



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 5, 2022

The Regular Park Board meeting was held on Monday, December 5, 2022, at 6:36 pm, via videoconference and at the Park Board Office.

PRESENT: Commissioner Brennan Bastovanszky, Vice Chair
Commissioner Laura Christensen
Commissioner Tom Digby
Commissioner Angela Kate Haer
Commissioner Marie-Claire Howard
Commissioner Scott Jensen, Chair
Commissioner Jas Virdi

GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE: Donnie Rosa, General Manager
Carol Lee, Meeting Clerk
Jessica Kulchyski, Board Support and Meeting Assistant
Julia Scott-Lenz, Board Support and Meeting Assistant

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.

IN CAMERA

1. In Camera Meeting

MOVED by Commissioner Digby
SECONDED by Commissioner Christensen

THAT the Board will go into meetings next month/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 [Board] 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 Board, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the City and Park Board if they were held in public.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Regular Board Meeting – November 14, 2022 and Special Board Meeting – November 21, 2022

MOVED by Commissioner Haer

SECONDED by Commissioner Viridi

THAT the Park Board minutes of the November 14, 2022 Regular meeting and November 21, 2022 Special meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair highlighted the participation of Park Board Commissioners at official Park Board events since November 8, 2022:

- Commissioner Haer presented a wreath at the National Indigenous Veterans Day ceremony at Victory Square on November 8, 2022
- Chair Jensen attended the Remembrance Day ceremony at Victory Square on November 11, 2022 and presented a wreath
- Commissioner Viridi attended the Remembrance Day ceremony at the Memorial South Park Cenotaph and laid a wreath
- Commissioners Bastyovanszky and Digby attended the Remembrance Day ceremony at the Japanese War Memorial in Stanley Park and laid a wreath
- Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Christensen and Digby attended, and Chair Jensen spoke at the opening night for the Burn Fund's Bright Nights at Stanley Park on November 30, 2022
- Chair Jensen spoke at the Festival of Lights media event at VanDusen Botanical Garden on November 25, 2022.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Board was advised that from November 28, 2022 to 3:00 pm on December 5, 2022, the following emails were received via the PBCommissioners@vancouver.ca account and the [Contact Park Board Commissioners](#) webform:

- Three opposed to Burrard Marina fee increases
- One opposed to lack of information on the 2023 proposed Capital Budget

- Two in support of the Member’s Motion titled “Urgent Report on Park Board Preparations for the 2023 Summer Season”
- Member’s Motion titled “Stanley Park Drive Temporary Bike Lane – Next Steps”:
 - 519 opposed
 - 49 in support.

Agenda Varied

MOVED by Commissioner Haer
SECONDED by Commissioner Howard

THAT the order of the agenda be varied to consider Member’s Motions in the following order, prior to consideration of Referred Items:

1. Lifting the Moratorium on New Commercial Initiatives in Vancouver Parks;
2. Expanding the Alcohol in Parks Program and Making it Permanent and Year Round;
3. Urgent Report on Park Board Preparations for the 2023 Summer Season; and
4. Stanley Park Drive Temporary Bike Lane - Next Steps.

CARRIED

In favour: Bastyovanszky, Christensen, Haer, Howard, Jensen, Virdi

Opposed: Digby

MEMBERS’ MOTIONS

1. Lifting the Moratorium on New Commercial Initiatives in Vancouver Parks

Commissioner Bastyovanszky introduced the motion and responded to questions from the Board.

MOVED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky
SECONDED by Commissioner Howard

WHEREAS:

1. Large scale special events in Vancouver parks, plazas and facilities activate public spaces, foster community connectedness, enhance the vibrancy of our city, and provide enriching cultural experiences;
<https://parkboardmeetings.vancouver.ca/2022/20220411/REPORT-SpecialEventsCalendar2022-MajorEvents-20220411.pdf>;
2. In accordance with the Vancouver Charter, the Park Board has exclusive jurisdiction and control over park land use in the City of Vancouver, including any events, activities, programs, fees, structures, and improvements that occur within designated parks;
<https://parkboardmeetings.vancouver.ca/2019/20190513/REPORT-SpecialEventGuidelines-ProposedUpdateInterimDirection-20190513.pdf>;

