



BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MAY 8, 2023

A Committee meeting of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation was held on Monday, May 8, 2023, at 5:30 pm, in the Boardroom at the Park Board Office, and via videoconference.

PRESENT:

Commissioner Laura Christensen, Chair
Commissioner Brennan Bastyovanszky
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 & Director of Business Services
Denise Swanston, Acting Manager, Executive Office and Board Relations & Meeting Clerk
Jessica Kulchyski, Board Support and Meeting Assistant
Julia Scott-Lenz, Board Support and Meeting Assistant

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Board Committee Meeting – April 24, 2023

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Digby

THAT the Minutes of the Board Committee meeting on April 24, 2023, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNICATIONS

The Board Committee was advised that from April 24, 2023 to 12:00 pm on May 8 2023, the following emails were received via the [Contact Park Board Commissioners](#) webform:

- one email in opposition to Canada Goose Management Plan
- one email with suggestion for an alternative Canada Goose Management Plan

STAFF REPORTS

1. Canada Goose Management Plan

Amit Gandha, Director of Parks Operations, along with Dana McDonald, Environmental Stewardship Coordinator, presented the proposed Canada Goose Management Plan and highlighted:

- Urban wildlife in Vancouver parks
- Coexistence and operational considerations
- Background of Canada Geese in Vancouver
- Regional issue not specific to Vancouver
- Negative impacts of geese in parks (holes in fields, geese droppings)
- Current management efforts and proposed strategies

Following the presentation, staff responded to question related to the following:

- Costs and feasibility of repairing damaged fields
- Enforcement of wildlife feeding by-law
- Alternative management methods, e.g. use of dogs
- Geese impact on water quality and other wildlife
- Collaboration with Host Nations

The Board heard from one speaker in support of recommendation A, and one who spoke to other aspects of the recommendation.

Subsequently, it was,

MOVED by Commissioner Howard

SECONDED by Commissioner Bastyovansky

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board endorse the draft Canada Goose Management Action Plan, attached as Appendix A to this Report, and direct staff to create park-specific Implementation Plans;

FURTHER THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to implement Management Scenario B as described in this Report;

AND FURTHER THAT staff explore collaborating with the Host Nations on long-term Canada Goose management.

- B. THAT, subject to approval of A above, the Vancouver Park Board request City Council approval to fund the ongoing operating costs in the range of \$275,000-\$375,000 as part of the 2024 operating budget process.

CARRIED

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

Opposed: Commissioner Digby

Abstained: Commissioner Viridi

The Committee meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.

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Steve Jackson
Acting General Manager

Commissioner Laura Christensen
Chair