



## REGULAR BOARD MEETING MEETING MINUTES

**MARCH 27, 2023**

The Regular Park Board meeting was held on Monday, March 27, 2023, at 8:22 pm, via videoconference and at the Park Board Office.

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

**GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE:** Donnie Rosa, General Manager  
Denise Swanston, Manager, Board Relations  
Carol Lee, Meeting Clerk  
Jessica Kulchyski, Board Support and Meeting Assistant  
Victoria Tyers, Board Support and Meeting Assistant

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Board 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.

### IN CAMERA

#### 1. In Camera Meeting

MOVED by Commissioner Digby  
SECONDED by Commissioner Christensen

THAT the Board will go into meetings 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 – March 6, 2023**

MOVED by Commissioner Digby  
SECONDED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky

THAT the Park Board minutes of the March 6, 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 March 6, 2023 Board meeting:

- Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Digby and Jensen celebrated the opening of the new playground at the West Point Grey Community Centre
- Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Christensen and Viridi attended and handed out medals at the Canadian National Wrestling Championships.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

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

## **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT**

### **1. Report of the Board Committee – March 27, 2023**

The Board considered the report containing recommendations and actions taken by the Board Committee. Its items of business included:

1. Collingwood Park Renewal – Concept Plan
2. The Great Outdoors Comedy Festival – Special Event.

MOVED by Commissioner Christensen  
SECONDED by Commissioner Viridi

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Board Committee at its meeting of March 27, 2023, as contained in items 1 and 2.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **1. General Manager's Report**

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

- Park Rangers update
- Confirmation of up to \$30 million in grant funding from the National Infrastructure Fund (NIF) for green infrastructure and rainwater integration into park projects
- Upcoming Council business related to or impacting parks and recreation:
  - Report titled "2023 Community Services and Other Social Grants"
  - Report titled "Vancouver Community Sport Event Grants – Spring 2023 Intake"
- Board briefing memos and emails issued from March 7 to 27, 2023.

## **NOTICE OF MEMBERS' MOTIONS**

### **1. Tree Planting**

Commissioner Howard gave notice of motion on the following:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT staff coordinate continuously with City Council to plant 100,000 new trees by 2026 with the goal of increasing our tree canopy, in addition to replacing aging and damaged trees as needed;
- B. THAT staff develop a program to encourage private dedication and corporate sponsorships of trees on sidewalks, boulevards and parks;
- C. THAT staff work with MST to advance their proposal to plant thousands of sequoia trees in Stanley Park;
- D. THAT staff prioritize addressing the inequity of canopy cover across the city by planting trees in urban heat spots, and
- E. THAT staff present a preliminary report on its strategy to work with City staff on planting 100,000 new trees over four years in Q2, 2023.

## **ENQUIRIES**

1. A Board member enquired if consideration of the motion Water Works By-law Exemptions and/or Viable Exceptions for Notable Decorative City Water Features recently presented at City Council, I would like to request that staff's upcoming update on decorative fountains include a plan for re-activating selected fountains immediately, identifying those that should be prioritized for upgrades and those that should be removed and replaced with usable park space.
2. A Board member asked how staff are responding to emails regarding a potential turf field at Moberly or Ross parks.
3. A Board member requested an update on the removal of the Stanley Park temporary bike lane and what percentage has been removed.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 8:40 pm.

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Donnie Rosa  
General Manager

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Commissioner Scott Jensen  
Chair