



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

Commissioner Laura Christensen
Chair



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 26, 2024

A Regular meeting of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation was held on Monday, February 26, 2024, at 8:10 pm, in the Boardroom at the Park Board Office, and via videoconference.

PRESENT:

Commissioner Brennan Bastyovanszky, Chair
Commissioner Laura Christensen
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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair 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 the 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 Jensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Digby

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:

- (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the Council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the city;
- (i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;

(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;

(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 Council, 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 – February 5, 2024

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen

SECONDED by Commissioner Digby

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting of February 5, 2024, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair highlighted the participation of Commissioners at Park Board events since the previous Board meeting on February 5, 2024:

- Lunar New Year Parade – Chair Bastyovanszky with Commissioners Haer, Jensen and Virdi participated in the 50th anniversary of the Chinatown Lunar New Year Parade with MLAs, City Councillors, School Trustees, and GM Jackson.
- UBCOB Ravens Rugby Kickoff – Chair Bastyovanszky attended the commencement of the Ravens Rugby Club's friendly exhibition match, held to mark the club's 50th anniversary, at their home field, Jericho Beach Park.
- First Skate – Commissioners Christensen, Digby, Jensen, and Virdi, along with legendary Canucks goalie Kirk McLean, attended the "First Skate" event in partnership with the Immigrant Services Society of BC at Rogers Arena.
- 2024 Family Day at Hillcrest – Chair Bastyovanszky attended the Family Day event at Hillcrest Pool, hosted by Hillcrest Youth Council.
- Trout Lake Family Day Celebration – Chair Bastyovanszky, Commissioner Christensen and Commissioner Jensen attended the Family Day Celebration at Trout Lake Community Centre, along with Vancouver-Kingsway MLA Adrian Dix, the CCA President Lisa Kew, and former Commissioner Aaron Jasper.
- Invictus Games – Chair Bastyovanszky, Commissioner Digby and Jensen attended the Invictus Games at their Unconquered Sports Day on Family Day at Seaforth Armoury.

- Poetics of Possibility - Tomson Highway: Laughter All the Way – Chair Bastyovanszky and Commissioner Jensen participated in the "Tomson Highway: Laughter All the Way" event held at the Roundhouse Community Centre.
- Vancouver Sevens Invitational Youth Tournament 2024 – Chair Bastyovanszky presented medals to the winners of the BC Rugby's Vancouver Sevens Invitational ahead of the HSBC SVNS Vancouver event.
- 2024 HSBC Canada Sevens – Commissioners attended the 2024 Vancouver Sevens Rugby event. This marked the ninth occasion the tournament had been hosted in Vancouver, with both women's and men's tournaments being featured for the second consecutive year.
- 2024 Variety Show of Hearts – Commissioner Virdi, pictured with CEO of Variety BC Andrea Tang, participated in the 2024 Variety Show of Hearts.
- Sikh Heritage Month – Commissioner Virdi, accompanied by Mayor Ken Sim, Councillors Kirby-Yung, Meiszner and Zhou, and School Board Trustee Preeti Faridkot, received a plaque by the Khalsa Diwan Society and the BC Khalsa Darbar Society in recognition of their ongoing efforts in support of Sikh Heritage Month.

COMMUNICATIONS

No communication related to the meeting agenda was received.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Report of the Board Committee – February 26, 2024

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

1. General Brock Park – Renewal Concept Plan
2. West End Community Hub Renewal
3. Special Events Calendar 2024 – Major Events

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Haer

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Board Committee at its meeting of February 26, 2024, as contained in items 1 to 3.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

STAFF REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

1. General Manager's Report

The General Manager presented the General Manager's Report, highlighting:

- 25 Years of Service Recognition – The 25 Years of Service Recognition event celebrated City and Park Board staff with 25 years of service. General Manager Jackson attended to honor five Park Board staff: Jenny Lee, Tanja Cecic, Karla McCallum, Jennifer Trach, Shannu Murette and Meg Elliott.
- First Skate 2024 – On February 16, 2024, the Park Board Arena welcomed over 50 newcomers to Canada for First Skate 2024 at Rogers Arena. Participants from Afghanistan, Brazil, Colombia, Eritrea, India, Mexico, Myanmar, and Ukraine, some arriving just days before, experienced skating and tried Canadian treats like poutine and Nanaimo bars. This marked the second time the park board arena team provided skates, helmets, EZ skaters, volunteers, and instructors for the event.

Council Agenda Items:

- Council to receive a report on February 27, 2024 titled “[West End Community Hub Renewal](#)”, which recommends council approve the plan to guide the renewal of community-serving facilities and optimization of the site over the next 15-20 years.
- Council to receive a report on February 28, 2024 titled “[Quarterly Capital Budget Adjustments and Closeouts](#)”, which would approve Capital Budget and funding adjustments, including an increase of \$17.0M to the 2023-2026 Capital Plan, and increase of \$36.5M to the Multi-Year Capital Project Budgets.
- Council to receive a report on February 28, 2024 titled “[Contract Award for a Food and Beverage Broadline Distributor for the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation](#)”, which would authorize City staff to negotiate and enter into a contract with Sysco Canada Inc. for the supply and distribution of food and beverages to the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation.
- Council to receive a report on February 28, 2024 titled “[2024 Budget for Britannia Community Services Centre Society \(BCSCS\)](#)” which would approve the BCSCS 2024 Operating Budget of \$9,914,138, marking an 8% increase from 2023.
- Board briefing [memos and emails](#) issued from February 5, 2024 to February 27, 2024.

NOTICE OF MEMBERS’ MOTIONS

1. Reinstating Beach Volleyball Monday Nights’ Regular Permit at Spanish Banks for Summer 2024

Commissioner Howard submitted Notice of Motion on the above-noted matter. The motion below may be placed on the Board meeting agenda of March 11, 2024, as a Member’s Motion.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT staff work with Volleyball BC to reallocate the times the organizations had historically been allocated, so there are no disruptions to the summer 2024 season.
- B. THAT staff use the Think Big strategy to work with existing non-profit organizations.

ENQUIRIES

Commissioners requested information related to the following topics:

1. A presentation on Park Board Sports Leagues including volleyball at the next Board Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 8:40 pm.

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Steve Jackson
General Manager

Commissioner Brennan Bastyovanszky
Chair