



SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 6, 2023

A Special Park Board meeting was held on Monday, February 6, 2023, at 6:35 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On behalf of the Board, the Chair sent thoughts to those impacted by the earthquakes in Syria, Turkey and Lebanon and sympathy to those who have lost loved ones.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Board was advised that there are no communications of note related to the agenda items.

STAFF REPORTS

Motion to Suspend the Rules

MOVED by Commissioner Howard
SECONDED by Commissioner Haer

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. REPORT: 2023 Fees and Charges – Parks and Recreation

Natalie Froehlich, Director of Financial Planning and Analysis, Park Board, and Steve Kellock, Director of Recreation, Park Board, jointly led the review of a presentation on the proposed 2023 Fees and Charges and highlighted:

- Revenue impact of a 5% increase to recreation services, regulation golf and special event fees over 2022 levels, to be implemented on March 1, 2023
- Funding current state initiatives are achieved through a combination of fee and volume increases, totalling \$2.2 million
- Proposed Leisure Access Program expansion pilot project:
 - Increase income eligibility from 50% of median income to 60% to reflect the cost of living in Vancouver
 - Introduce Leisure Education Facilitator position to engage residents in recreation and opportunities available with the Leisure Access Pass and to increase promotion and marketing of the program
 - Financial impact of \$200,000.

N. Froehlich and S. Kellock, along with Steve Jackson, Director, Business Services, Park Board, responded to questions and comments from the Board. There was discussion on:

- Eligibility criteria for the utilization of the Corporate Sponsorship Fund as a funding source for the Leisure Access Program expansion pilot project
- Suggestion to seek external funding sources for the Leisure Access Program expansion pilot project.

The Board heard from one speaker who spoke in support of proposed expansion to the Leisure Access Program and expressed concern regarding the potential barriers to participation in the program. The speaker responded to questions from the Board.

MOVED by Commissioner Christensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Howard

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve changes to the 2023 Fees and Charges, as outlined in Appendix A; and
- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve an allocation from the Corporate Sponsorship Fund of up to \$200,000 to fund a pilot expansion of the Leisure Access program as detailed in this report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. REPORT: 2023 Operating Budget – Parks and Recreation

Natalie Froehlich, Director of Financial Planning and Analysis, Park Board, led the review of a presentation on the proposed 2023 Operating Budget and highlighted:

- 2023 budget approach
- Proposed amendment to the 2023 Operating Budget from the version presented in November 2022.

– Current state initiatives that will be funded in the 2023 budget.

N. Froelich responded to questions and comments from the Board. There was discussion on:

- The anticipated timing for a staff report comparing the 2022 Operating Budget with actual expenditures
- Next steps in the event that the proposed Operating Budget is not approved by Council.

MOVED by Commissioner Howard

SECONDED by Commissioner Viridi

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the proposed 2023 Parks and Recreation Operating Budget of \$154,841,143 in expenditures and transfers, funded by \$71,094,900 in revenues and \$83,746,243 of tax-based operating funds, as outlined in this report and attached as Appendix A.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board adjourned at 7:18 pm.

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Donnie Rosa
General Manager

Commissioner Scott Jensen
Chair