3. The Park Board's role in supporting special events is primarily that of a host, issuing over 1,300 permits annually for special events and activities across its open space network and facilities. The Park Board's Special Event Guidelines provide the framework for delegating access to event organizers, operationalizing event initiatives, and supporting the event community;
<https://parkboardmeetings.vancouver.ca/2022/20220411/REPORT-SpecialEventsCalendar2022-MajorEvents-20220411.pdf> and
<https://parkboardmeetings.vancouver.ca/2019/20190513/REPORT-SpecialEventGuidelines-ProposedUpdateInterimDirection-20190513.pdf>;
4. On January 23, 2017, the Park Board unanimously approved a motion titled Permits and Special Events, which directed staff to review its permitting process and to consult with community groups, interested individuals, stakeholders, and partners on actions that can be taken to address community concerns;
<https://parkboardmeetings.vancouver.ca/2019/20190513/REPORT-SpecialEventGuidelines-ProposedUpdateInterimDirection-20190513.pdf> and
<https://parkboardmeetings.vancouver.ca/2017/20170123/MOTION-PermitsAndSpecialEvents-20170123.pdf>;
5. On March 12, 2018, the Park Board unanimously approved a motion titled Safety at Concerts and Major Events, which directed staff to consult with interested groups and to implement a policy requiring that safety measures for women and other at risk groups be included in future contracts with music festival and concert organizers, and to encourage organizers of already approved events to adopt such measures voluntarily;
<https://parkboardmeetings.vancouver.ca/2019/20190513/REPORT-SpecialEventGuidelines-ProposedUpdateInterimDirection-20190513.pdf>;
6. At the May 13, 2019, Regular Park Board Committee meeting, Commissioners received and considered a report and presentation from staff entitled "Special Event Guidelines – Proposed Update and Interim Direction" which noted that the Park Board's Special Event Guidelines were last updated and approved in 2003;
7. On May 13, 2019, following the aforementioned Park Board staff report and presentation, the Board directed staff to update the Board's Special Event Guidelines to address current issues and ensure alignment with the values and principles of the Park Board, and to better support Vancouver's event community, as well as interim direction to staff to maintain and support the existing Park Board portfolio of commercial events and activities, but to also issue a moratorium on the introduction of any new commercial initiatives until after the Special Event Guidelines have been updated and approved by the Board;
https://parkboardmeetings.vancouver.ca/2019/20190513/MINUTES_PB-20190513.pdf;
8. As of the current date, Park Board staff have not reported back to the Board with updated Special Event Guidelines;
9. In 2018, prior to the moratorium on new commercial events, fifteen commercial events took place in Vancouver parks, making up about one per cent of the total number of events that take place in parks annually. This one per cent of events reportedly brought in 44 per cent of the Park Board's revenue generated by hosting events in 2018 — \$238,500 in revenue;

<https://www.vancouverisawesome.com/courier-archive/news/vancouver-park-board-puts-moratorium-on-hosting-new-commercial-events-3099905>; and

10. The moratorium on the introduction of any new commercial initiatives in Vancouver parks precludes events that could activate public spaces, foster community connectedness, enhance the vibrancy of our city, and provide enriching cultural experiences. Without parks as possible venue options, many events struggle to find a home in the city; <https://www.vancouverisawesome.com/courier-archive/news/vancouver-park-board-puts-moratorium-on-hosting-new-commercial-events-3099905>.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Parks and Recreation direct staff to lift the current moratorium on the introduction of new commercial event initiatives in Vancouver parks, and communicate to the public and the festivals and events community that the Board will now entertain applications for new commercial events and initiatives in Vancouver parks, and

FURTHER THAT the Board direct staff to report back by the end of January 2023 regarding the current status of the Special Event Guidelines, including a timeline for presentation of updated Special Event Guidelines to the Board for the Board's review and consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Expanding the Alcohol in Parks Program and Making it Permanent and Year Round

Commissioner Virdi introduced the motion and responded to questions from the Board.

