



## BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

February 26, 2024

A Committee meeting of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation was held on Monday, February 26, 2024, at 6:33pm, 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  
Commissioner Marie-Claire Howard\*  
Commissioner Scott Jensen, Vice-Chair  
Commissioner Jas Virdi

**GENERAL  
MANAGER'S  
OFFICE:** Steve Jackson, General Manager  
Denise Swanston, Acting Manager, Board Relations & Meeting Clerk  
Jessica Kulchyski, Board Support and Meeting Assistant & Meeting Clerk  
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.

### ADOPTION OF MINUTES

#### 1. Board Committee Meeting – January 22, 2024

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen  
SECONDED by Commissioner Haer

THAT the Minutes of the Board Committee meeting on January 22, 2024, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### COMMUNICATIONS

No correspondence related to the meeting agenda was received.

## STAFF REPORTS

### 1. Special Events Calendar 2024 – Major Events

The Director of Business Services introduced the item and the Operations Manager Business Development, Special Events & Filming, presented an update on the [Special Events Calendar for 2024](#).

*At this point in the proceedings Commissioner Howard declared a conflict of interest on the basis of her position as a member of the Latincouver Board of Directors and departed the meeting.*

Following the presentation, staff responded to questions related to:

- Accessible cars at the Stanley Park Train
- Group responsible for announcements related to train operations
- Feasibility of an ad hoc line for ticket holder “no shows”
- Feasibility of protecting against ticket scalping

Subsequently it was,

MOVED by Commissioner Viridi

SECONDED by Commissioner Jensen

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board receive for information the report back on 2023 events with location changes as outlined in this Report dated February 16, 2024, entitled “Special Events Calendar 2024 – Major Events”;

FURTHER THAT the Board approve the Special Events Calendar 2024 – Major Events as outlined in this report and attached as Appendix A of the above-noted report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Absent due to conflict of interest: Commissioner Howard*

*Following the conclusion of Item 1, Commissioner Howard re-joined the meeting.*

### 2. West End Community Hub Renewal

The Director of Recreation introduced the item and the Manager of Park Development, along with the Landscape Architect presented an update on the [West End Community Hub Renewal](#).

Following the presentation, staff responded to questions related to:

- Protection of heritage trees
- Social housing
- Capital funding being diverted from the Vancouver Aquatic Centre renewal

- Potential for heat energy from the ice rink to be re-purposed elsewhere
- Sport field usage and type

The Committee heard from one speaker who spoke to other aspects of the recommendation.

Subsequently it was,

MOVED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky  
SECONDED by Commissioner Jensen

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board endorse the West End Community Hub Renewal Plan (as attached in Appendix B of the Report dated February 16, 2024, entitled “West End Community Hub Renewal Plan”) to guide the renewal of community-serving facilities and optimization of the site over the next 10-20 years to support the West End Community Plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **3. General Brock Park – Renewal Concept Plan**

The Director of Planning and Park Development introduced the item and the Manager of Park Development along with Landscape Architect I, presented on the [General Brock Park renewal concept plan](#).

Following the presentation, staff responded to questions related to:

- Community engagement
- Sensory, accessibility and useability of the playground elements and park features
- Potential for washrooms to be added to the location
- Engagement with organizations that specialize in sensory elements

The Committee heard from one speaker in support of the recommendation.

Subsequently it was,

MOVED by Commissioner Haer  
SECONDED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the concept plan for the General Brock Park renewal as described in this report and as shown in Appendix D of the Report dated February 20, 2024, entitled “General Brock Park – Renewal Concept Plan”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

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Steve Jackson  
General Manager

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Commissioner Laura Christensen  
Chair