



HII BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 24, 2023

A Board Committee meeting was held on Monday, April 24, 2023, at 6:40 pm, via videoconference and at the Park Board Office.

PRESENT:

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

**GENERAL MANAGER'S
OFFICE:**

Steve Jackson, Acting General Manager
Denise Swanston, Acting Manager, Executive Office and Board
Relations
Carol Lee, Meeting Clerk
Jessica Kulchyski, Board Support and Meeting Assistant
Julia Scott-Lenz, Board Support and Meeting Assistant

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Board acknowledged that the meeting is taking place on the traditional territory of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations.

Motion to Suspend the Rules

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Virdi

THAT the Vancouver Park Board suspends the rules to hear from a speaker who had not register by the published deadline.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Board Committee Meeting – March 27, 2023

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Haer

THAT the Board Committee minutes of the March 27, 2023 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Board recognized the coronation of King Charles III on May 6, 2023.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Board Committee was advised that from April 17, 2023 to 12:00 pm on April 24, 2023, the following emails were received via the PBCommissioners@vancouver.ca account and the [Contact Park Board Commissioners](#) webform:

- Attire for Swimming in Public Aquatic Facilities Policy:
 - Five opposed to the staff recommendation
- Alcohol in Parks Program 2023 – Proposed By-law Amendments, Sites, and Program:
 - Four opposed to the staff recommendation
 - Two in support of the staff recommendation.

STAFF REPORTS

1. Park Board Code of Conduct Policy – Review

John Brodie, Acting Director, Strategic Operations and Board Relations, Park Board, introduced:

- Andrew Aguilar, Solicitor III, Legal Services, City of Vancouver
- Jason Twa, Solicitor Team Lead, Legal Services, City of Vancouver.

J. Twa led the review of a presentation on the review of the Code of Conduct Policy and highlighted:

- Principles to be considered when deciding whether to review the Code of Conduct
- Rationale for the proposed amendment to section 4.2 of the Code of Conduct Policy.

J. Twa and A. Aguilar responded to questions from the Board Committee. There was discussion on the suggestion to expand the City's Integrity Commissioner mandate to include the Vancouver Park Board.

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen

SECONDED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky

THAT the Board Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the proposed addition to section 4.2 of the Board's Code of Conduct Policy, as outlined in this Report and attached as Appendix A; and

- B. THAT the Board, pursuant to section 145.93 of the *Vancouver Charter*, confirms that the Code of Conduct, attached as Appendix A to this Report, aligns with the Board's conduct objectives and a review is not required at this time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Attire for Swimming in Public Aquatic Facilities – Policy

Peter Fox, Manager, Recreation Services, Park Board, reviewed the proposed policy to stipulate appropriate attire for swimming in public aquatic facilities.

Park Board staff responded to questions from the Board Committee. There was discussion on:

- Concern that the policy will marginalize some groups
- Confirmation that breasts are not included in the definition of genitals under the proposed policy
- Staff training that will be provided to implement the policy.

The Board Committee heard from four speakers, of which three spoke in opposition to the staff recommendation and one provided suggestions to promote inclusion. The speakers responded to questions from the Board Committee.

Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Haer
SECONDED by Commissioner Digby

THAT the Board Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT to set minimum expectations for appropriate and acceptable attire for swimming in Vancouver's public swimming facilities and to provide staff with a tool in carrying out their functions, the Vancouver Park Board approve Attire for Swimming in Public Aquatics Facilities Policy; and
- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board delegate authority to the General Manager to make any further decisions to alter, amend or suspend the Attire for Swimming in Public Aquatics Facilities Policy to ensure alignment with the City of Vancouver's policies.

Amendment to the Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Bastovanszky
SECONDED by Commissioner Viridi

THAT the motion be amended by adding:

- C. THAT this be implemented as a pilot for one year and that staff report back with findings from the pilot after that year.

CARRIED

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

Amendment to the Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Howard
SECONDED by Commissioner Haer

THAT the word “appropriate” be replaced by “clean, legal and safe” throughout the Attire for Swimming in Public Aquatics Facilities Policy.