MOVED by Commissioner Virdi

SECONDED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky

WHEREAS:

1. In December 2018, the Vancouver Park Board directed Staff to develop a pilot program to allow the responsible consumption of alcohol in select parks. The purpose of the pilot was to understand how the public consumed alcohol in parks, the impact on the community, and the required facilities;
2. The initial pilot ran from July to October 2021 in 22 Vancouver parks that matched established site selection criteria, followed by a public engagement process to understand how the public felt about drinking in parks and what lessons had been learned through the pilot. By all accounts, the pilot was well received by the public and was deemed to be a success;
3. In December 2021, Staff officially reported back to the Park Board with data and key findings from the 2021 pilot. The staff report noted public behaviour was largely respectful and non-problematic in the select parks during the times that park Rangers were on-site and monitoring, and 86% of those surveyed were supportive of the responsible consumption of alcohol in parks. Vancouver Coastal Health likewise found no significant difference in the number of alcohol-related ER visits, and VPD data showed no increase in the number of alcohol-related calls. The public was highly supportive of continuing the program, with most people having a positive experience of it;

4. In February 2022, Park Board directed staff to initiate a second alcohol in parks pilot program for 2022, with consideration given to the lessons learned during the 2021 pilot;
5. In May 2022, Park Board officially approved the 2022 pilot program for the same 22 park sites as 2021, with several improvements such as clarifying the designated drinking areas in the selected parks and, in some parks, expanding the boundaries. The 2022 pilot ran from June 3 to October 16, 2022 with no apparent problems or significant issues;
6. Park Board staff are expected to report back on the 2022 alcohol in parks pilot program, nominally before the end of the 2022 or at the latest Q1 2023;
7. A review of the City's park inventory database indicates that there are approximately 70+ parks around the City with existing washroom facilities that may support the expansion of the alcohol in parks program, but which may require further review by staff in relation to site selection criteria;
8. The experiences and findings from the 2021 and 2022 alcohol in parks pilot programs demonstrate that responsible consumption of alcohol in Vancouver parks is not only popular but also without significant problems, incidents, and/or issues.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to initiate a process to make the Alcohol in Parks program permanent and year-round as of the beginning of Q2 2023 in the 22 parks that were part of the 2021 and 2022 alcohol in parks pilot programs;
- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct to staff to prepare a list of other Vancouver parks where the potential to expand the alcohol in parks program exists based on the presence of, but not limited to, appropriate washroom and waste facilities; and
- C. THAT staff be directed to report back to the Board on or before the end of Q1 2023 with a plan to pilot the responsible consumption of alcohol on an appropriate Vancouver beach or beaches where adequate facilities exist to support such a beach pilot program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Urgent Report on Park Board Preparations for the 2023 Summer Season

Commissioner Christensen introduced the motion and responded to questions from the Board.

MOVED by Commissioner Christensen

SECONDED by Commissioner Haer

WHEREAS:

1. The mission Board of Parks and Recreation is to provide, preserve, and advocate for parks and recreation services to benefit all people, communities, and the environment;

2. The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation looks after 250 public parks and beaches, VanDusen Botanical Garden, Bloedel Conservatory, and a large public recreation system of community centres, pools, rinks, fitness centres, golf courses, street trees, marinas, sports fields, and playgrounds;
3. VanPlay is the Board's Parks and Recreation Services Master Plan. It serves as the Board's decision-making guide;
4. VanPlay embodies the Board's strong commitment to equitable delivery of excellent parks and recreation opportunities in a connected, efficient manner, and assists in the day-to-day operations of the Park Board;
5. Among the goals encompassed by the VanPlay Master Plan are the Board's "10 Goals to Shape the Next 25 Years" which includes GOAL 4: FOCUS ON CORE RESPONSIBILITIES of the Park Board;
6. During, and in advance of, the summer of 2022, the Park Board encountered a number of issues related to pools and spray parks, including delays in the opening Kitsilano Pool — the longest saltwater pool in North America — which did not open until July 30, 2022 due to damage incurred from the King-tide storm on January 7, 2022;
7. Also evident in the summer of 2022 was a notable reduction in services at Kits Pool and the outdoor pool at Second Beach: Drop-in swimmers could not be accommodated due to challenges with lifeguard availability;
8. Likewise, the water was also turned off at two popular Vancouver splash pads, namely the CRAB Park splash pad at Portside (temporarily closed for electrical upgrades) and the Lumberman's Arch Spray Park in Stanley Park;
9. In recent years summer heat waves have become more common and more severe due to the impacts of climate change, and it is incumbent the Park Board to be prepared to meet the needs of all park users;
10. In order to avoid issues similar to those that arose in advance of and during the summer of 2022, it is vitally important that planning for the summer of 2023 in a timely manner happen to meet the Board's mandate to deliver excellent parks and recreation opportunities for Vancouver.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Parks and Recreation direct staff to prepare an urgent report for the consideration of the Board on preparations for the summer 2023 season, inclusive of (but not limited to):

