funding, and a portion of new Development Cost Levy (DCL) funding that may become available at the time of the 2023–2026 mid-term update, to be directed towards new, renewed, and expanded outdoor sport field facilities in parks to support these critical assets for the promotion of mental and physical health of Vancouver residents and visitors, primarily youth and children;
- D. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to explore reallocating \$11.5 million of funds in the proposed 2023–2026 Capital Plan to facilitate the planning, design and building of the Mount Pleasant Pool; \$5.5 million from converting parkland to healthy habitat; and \$6 million from other sources of funding to be determined by staff; and
- E. THAT the Park Board request Council for additional funding to complete the outdoor pool phase of the Marpole Community Centre renewal plan.

Commissioner Dumont requested that the motion be separated into distinct propositions.

Question on Item A

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board support the final 2023–2026 Capital Plan, specifically the service delivery areas of the Park Board as outlined in this report, totaling \$539 million:
 - i. \$208 million Parks and Open Spaces;
 - ii. \$329 million Recreation Facilities; and
 - iii. \$2 million Service Yards.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Question on Item B

- B. FURTHER THAT the Board direct staff to work with City of Vancouver staff to develop a focused funding and delivery strategy to address the infrastructure deficit for critical park infrastructure. This work would include in-ground infrastructure, soft and hard surfaces, park buildings and upgrades that serve both the existing population and growth, to facilitate strategic funding and delivery of this work in the 2027-2030 Capital Plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Question on Item C

- C. THAT, pending approval of the Sport Field Strategy currently in development, the Park Board request Council add \$7.7 million through emerging priorities funding, and a portion of new Development Cost Levy (DCL) funding that may become available at the time of the 2023–2026 mid-term update, to be directed towards new, renewed, and expanded outdoor sport field facilities in parks to support these critical assets for the promotion of mental and physical health of Vancouver residents and visitors, primarily youth and children.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Question on Item D

- D. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to explore reallocating \$11.5 million of funds in the proposed 2023–2026 Capital Plan to facilitate the planning, design and building of the Mount Pleasant Pool; \$5.5 million from converting parkland to healthy habitat; and \$6 million from other sources of funding to be determined by staff.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY/CARRIED/DEFEATED
In favour: Barker, Coupar, Giesbrecht, Irwin, Mackinnon
Opposed: Demers, Dumont

Question on Item E

- E. THAT the Park Board request Council for additional funding to complete the outdoor pool phase of the Marpole Community Centre renewal plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 10:15 pm.

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Donnie Rosa
General Manager

Commissioner Stuart Mackinnon
Chair