DEFEATED

In favour: Haer, Howard, Viridi

Opposed: Bastyovanszky, Christensen, Digby, Jensen

Question on the Main Motion, as Amended

THAT the Board Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT to set minimum expectations for appropriate and acceptable attire for swimming in Vancouver’s public swimming facilities and to provide staff with a tool in carrying out their functions, the Vancouver Park Board approve Attire for Swimming in Public Aquatics Facilities Public Policy;
- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board delegate authority to the General Manager to make any further decisions to alter, amend or suspend the Attire for Swimming in Public Aquatics Facilities Public Policy to ensure alignment with the City of Vancouver’s policies; and
- C. THAT this be implemented as a pilot for one year and that staff report back with findings from the pilot after that year.

CARRIED

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

Abstained: Howard

3. Alcohol in Parks Program 2023 – Proposed By-law Amendments, Sites, and Program

Doug Shearer, Manager of Park Planning, Policy and Environment, Park Board, and Frankie Mao, Planner II, Park Board, jointly led the review of a presentation on the Alcohol in Parks Program and highlighted:

- Permanent site selection:
 - 32 year-round sites
 - 16 summer-only sites
- Selection of seven beach pilot sites
- Proposed timing and steps for the launch of the permanent year-round, permanent summer-only and temporary beach pilot sites
- Risk mitigation and enforcement
- Proposed amendments to the Parks Control By-law
- Consideration of stakeholder input

- Related work regarding the sale of alcohol at concessions and Downtown Eastside (DTES) parks
- Financial considerations
- Next steps.

Park Board staff responded to questions from the Board Committee. There was discussion on:

- The application of the Alcohol in Parks Program during special events held in parks, beaches and outdoor pools
- Concern regarding the challenge of enforcing the prohibition on glass beverage containers in parks and beaches
- Concern regarding the consumption of alcohol in parks that are adjacent to schools during the months of July and August
- The need for public education regarding the dangers of mixing the activities of drinking and swimming
- Confirmation that parks that meet the site selection criteria will be added permanent sites in the future
- Agreement to remove Barclay Heritage Square from the list of permanent sites, as it does not meet the site selection criteria.

The Board Committee heard from two speakers, both of whom expressed concern with the inclusion of Barclay Heritage Square as a permanent site. The speakers responded to questions from the Board Committee.

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky

THAT the Board Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the proposed amendments to the Parks Control By-law regarding Liquor Consumption in parks and beaches, as set out in Appendix C of this report, to permanently and temporarily designate the park sites listed in the by-law as places where liquor may be consumed;
- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the proposed amendments to Section 14 of the Parks Control By-law regarding glass beverage containers, as set out in Appendix C of this report, to prohibit the use of glass containers in parks and beaches without first obtaining permission from the General Manager;
- C. THAT, subject to Board approval of the proposed amendments in Item A, the Vancouver Park Board approve, in principle, the proposed operational approaches for the permanent Alcohol in Parks program and the 2023 Alcohol in Beaches pilot as outlined in this report;
- D. FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward the proposed by-law amendments in Items A and B for enactment by the Park Board, generally in accordance with Appendix C; and

- E. FURTHER THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to update the Board in Q4 2024 on the performance of the permanent Alcohol in Parks program, a year after its public launch.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board Committee adjourned at 8:32 pm.

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Steve Jackson
Acting General Manager

Commissioner Laura Christensen
Chair



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 24, 2023

The Regular Park Board meeting was held on Monday, April 24, 2023, at 8:54 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

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Denise Swanston, Manager, Board Relations
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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:

- (a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the city or another position appointed by the city;
- (i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; 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 – March 27, 2023

MOVED by Commissioner Christensen

SECONDED by Commissioner Digby

THAT the Park Board minutes of the March 27, 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 27, 2023 Board meeting:

- Commissioners and Park Board staff attended the annual Cherry Blossom Festival events in VanDusen Botanical Garden and David Lam Park, including Sakura Days and the Big Picnic
- Chair Jensen spoke at a press conference on April 24, 2023 announcing the competitors in the 2023 Honda Celebration of Light
- Commissioner Bastyovanszky attended the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden's 37th anniversary celebration
- Commissioner Bastyovanszky and Chair Jensen attended the Billie Jean King Cup tennis tournament
- Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Christensen and Digby and Chair Jensen attended the Invictus Games announcement
- Commissioners Haer and Viridi and Chair Jensen attended the Vaisakhi Parade in Surrey.

