



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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- 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 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

- 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:
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- 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.

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 Bastyovansky
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



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MAY 29, 2023

A Regular meeting of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation was held on Monday, May 29, 2023, at 8:32 pm, in the Boardroom at the Park Board Office, and via videoconference.

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

- (j) information that is prohibited, or information that if it were presented in a document would be prohibited, from disclosure under section 21 [disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party] of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act; 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 if they were held in public.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Regular Board Meeting – May 8, 2023

MOVED by Commissioner Howard
SECONDED by Commissioner Virdi

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Special Board Meeting – May 8, 2023

MOVED by Commissioner Howard
SECONDED by Commissioner Virdi

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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VARY AGENDA

The Board agreed to vary the agenda to have the Member's Motion as the first item of business.

For ease of reference, Minutes are recorded in chronological order.

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MEMBERS' MOTIONS

1. **Prioritization of Sport and Recreation Fields and Facilities in Sunset Neighbourhood of South-East Vancouver**

MOVED by Commissioner Virdi
SECONDED by Commissioner Howard

- A. THAT staff undertake a community engagement process of the Sunset neighbourhood to seek feedback from residents and organizations, including the Vancouver Field Sport Federation, field hockey associations in BC and Canada and community leaders for this proposal by Q3 2023. The engagement shall include data already collected by local community leaders and be included in the findings in a Report Back in Q4 of 2023 before proceeding to the design phase.
- B. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation direct staff to allocate funds from the 2023 Capital Budget toward the immediate planning of a lit, short piled unfilled synthetic turf sports field suitable for both field hockey and soccer at Moberly Park, without impacting the progress of a similar field at Churchill.
- C. THAT staff work with the project team to complete the Scoping phase by Q2 of 2024.
- D. THAT staff work with the project team to complete the Design phase by Q3 of 2025, including lighting.
- E. THAT staff be directed to have the Moberly synthetic turf sports field completed and operational by Q3 of 2026 unless otherwise indicated by the results of the community engagement exercise.
- F. THAT staff will provide quarterly progress reports to the Board on the progress of the project.

Amendment to the Motion

AMENDMENT MOVED by Commissioner Bastyovansky
SECONDED by Commissioner Christensen

THAT the motion be struck and replaced with the following:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff undertake a community engagement process of the Sunset neighbourhood to seek feedback from residents and organizations, including the Vancouver Field Sport Federation, field hockey associations in BC and Canada and community leaders that identifies the desired outdoor amenities for the community by Q3 2023. The engagement shall include data already collected by local community leaders and be included in the findings in a Report Back in Q4 of 2023.

CARRIED

In favour: Commissioners Bastyovansky, Christensen, Digby, Haer, Jensen

Opposed: Commissioner Howard

Abstain: Commissioner Virdi

Question on the Motion, as Amended

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff undertake a community engagement process of the Sunset neighbourhood to seek feedback from residents and organizations, including the Vancouver Field Sport Federation, field hockey associations in BC and Canada and community leaders that identifies the desired outdoor amenities for the community by Q3 2023. The engagement shall include data already collected by local community leaders and be included in the findings in a Report Back in Q4 of 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In favour: Commissioners Bastyovansky, Christensen, Digby, Haer, Jensen, Viridi

Abstain: Commissioner Howard

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Recess

The meeting recessed at 9:22 and reconvened at 9:32 pm.

Motion to Extend

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen

SECONDED by Commissioner Haer

THAT the meeting extend past 10 pm.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY**

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CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair highlighted the participation of Park Board Commissioners at official Park Board events since the May 8, 2023, Board meeting:

- Commissioner Bastyovansky attended a BC Hydro Clean Energy event where Bloedel Conservatory was recognized as a Clean Energy Champion.
- Members of Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations, alongside staff and Chair Jensen, spoke at a Flag raising ceremony at Brockton Point. Commissioner Digby, Park Board Staff and other community and nations' members also attended the ceremony.
- Chair Jensen and Commissioner Bastyovansky attended a West End Waterfront Project engagement event.
- Chair Jensen attended the West End Fitness Centre's grand opening.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Board 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:

- Eight pieces of correspondence related to the Members' Motion.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Report of the Board Committee – May 29, 2023

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

1. Water Priority Plan Update - Potable Water Fed Decorative Features
2. New Park at Main & 7th – Concept Plan

MOVED by Commissioner Digby

SECONDED by Commissioner Bastyovansky

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Board Committee at its meeting of May 29, 2023, as contained in items 1 and 2.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

STAFF REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

1. Safe Sport & viaSport

Steve Kellock, Director of Recreation Services, introduced the item, and Erica MacDonald, Manager of Recreation Services, along with Andrea Wooles, Safe Sport Manager from viaSport, [presented on the importance of physical and psychological safety in sport](#); the presenters highlighted:

- viaSport's Safety in Sport and Recreation provincial initiatives.
- Considerations to be explored to develop a Safe Sport Program in Vancouver.
- Vancouver's upcoming affiliation and allocation policies, illustrating their connections to VanPlay, the Sport Field Strategy, user fees and future permit office resourcing.

In response to a question, the presenters advised that Vancouver is the only municipality that has been working with viaSport on the initiative. Subsequently, due to time constraints, the Committee agreed to email further questions to the presenters.

2. General Manager's Report

Due to time constraints, the Board accepted the General Manager's Report as circulated and waived the presentation.

MEMBERS' MOTIONS

1. Request for Leave of Absence

MOVED by Commissioner Bastovansky
SECONDED by Commissioner Christensen

THAT Commissioner Jensen be granted a Leave of Absence from meetings on or between June 30 and July 16, 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
Absent: Commissioner Haer

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ENQUIRIES

1. A Board member requested an update on the removal of the Stanley Park Bike lanes.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 10:31 pm.

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Steve Jackson
Acting General Manager

Commissioner Scott Jensen
Chair