



## BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION INAUGURAL BOARD MEETING

NOVEMBER 7, 2022

A special Board meeting was held on Monday, November 7, 2022, at 7:00 pm, at the VanDusen Botanical Garden Visitor Centre, 5251 Oak Street, Vancouver, British Columbia.

**PRESENT:** Commissioner Stuart Mackinnon, Chair  
Commissioner Tricia Barker  
Commissioner-Elect Brennan Bastyovanszky  
Commissioner-Elect Laura Christensen  
Commissioner John Coupar  
Commissioner-Elect Tom Digby  
Commissioner Camil Dumont  
Commissioner Gwen Giesbrecht, Vice-Chair  
Commissioner-Elect Angela Kate Haer  
Commissioner-Elect Marie-Claire Howard  
Commissioner-Elect Scott Jensen  
Commissioner-Elect Jas Viridi

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Dave Demers  
Commissioner John Irwin

**GENERAL  
MANAGER'S  
OFFICE:** Donnie Rosa, General Manager  
John Brodie, Director, Strategic Operations and Board Relations  
Natalie Froehlich, Director of Financial Planning and Analysis  
Amit Gandha, Director, Parks  
Dave Hutch, Director, Planning and Park Development  
Steve Jackson, Director, Business Services  
Steve Kellock, Director, Recreation  
Betty Lepps, Director, Urban Relationships  
Amanda Gibbs, Senior Manager, Communications, Marketing and Engagement  
Rena Soutar, Manager, Decolonization Arts and Culture  
Jessica Kulchyski, Meeting Assistant  
Carol Lee, Meeting Clerk

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**2018–2022 BOARD**

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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. The meeting is being held on the land respectfully and with honour to each other, the land and the communities that the Park Board serve. The Chair invited all to join him in committing to actions of reconciliation in their deliberations and decisions.

## **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar  
SECONDED by Commissioner Dumont

THAT the minutes of the October 24, 2022 Board Committee and Regular Board Meetings be approved as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY/

## **CHAIR'S REPORT**

### **1. Review of 2018–2022 Term**

The Chair introduced a video highlighting the accomplishments during the term of the 2018–2022 Board and recognized the contributions of the Park Board staff.

### **2. Closing Remarks**

The Chair thanked outgoing Commissioners for their dedication and service to the Park Board.

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At this point in the proceedings, the General Manager assumed the chair.

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## **CONCLUSION OF 2018–2022 TERM**

Donnie Rosa, General Manager, Park Board, recognized the 2018–2022 Park Board Commissioners and presented each with an appreciation gift.

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## **2022–2026 BOARD**

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## **OATH OF OFFICE**

The General Manager read the election returns advising that: Brennan Bastyovanszky, Laura Christensen, Tom Digby, Angela Kate Haer, Marie-Claire Howard, Scott Jensen and Jas Virdi received the highest number of votes and were declared Commissioners-Elect for the years 2022–2026.

Rosemary Hagiwara, Acting City Clerk, City of Vancouver, administered the Oath of Office to the Commissioners-Elect. The Commissioners-Elect repeated the Oath of Office in unison, then each signed the Oath of Office, witnessed by the Acting City Clerk.

## **ELECTION OF BOARD CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR**

### **1. Election of Board Chair**

As set forth in the Park Board's Procedure By-law, the General Manager, acting as Chair pro tem, called for nominations for Chair of the Board for the remainder of 2022 and 2023.

Commissioner Christensen nominated Commissioner Jensen as Chair of the Board for the remainder of 2022 and 2023. Commissioner Jensen accepted the nomination.

The General Manager called for additional nominations. There being no further nominations, the General Manager declared nominations for the Chair of the Board closed.

The General Manager announced Commissioner Jensen elected unanimously as Chair of the Board.

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Commissioner Jensen assumed the chair.

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### **2. Election of Board Vice-Chair**

The Chair called for nominations for the Vice-Chair of the Board for the remainder of 2022 and 2023.

Commissioner Haer nominated Commissioner Bastovanszki as Vice-Chair of the Board for the remainder of 2022 and 2023. Commissioner Bastovanszki accepted the nomination.

The Chair called for additional nominations. There being no further nominations, the Chair declared nominations for the Vice-Chair of the Board closed.

The Chair announced Commissioner Bastovanszki elected unanimously as Vice-Chair of the Board.

### **2. Election of Board Committee Chair**

The Chair called for nominations for the Chair of the Board Committee for the remainder of 2022 and 2023.

Commissioner Digby nominated Commissioner Christensen as Chair of the Board Committee for the remainder of 2022 and 2023. Commissioner Christensen accepted the nomination.

The Chair called for additional nominations. There being no further nominations, the Chair declared nominations for the Chair of the Board Committee closed.

The Chair announced Commissioner Christensen elected unanimously as Chair of the Board Committee.

### **3. Election of Board Committee Vice-Chair**

The Chair called for nominations for the Vice-Chair of the Board Committee for the remainder of 2022 and 2023.

Commissioner Howard nominated Commissioner Haer as Vice-Chair of the Board Committee for the remainder of 2022 and 2023. Commissioner Haer accepted the nomination.

The Chair called for additional nominations. There being no further nominations, the Chair declared nominations for the Vice-Chair of the Board Committee closed.

The Chair announced Commissioner Haer elected unanimously as Vice-Chair of the Board Committee.

### **PARK BOARD COMMITTEE**

#### **1. Establishment of Board Committee for 2022–2026**

MOVED by Commissioner Digby  
SECONDED by Commissioner Virdi

THAT the Board Committee be established for the 2022–2026 term.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **INCOMING CHAIR REMARKS**

The Chair thanked the outgoing Commissioners for their service to the residents of the City of Vancouver and welcomed the incoming Commissioners.

The Board adjourned at 7:45 pm.

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Donnie Rosa  
General Manager

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Commissioner Scott Jensen  
Chair