- i. Maintenance status of outdoor pools and spray parks, including the earliest possible opening dates;
- ii. Processes to meet the staffing requirements to permit full operation of pools and spray parks including (but not limited to) lifeguards and maintenance staff; and
- iii. Current operating status and condition of all Park Board drinking fountains; and

FURTHER THAT staff provide a briefing to the Board in January 2023 and provide a more detailed report and action plan to the Board in February 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Stanley Park Drive Temporary Bike Lane – Next Steps

Commissioner Haer introduced the motion and responded to questions from the Board.

MOVED by Commissioner Haer

SECONDED by Commissioner Howard

WHEREAS:

1. The number of people in Vancouver who choose cycling as a recreational or transportation option continues to grow every year, along with the need to expand the city's bike route and cycling network. Cycling is one of the cleanest, healthiest, and most energy efficient forms of transportation and recreation;
2. On Wednesday, March 18, 2020, the British Columbia government declared a provincial state of emergency to support province-wide responses to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic;¹
3. On April 7, 2020, the Park Board issued an Information Bulletin which stated that Stanley Park would be closed to all vehicles starting on Wednesday, April 8 “in an effort to reduce the number of people in the park and to enable physical distancing”;
4. The closure of Stanley Park to vehicles was one of a series of measures the Park Board took to reduce the risk of the COVID-19 pandemic to the public. The measures included physical barriers to vehicles and signage at key access points to the park, supported by Park Rangers and the VPD, and digital traffic signs on Georgia Street, English Bay, and the Stanley Park Causeway to alert motorists to the closure;
5. On June 22, 2020, Stanley Park Drive was partially reopened to vehicle traffic. The reopened configuration temporarily allocated the left lane to motor vehicles and the right lane to recreational cyclists (to allow ongoing pedestrian distancing along the seawall);
6. On Saturday, September 26, 2020, the temporary bike lane on Stanley Park Drive was removed and full vehicle access was restored to the roadway, with cyclists regaining access to the Stanley Park seawall;
7. On March 10, 2021, the Park Board gave new direction to staff “to plan for and implement a temporary bike path on Park Drive in Stanley Park dedicated to cyclists, with an aim to have it in use as soon as is operationally reasonable, and to remain in place until approximately October 31, 2021.” (*Stanley Park Temporary Bike Lane on Park Drive – 2021*);

¹ The COVID-19 state of emergency was declared by Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, based on the recommendation from B.C.'s health and emergency management officials the day prior (Dr. Bonnie Henry, B.C.'s provincial health officer, declared a public health emergency on Tuesday, March 17, 2020); <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020PSSG0017-000511>.

8. On November 15, 2021, the Vancouver Park Board directed staff to extend the timeframe for the Stanley Park temporary bike lane on Park Drive until such time as the Stanley Park Mobility Study is complete and staff have reported back with long-term recommendations;
9. In July 2022, Park Board Commissioners received an update on the Stanley Park Mobility Study – specifically a Preliminary Mobility Context Report and the Engagement Update Report (Phases 1 and 2) and a projected due date for a further update report sometime in early 2023; and
10. The temporary Stanley Park Drive bike lane and the current reallocation of road space in Stanley Park represents an inadequate response to the needs of some park users, whether they be cyclists, motorists, or other park users. A solution that better meets the demonstrated needs of all park users, and park partners, is required.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation direct staff to immediately restore the pre-COVID traffic and parking configuration on Stanley Park Drive in time for the upcoming December 2022 peak Holiday Season, and

FURTHER THAT staff be directed to report back to the Board on or before December 15, 2022, to update the Board on actions taken pursuant to the direction in “A” above; and

