



BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 11, 2023

A Committee meeting of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation was held on Monday, December 11, 2023, at 6:39 pm, in the Boardroom at the Park Board Office.

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, General Manager
Denise Swanston, Acting Manager, Board Relations & Meeting Clerk
Jessica Kulchyski, Board Support and Meeting Assistant
Victoria Tyers, Board Support and Meeting Assistant & Meeting Clerk

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 Howard
SECONDED by Commissioner Viridi

THAT the Vancouver Park Board suspend section 15.3 of the Procedure By-law to reduce the length of time speakers are permitted to speak from five to three minutes.

LOST NOT HAVING RECEIVED
THE REQUIRED 2/3 MAJORITY

In favour: Commissioners Haer, Howard and Viridi

Opposed: Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Christensen, Digby and Jensen

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ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Board Committee Meeting – November 27, 2023

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Digby

THAT the Minutes of the Board Committee meeting on November 27, 2023, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Motion to Suspend the Rules

MOVED by Commissioner Digby
SECONDED by Commissioner Jensen

THAT the Vancouver Park Board suspend section 7.7 of the Procedure By-law to permit a Member's Motion as Urgent Business to be considered during the Committee Meeting;

FURTHER THAT the Board also suspend section 5.1 of the Procedure By-law to permit public members present the opportunity to speak to the Urgent Business item.

LOST NOT HAVING RECEIVED
THE REQUIRED 2/3 MAJORITY

In favour: Commissioners Bastovansky, Christensen, Digby and Jensen
Opposed: Commissioners Haer, Howard and Viridi

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Jensen acknowledged the upcoming Christmas Holiday and wished everyone who celebrates, a very Merry Christmas.

Commissioner Bastovanszky acknowledged the outgoing 2022-2023 Chair and expressed appreciation to Commissioner Jensen for their leadership throughout 2023. Commissioner Bastovanszky also encouraged unity between Board members to achieve shared objectives. The Commissioner also emphasized the important role the Park Board in advocating for parks and recreation in the city.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following communication related to the Committee meeting agenda was received via email or the [Contact Park Board Commissioners](#) web form:

- one piece of correspondence related to the Report titled “Water Priority Action Plan 2024”.

STAFF REPORTS

1. Water Priority Action Plan 2024

The Manager of Planning, Policy and Environment introduced the item, and the Senior Environment and Sustainability Planner, along with the Civil Engineer, presented information on the Water Priority Action Plan 2024.

Following the presentation, staff responded to questions related to:

- The number of decorative water features within the City of Vancouver
- Public interest criteria
- Potential efficiency and cost saving in tendering multiple small water feature repairs in one contract award
- Qualifications required for decommissioning water features
- Lost Lagoon Jubilee Fountain renewal considerations
- Renewal steps for Memorial South Park pond

The Committee heard from one speaker in opposition to aspects of the report and seven who spoke to other aspects of the recommendations.

Subsequently it was,

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Howard

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the proposed Water Priority Action Plan (Appendix A of the Report titled “Water Priority Action Plan 2024” dated December 5, 2023) to guide operational decisions related to the use of drinking water in parks, and direct staff to promote and implement the Plan in collaboration with other City of Vancouver departments whose operations also affect the use of drinking water in parks.
- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to proceed with water feature rehabilitation for decorative fountains, ponds, and waterfalls as outlined in Option 2, of Appendix C of the Report titled “Water Priority Action Plan 2024” dated December 5, 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.

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Steve Jackson
General Manager

Commissioner Laura Christensen
Chair