



BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MAY 29, 2023

A Committee meeting of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation was held on Monday, May 29, 2023, at 6:36 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 Viridi

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
Victoria Tyers, Board Support and Meeting Assistant

* *Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

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Motion to Suspend the Rules

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Bastyovansky

THAT the Board suspend section 15.3 of the Procedure By-law to reduce speaker time from five to three minutes.

CARRIED
In favour: Commissioners Bastyovansky, Haer, Jensen, Viridi, Christensen
Opposed: Commissioner Digby
Absent: Commissioner Howard

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ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Board Committee Meeting – May 8, 2023

MOVED by Commissioner Digby
SECONDED by Commissioner Haer

THAT the Minutes of the Board Committee meeting on May 8, 2023, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
Absent: Commissioner Howard

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Bastyovansky highlighted that June is Pride Month and is a way to celebrate the contributions and recognize the challenges still faced by the Rainbow community. Commissioner Bastyovansky then commented on prevalence of 2SLGBTQIA+ bullying in sport, and the continued need to ensure all programs, activities and social opportunities remain safe for all participants.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Committee was advised that from May 9, 2023, to 3:00 pm on May 29 2023, the following emails related to the agenda were received via the [Contact Park Board Commissioners](#) web form:

- 39 pieces of correspondence related to “Water Priority Plan Update – Potable Water Fed Decorative Features”
- two pieces of correspondence related to “New Park at Main & 7th – Concept Plan”

REFERRED ITEMS

1. Water Priority Plan Update - Potable Water Fed Decorative Features

At the Regular Board meeting on May 8, 2023, the Board referred the following motion to the Board Committee meeting on May 29, 2023, in order to hear from speakers, followed by debate and decision.

The Committee heard from two speakers support of the motion, one in opposition, and one that provided other comments related to the motion.

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Haer

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT, following operational readiness of swimming pools, wading pools, water spray parks, and drinking fountains for the summer 2023 season, the following

fountains be made operational if an exception from Water Works By-Law No. 4848 is approved by Council:

- Decorative fountains at Laurel Landbridge Park, Park Site on Jervis Street at Pacific Street, Barclay Heritage Square, Helmcken Park, and the West End Mini-Park at Bute and Haro Street;

FURTHER THAT the costs for the repair of the Bute-Haro fountain be funded through existing Park Board capital budgets.

- B. THAT staff include the estimated cost to convert these five fountains to recirculating fountains along with the Queen Elizabeth Park Dancing Waters Fountain repair costs, in the pending water features condition assessment and Water Action Plan Update Report for consideration of Board prioritization by Q4 2023;

FURTHER THAT, staff include the considerations for the Queen Elizabeth Park quarry garden waterfall and Seaforth Park fountain in the same report in Q4 2023.

Amendment to the Main Motion

AMENDMENT MOVED by Commissioner Jensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Bastyovansky

THAT A be amended to read as follows:

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FURTHER THAT the costs for the repair of the Bute-Haro fountain be funded through existing Park Board capital budgets for expedience, with a request to the City Manager's Office that funds sufficient to cover the repair costs be reallocated from the City's capital budget;

AND FUTHER THAT if these fountains are not yet converted to water recirculation by 2025 when the City plans to transition all unbilled water accounts for civic departments/entities, such as Park Board, to billed accounts, that the associated water & sewer costs for fountains that continue to be non-recirculating shall be waived and/or covered by the City from the City's operating budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Question on the Main Motion, as Amended

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CARRIED

In favour: Commissioners Bastyovansky, Haer, Howard, Jensen, Viridi

Opposed: Commissioner Digby

Abstained: Commissioner Christensen

STAFF REPORTS

1. New Park at Main & 7th – Concept Plan

Ian Stewart, Manager of Park Development, introduced the item, and Jack Tupper, Landscape Architect, presented the [proposed concept plan](#) for the new park at Main Street and 7th Avenue.

Following the presentation, staff responded to questions related to,

- Elevated walkway and raingarden
- Accessibility of power on site for food trucks
- Nearby buildings and sound impacts

- Natural play and nearby playgrounds
- Hardscape and green elements

The Committee heard from one speaker in support of the motion, one in opposition, and one that provided other comments related to the recommendations.

MOVED by Commissioner Bastovansky
SECONDED by Commissioner Viridi

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the concept plan for the new Park at Main Street and 7th Avenue as outlined in the Report dated May 8, 2023, entitled “New Park at Main Street and 7th Avenue – Concept Plan”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.

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Steve Jackson
Acting General Manager

Commissioner Laura Christensen
Chair