- B. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation direct staff to reframe and otherwise repurpose the current mobility study toward a comprehensive strategy as a planning tool that can deliver new, permanent, dedicated cycling infrastructure in the park, with considerations for:
 - i. Accessibility for persons with disabilities, seniors and families;
 - ii. Safer multimodal access to the park;
 - iii. Equitable access for all recreation and cultural users;
 - iv. Tourist access, including tour bus parking;
 - v. Environmental considerations, such as reducing idling and the resulting GHG emissions; and
 - vi. The emergence of new micro-mobility modes of travel; and

FURTHER THAT staff be directed to report back to the Board with a planning outline on or before early February 2023.

CARRIED

In favour: Bastyovanszky, Christensen, Haer, Howard, Jensen, Viridi
Opposed: Digby

Recess

The meeting recessed at 7:15 pm and reconvened at 7:31 pm.

REFERRED ITEMS

1. 2023 Fees and Charges – Parks and Recreation

Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Christensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Viridi

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve changes to the 2023 Fees and Chargers, as summarized in the body of this report and detailed in Appendix A.

Amendment to the Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Christensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Haer

THAT the motion be amended by adding Items B and C as follows:

- B. THAT staff provide a plan to increase the Fees and Charges to an average of approximately 5.65% to cover unfunded initiatives not currently included in the 2023 Operating Budget, including Park Rangers, janitorial, accessibility and recreation building maintenance; and
- C. THAT staff develop a plan to expand access to the Leisure Access Program, including costs associated, and potential revenue opportunities to offset those costs, and report back to the Board in Q1 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Question on the Main Motion, as Amended

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve changes to the 2023 Fees and Chargers, as summarized in the body of this report and detailed in Appendix A;
- B. THAT staff provide a plan to increase the Fees and Charges to an average of approximately 5.65% to cover unfunded initiatives not currently included in the 2023 Operating Budget, including Park Rangers, janitorial, accessibility and recreation building maintenance; and
- C. THAT staff develop a plan to expand access to the Leisure Access Program, including costs associated, and potential revenue opportunities to offset those costs, and report back to the Board in Q1 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. 2023 Service Plan, Operating and Capital Budgets – Parks and Recreation

Natalie Froehlich, Director of Financial Planning and Analysis, Park Board, responded to questions and comments from the Board. There was discussion on:

- The current state budget will become the provisional budget if the proposed 2023 Operating Budget is not approved by the Board

- Concern regarding the funding provided by Council to operate parks.

Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Christensen

SECONDED by Commissioner Haer

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the proposed 2023 Service Plan, as outlined in this report and attached as Appendix A;
- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the proposed 2023 Parks and Recreation Operating Budget of \$152,051,743 in expenditures and transfers, funded by \$68,305,500 in revenues and \$83,746,243 of tax-based operating funds, as outlined in this report and in Section 3 of the proposed Service Plan (attached as Appendix A);
- C. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the 2023 Parks and Recreation Multi-Year Capital Project Budget in the amount of \$59,394,000 which consists of \$22,394,000 in the Parks and Open Spaces service category, and \$37,000,000 in the Recreation Facilities and Service Yards service categories as outlined in Section 3 of the proposed Service Plan (attached as Appendix A);
- D. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the 2023 Parks and Recreation Annual Capital Expenditure Budget in the amount of \$53,787,107, which consists of \$44,553,297 in the Parks and Open Spaces service category, and \$9,233,810 in the Recreation Facilities and Service Yards service categories as outlined in Section 3 of the proposed Service Plan (attached as Appendix A); and
- E. FURTHER THAT, subject to approval of recommendations A, B, C and D above, the Parks and Recreation 2023 Operating and Capital Budgets be submitted to Vancouver City Council for consideration in the approval of the City of Vancouver's 2023 Operating and 2023 Capital Budget.