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 – April 24, 2023

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

1. Park Board Code of Conduct Policy – Review
2. Attire for Swimming in Public Aquatic Facilities – Policy
3. Alcohol in Parks Program 2023 - Proposed By-law Amendments, Sites, and Program.

MOVED by Commissioner Haer
SECONDED by Commissioner Howard

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Board Committee at its meeting of April 24, 2023, as contained in items 1 through 3.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

STAFF REPORTS

1. General Manager's Report

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

- Provincial announcement of \$30 million in one-time grants through the BC Fairs, Festival and Events Fund for eligible events
- Council approval of the Still Creek Enhancement Opportunities Study (SCEOS) to update the 2002 study
- Upcoming Council business related to or impacting parks and recreation:
 - Report titled "Accessibility Strategy Implementation Update and Council Motion Report Back"
 - Report titled "Protecting People on Cornwall Avenue"
 - Report titled "Kerrisdale Park/Point Grey Secondary School Track and Field – Licence Agreement and Custody, Care and Management of Land"
 - Report titled "Oak Park – Permanent Park Designation"
- Board briefing memos and emails issued from March 27 to April 24, 2023.

Park Board staff responded to questions from the Board. There was discussion on:

- Request for information regarding the fire damage to the Kitsilano Showboat and insurance coverage
- The timing for a staff report on the Still Creek study.

MEMBERS' MOTIONS

1. Tree Planting

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

MOVED by Commissioner Howard
SECONDED by Commissioner Viridi

WHEREAS:

1. The Urban Forest Strategy identified the need to double the streets' tree density in below average blocks of the Downtown Eastside, Marpole and other priority neighbourhoods by 2030. However, according to staff, the canopy coverage has been barely being maintained since 2019;
2. A new report by the LevelUp Planning Cooperative identifies tree-planting efforts as the best way to reduce the unequal impact of poor air quality and extreme heat. According to the report, the tree canopy in the region is expected to decrease to 28 per cent because of population growth and development. However, the report also cites Metro Vancouver's objective of increasing the tree canopy cover from the current 32 to 40 per cent by 2050;
3. A 2019 TransLink survey established that the loss of urban green space is among the top three concerns of Metro residents; and
4. Although, the 2023 Park Board budget shows \$0 allocated to tree planting (2023 Capital Budget page B-87), funds earmarked for spending in 2023 as part of the Rain City Strategy are allocated to planting a total of 268 trees on boulevards and 37 in parks in under-treed areas of the City.

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 plant thousands of 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.

CARRIED

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Virdi requested that a leave of absence be granted for the May 8, 2023 meetings.

MOVED by Commissioner Virdi

SECONDED by Commissioner Howard

THAT the Board grants a leave of absence to Commissioner Virdi from meetings on May 8, 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ENQUIRIES

1. A Board member questioned whether it is feasible to add a seasonal or permanent cover or bubble on tennis and pickleball courts in Queen Elisabeth park.
2. A Board member requested staff provide an update on the severity of the fire damage to the Kitsilano Showboat venue and a timeline for repairs.
3. A Board member questioned whether the reactivation of decorative water features could be a suitable focus for private donations and a fundraising campaign under the recently reactivated Parks and Recreation Foundation.
4. A Board member requested staff provide an update on the state of discussions with MST and with TransLink with respect to a Fraser River foreshore path and/or biodiversity area connecting Shaughnessy Park to the proposed new TransLink Marpole electric bus hub.
5. A Board member requested an update on the removal of the Stanley Park Bike Lane and requested confirmation that the May 2023 deadline for removal will be met.
6. A Board member requested information on whether the Stanley Park Train will be operational by summer 2023.
7. A Board member questioned whether discussions are in progress with TransLink regarding the resumption of public transit in Stanley Park and western beaches.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 9:21 pm.

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Steve Jackson
Acting General Manager

Commissioner Scott Jensen
Chair