



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 13, 2023

The Regular Park Board meeting was held on Monday, February 13, 2023, at 6:32 pm, via videoconference and at the Park Board Office.

PRESENT: Commissioner Brennan Bastyovanszky, 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, ancestral and unceded territory of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations. The meeting is being held on the land respectfully and with knowledge that there must be continued acknowledgement of the history of injustice toward Indigenous peoples. The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation is committed to supporting truth and reconciliation, and to use this opportunity to amplify local First Nations voices and culture through our work in community.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Commissioner Bastyovanszky commented on the importance of addressing bullying in youth sport, particularly those from marginalized groups, and to ensure they are safe from abuse, discrimination and harassment while they are participating in sport within Park Board facilities.

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:

- (g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the City or Park Board;

- (i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;
- (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 – January 30, 2023

MOVED by Commissioner Digby

SECONDED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky

THAT the Park Board minutes of the January 30, 2023 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 the January 30, 2023 Board meeting:

- Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Christensen and Digby and Chair Jensen attended the launch of the BC Parks Foundation's Wishing Tree initiative at English Bay on February 9, 2023
- Chair Jensen attended Vancouver Magazine's Power Fifty event honouring General Manager Donnie Rosa for the second year in a row
- Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Christensen, Howard and Viridi and Chair Jensen attended the Community Centre Associations President's Social
- Trout Lake CCA Liaison Commissioner Christensen and Chair Jensen attended the 10th anniversary celebration for the Trout Lake Community Centre.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Board was advised that from February 7 to 12:00 pm on February 13, 2023, 594 emails were received via the PBCommissioners@vancouver.ca account and the [Contact Park Board Commissioners](#) webform, categorized as follows:

- Five in support of Option A
- 411 in support of Option B
- Seven in support of Option B, with revisions to restrict vehicle access to Ceperley Meadows
- 20 in support of Option C
- 88 support removal

- Four support removal with an exit to Beach Avenue
- 50 oppose removal
- Nine provided comments
- Three requests to speak on topics not on the Board Committee agenda.

STAFF REPORTS

1. COVID-19 Mandatory Vaccination Policy for Contractors – Suspension

MOVED by Commissioner Digby

SECONDED by Commissioner Haer

- A. THAT to align with the City of Vancouver’s COVID-19 Mandatory Vaccination Policy for Contractors suspension, that the Vancouver Park Board approve the suspension of the “COVID-19 Mandatory Vaccination Policy for Contractors” Public Policy; and
- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board delegate authority to the General Manager to make any further decisions to resume or suspend the Public Policy to ensure alignment with the City of Vancouver’s policies.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. REPORT BACK: Stanley Park Temporary Bike Lane Options

Tiina Mack, Director, Planning and Park Development, Park Board, introduced:

- Emily Dunlop, Planner III, Planning, Policy and Environment, Park Board
- Brian Gould, Civil Engineer II, City of Vancouver
- Alan Moors, Landscape Architect II, Park Board
- Doug Shearer, Manager, Planning, Policy and Environment, Park Board
- Paul Storer, Director of Transportation, City of Vancouver.

E. Dunlop led the review of a presentation providing an update on the removal and options for the Stanley Park temporary bike lane and highlighted:

- History of the Stanley Park temporary bike lane
- Issues raised during previous public and stakeholder engagement:
 - Vehicle traffic congestion
 - The appearance of the temporary bike lane
- Interim bike lane considerations
- Changes that apply to all three options:
 - Removal or replacement of traffic cones and delineators
 - Open exit to the west end neighbourhood
 - Improvements to coach bus parking and/or maneuvering

- Brockton Point by-pass
- Lumberman’s Arch by-pass
- Second Beach angled parking separation
- Resulting vehicle flows, estimated costs and timelines related to:
 - Option A: Return the pre-COVID-19 traffic flow on the east side of the park and construct an interim bike lane on the west side of the park
 - Option B: Return the pre-COVID-19 traffic flow and construct an interim bike lane around the entire park
 - Option C: Return the pre-COVID-19 traffic flow and conditions on Park Drive with added safety measures
- Requirements for the installation of a future permanent bike lane and vehicle lanes
- Comparison of Options A, B and C
- Next steps.