Amendment to the Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Christensen

SECONDED by Commissioner Jensen

THAT Items A, B and E be amended as follows:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the proposed 2023 Service Plan, as outlined in this report and attached as Appendix A, subject to amendments to the 2023 Fees and Charges approved by the Board under the agenda item titled "2023 Fees and Charges – Parks and Recreation";
- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the proposed 2023 Parks and Recreation Operating Budget of \$152,051,743 in expenditures and transfers, funded by \$68,305,500 in revenues and \$83,746,243 of tax-based operating funds, as outlined in this report and in Section 3 of the proposed Service Plan (attached as Appendix A), subject to amendments to the 2023 Fees and Charges approved by the Board under the agenda item titled "2023 Fees and Charges – Parks and Recreation";

- E. FURTHER THAT, the Parks and Recreation 2023 Operating and Capital Budgets be submitted to Vancouver City Council for consideration in the approval of the City of Vancouver's 2023 Operating and 2023 Capital Budget and that staff be directed to submit the proposed 2023 Parks and Recreation Operating Budget to Vancouver City Council on a provisional basis.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amendment to the Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky
SECONDED by Commissioner Howard

THAT Item D be amended as follows:

- D. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the 2023 Parks and Recreation Annual Capital Expenditure Budget in the amount of \$53,787,107, which consists of \$44,553,297 in the Parks and Open Spaces service category, and \$9,233,810 in the Recreation Facilities and Service Yards service categories as outlined in Section 3 of the proposed Service Plan (attached as Appendix A), with the following amendments:

FURTHER THAT staff prioritize the reallocation, nominally up to \$2 million from the New Diamonds and Playfields budget, to deliver sports field lights at Hillcrest mini-turf field (\$800,000) and Kitsilano High School fields (\$1.2 million), optimally both to be completed by November 2023, and report back to the Board in Q1 2023 with costs, proposal and timeline;

FURTHER THAT staff prioritize \$2.1 million of funding from the Renewal and Upgrades of Diamonds and Playfields budget for the delivery of sport field areas outlined in the John Hendry Master Plan, with a focus on delivery in 2023 of the renewal of the multi-sports field north (\$700,000) and the two east Little League diamonds (\$1.4 million), ideally to be completed in 2023, and report back to the Board in Q1 2023 with costs, proposal and timeline;

FURTHER THAT staff prioritize \$1 Million from the Renewal and Upgrades of Diamonds and Playfields Synthetic Turf Field budget for the renewal of VanTech synthetic turf field, ideally to be completed in 2023, and report back to the Board in Q1 2023 with costs, proposal and timeline;

FURTHER THAT staff bring forward the Field Sports Strategy to the Board in Q1 2023, and that staff allocate funds in 2023 for the delivery of initiatives outlined in the Field Sports Strategy; and

FURTHER THAT staff initiate planning in Q1 2023 for a new artificial turf sports field in southeast Vancouver, ideally to be located at Moberly School or Ross Park.

CARRIED

In favour: Bastyovanszky, Christensen, Haer, Howard, Jensen, Viridi
Opposed: Digby

Amendment to the Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky
SECONDED by Commissioner Howard

THAT Item C be amended as follows:

- C. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the 2023 Parks and Recreation Multi-Year Capital Project Budget in the amount of \$59,394,000 which consists of \$22,394,000 in the Parks and Open Spaces service category, and \$37,000,000 in the Recreation Facilities and Service Yards service categories as outlined in Section 3 of the proposed Service Plan (attached as Appendix A), with the following amendments:

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CARRIED

In favour: Bastyovanszky, Christensen, Haer, Howard, Jensen, Virdi

Opposed: Digby

Question on the Main Motion, as Amended

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renewal of the multi-sports field north (\$700,000) and the two east Little League diamonds (\$1.4 million), ideally to be completed in 2023, and report back to the Board in Q1 2023 with costs, proposal and timeline;

FURTHER THAT staff prioritize \$1 Million from the Renewal and Upgrades of Diamonds and Playfields Synthetic Turf Field budget for the renewal of VanTech synthetic turf field, ideally to be completed in 2023, and report back to the Board in Q1 2023 with costs, proposal and timeline;

FURTHER THAT staff bring forward the Field Sports Strategy to the Board in Q1 2023, and that staff allocate funds in 2023 for the delivery of initiatives outlined in the Field Sports Strategy; and

FURTHER THAT staff initiate planning in Q1 2023 for a new artificial turf sports field in southeast Vancouver, ideally to be located at Moberly School or Ross Park.

- E. FURTHER THAT, the Parks and Recreation 2023 Operating and Capital Budgets be submitted to Vancouver City Council for consideration in the approval of the City of Vancouver's 2023 Operating and 2023 Capital Budget and that staff be directed to submit the proposed 2023 Parks and Recreation Operating Budget to Vancouver City Council on a provisional basis.

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

Question on Item A

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the proposed 2023 Service Plan, as outlined in this report and attached as Appendix A, subject to amendments to the 2023 Fees and Charges approved by the Board under the agenda item titled "2023 Fees and Charges – Parks and Recreation".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Question on Item B

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the proposed 2023 Parks and Recreation Operating Budget of \$152,051,743 in expenditures and transfers, funded by \$68,305,500 in revenues and \$83,746,243 of tax-based operating funds, as outlined in this report and in Section 3 of the proposed Service Plan (attached as Appendix A), subject to amendments to the 2023 Fees and Charges approved by the Board under the agenda item titled "2023 Fees and Charges – Parks and Recreation".

DEFEATED

In favour: Digby

Opposed: Bastoyovanszky, Christensen, Haer, Howard, Jensen, Viridi

Question on Item C

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the 2023 Parks and Recreation Multi-Year Capital Project Budget in the amount of \$59,394,000 which consists of \$22,394,000 in the Parks and Open Spaces service category, and \$37,000,000 in the Recreation Facilities and Service Yards service categories as outlined in Section 3 of the proposed Service Plan (attached as Appendix A), with the following amendments:

FURTHER THAT staff prioritize the reallocation, nominally up to \$2 million from the New Diamonds and Playfields budget, to deliver sports field lights at Hillcrest mini-turf field (\$800,000) and Kitsilano High School fields (\$1.2 million), optimally both to be completed by November 2023, and report back to the Board in Q1 2023 with costs, proposal and timeline;

FURTHER THAT staff prioritize \$2.1 million of funding from the Renewal and Upgrades of Diamonds and Playfields budget for the delivery of sport field areas outlined in the John Hendry Master Plan, with a focus on delivery in 2023 of the renewal of the multi-sports field north (\$700,000) and the two east Little League diamonds (\$1.4 million), ideally to be completed in 2023, and report back to the Board in Q1 2023 with costs, proposal and timeline;

FURTHER THAT staff prioritize \$1 Million from the Renewal and Upgrades of Diamonds and Playfields Synthetic Turf Field budget for the renewal of VanTech synthetic turf field, ideally to be completed in 2023, and report back to the Board in Q1 2023 with costs, proposal and timeline;

FURTHER THAT staff bring forward the Field Sports Strategy to the Board in Q1 2023, and that staff allocate funds in 2023 for the delivery of initiatives outlined in the Field Sports Strategy; and

FURTHER THAT staff initiate planning in Q1 2023 for a new artificial turf sports field in southeast Vancouver, ideally to be located at Moberly School or Ross Park.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Question on Item D

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the 2023 Parks and Recreation Annual Capital Expenditure Budget in the amount of \$53,787,107, which consists of \$44,553,297 in the Parks and Open Spaces service category, and \$9,233,810 in the Recreation Facilities and Service Yards service categories as outlined in Section 3 of the proposed Service Plan (attached as Appendix A), with the following amendments:

FURTHER THAT staff prioritize the reallocation, nominally up to \$2 million from the New Diamonds and Playfields budget, to deliver sports field lights at Hillcrest mini-turf field (\$800,000) and Kitsilano High School fields (\$1.2 million), optimally both to be completed by November 2023, and report back to the Board in Q1 2023 with costs, proposal and timeline;

FURTHER THAT staff prioritize \$2.1 million of funding from the Renewal and Upgrades of Diamonds and Playfields budget for the delivery of sport field areas outlined in the John Hendry Master Plan, with a focus on delivery in 2023 of the renewal of the multi-sports field north (\$700,000) and the two east Little League diamonds (\$1.4 million), ideally to be completed in 2023, and report back to the Board in Q1 2023 with costs, proposal and timeline;