E. Dunlop and B. Gould, along with Paul Storer, Director of Transportation, City of Vancouver, and Donnie Rosa, General Manager, Park Board, responded to questions from the Board. There was discussion on:

- Consultation on the options and ongoing dialogue with the host Nations on the long-term vision for Stanley Park
- Suggested mechanisms to enforce the 30 km speed limit on Park Drive
- The installation of mountable curbs would result in additional costs in both Options A and B
- Traffic impact of installing a permanent bike lane incrementally over time
- Suggestion to restore two-way traffic and on-street parking in the vicinity of Ceperley Meadows
- Concern with increased vehicular traffic in the west end neighbourhood due to the reopening of the exit from Stanley Park
- Opportunities to incorporate Indigenous art on the concrete barriers
- Recognition of the diversity of stakeholders, impacts and perspectives on the Stanley Park bike lane.

Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Haer

SECONDED by Commissioner Howard

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board directs staff to proceed with Option C to return to pre-COVID 19 pandemic traffic flows in Stanley Park and improve the 2021 temporary bike lane, specifically, to remove much of the temporary bike lane on Park Drive as soon as possible with work to be completed before the end of May 2023, with some sections remaining for safety as detailed in the report, and with the following additional direction to staff:
 1. Restore vehicle parking at Lumberman’s Arch that was available pre-COVID-19; and

2. Report back to the Park Board no later than November 2023 with a dedicated bike lane proposal for 2024 that incorporates 2023 summer usage data, stakeholder input and park user experience;
- B. THAT staff redirect funding from appropriate funding sources within the existing capital expenditure budget to enable this work; and
 - C. THAT the Vancouver Park Board confirms that this motion retains the full intent of all previous motions passed by the Park Board, with the exception of the timing of the removal of the temporary bike lane on Park Drive, which are now superseded by this motion.

Point of Order

During discussion, Commissioner Digby raised a point of order suggesting that an agreement had been reached amongst a majority of Commissioners prior to the debate in the public realm. In response, the Chair indicated that the Commissioners are entitled to discuss the motion and to cast their vote independently at the conclusion of the debate.

Amendment to the Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Christensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Haer

THAT Item A2 be amended to read:

2. Report back to the Park Board no later than November 2023 with a dedicated bike lane proposal for summer 2024 that incorporates 2023 summer usage data, stakeholder input and park user experience.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Question on the Main Motion, as Amended

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CARRIED

In favour: Bastovovanszky, Christensen, Haer, Howard, Jensen, Viridi

Opposed: Digby

3. General Manager's Report

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

- Public feedback from the VanDusen Botanical Gardens Festival of Lights 2022
- Activities planned across recreation sites during the Family Day weekend from February 17 to 20, 2023
- Support for Pink Shirt Day and creation of opportunities for staff/volunteers and the public to build awareness of anti-bullying
- Commencement of construction of Promontory Park with expected completion in fall 2023
- Improvements to the Jervis parking lot at Sunset Beach
- Staff clean-up of CRAB Park on February 7, 2023
- Replacement of rip rap material along the damaged Stanley Park seawall
- Upcoming Council business related to or impacting parks and recreation:
 - Report titled "Appointment of Childcare Operators, Lease Approvals, Childcare Grant Approvals, and Approval of Funding for Maintenance of Licensed Childcare Centres at West Fraser Lands, Henry Hudson Elementary School, and Marpole Community Centre"
- Board briefing memos and emails issued from January 30 to February 13, 2023.

ENQUIRIES

1. Commissioner Bastovovanszky requested staff to report back on the process and/or policy for addressing bullying and abuse of staff, patrons or groups in sport and recreation in Park Board spaces and facilities as well as a roadmap for future implementation of best practices.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 8:33 pm.

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Donnie Rosa
General Manager

Commissioner Scott Jensen
Chair