FURTHER THAT staff prioritize \$1 Million from the Renewal and Upgrades of Diamonds and Playfields Synthetic Turf Field budget for the renewal of VanTech synthetic turf field, ideally to be completed in 2023, and report back to the Board in Q1 2023 with costs, proposal and timeline;

FURTHER THAT staff bring forward the Field Sports Strategy to the Board in Q1 2023, and that staff allocate funds in 2023 for the delivery of initiatives outlined in the Field Sports Strategy; and

FURTHER THAT staff initiate planning in Q1 2023 for a new artificial turf sports field in southeast Vancouver, ideally to be located at Moberly School or Ross Park

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recess

The meeting recessed at 8:11 pm and reconvened at 8:22 pm.

Question on Item E

FURTHER THAT, the Parks and Recreation 2023 Operating and Capital Budgets be submitted to Vancouver City Council for consideration in the approval of the City of Vancouver's 2023 Operating and 2023 Capital Budget and that staff be directed to submit the proposed 2023 Parks and Recreation Operating Budget to Vancouver City Council on a provisional basis

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

STAFF REPORTS

1. General Manager's Report

Members of the Park Board Leadership Team presented the General Manager's Report and highlighted:

- Arts, Culture and Engagement (ACE) Department's 2022 initiatives to raise the visibility of Indigenous arts and culture
- Winter changes to food and beverage concessions
- Targeted tree giveaway will be launched in February 2023
- Stream habitat restoration work in Spanish Banks Beach Park
- Vancouver Urban Food Forest planted an Indigenous garden in Oxford Park
- New garden at Trillium Park
- Public engagement for a new park at Main Street and 7th Avenue commenced on November 29, 2022 and will continue until December 21, 2022.

NOTICE OF MEMBERS' MOTIONS

1. City Auditor General Invitation

Commissioner Bastyovanszky gave notice of motion on the following:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Parks and Recreation invite the Invite the Auditor General to commence a performance audit effective February 2023.

2. “Think Big” Revenue Strategy

Commissioner Howard gave notice of motion on the following:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT staff prioritize a “think big” revenue generating strategy that enables opportunities for increased commercial revenues and identifies resourcing needs (staff and funding) for presentation to Park Board in Q2 2023 for phased implementation in 2023-2024;
- B. THAT staff prioritize sourcing funding opportunities from the provincial and federal governments to fund much needed infrastructure adaptation to climate change, such as, but not limited to, seawall improvement around Stanley Park, Spanish Banks and Jericho beaches;
- C. THAT the revenue generating strategy lens be applied to the golf strategy by exploring, without limitations, options such as leasing club houses to restaurant food operators, raising golf fees for tourists as is common in other tourist destination cities in BC and elsewhere and organizing fee generating tournaments and other community events;
- D. THAT the revenue generating strategy lens be applied to parks’ concessions operations by exploring, without limitations, partnerships with local breweries, restaurants and food trucks with the goal of turning park concessions into destination attractions providing unique experiences for users;
- E. THAT the revenue generating strategy lens be applied when developing the alcohol on beach pilot by partnering with local private sector restaurants to create unique destination beach cafes that serve alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages and cosmopolitan food for Summer 2023.
- F. THAT the revenue generating strategy lens be applied when developing the Queen Elizabeth Park master plan, as well as other upcoming master plans for all Park Board operations, such as Stanley Park, marinas, beaches, fields and facilities;
- G. THAT staff consider inviting beverage and food vendors to set up pop-up operations at sports fields during children and adult games;
- H. THAT staff proceed with the activation of the Vancouver Parks Foundation;
- I. FURTHER THAT the revenue generating strategy lens be applied when developing the parking strategy while ensuring flexibility for users (short time parking increments), fairness between locations, protection of residential parking and working with TransLink to ensure public access to our parks and recreational facilities; and
- J. THAT the revenue generating strategy identifies way to develop partnerships with Destination BC, Tourism Vancouver and other tourism and sporting organizations..

ENQUIRIES

1. A Board member enquired if the Board could receive a briefing on washroom strategy by Q4 2023.

2. A Board member request for the calendar invitations for 2023 Park Board meetings be added to Commissioners calendars.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 8:39 pm.

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Donnie Rosa
General Manager

Commissioner Scott Jensen
Chair