



BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

March 11, 2024

A Committee meeting of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation was held on Monday, March 11, 2024, at 6:37pm, 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
Connie Law, Board Support and Meeting Assistant & Meeting Clerk
Jessica Kulchyski, Board Support and Meeting Assistant

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 – February 26, 2024

MOVED by Commissioner Digby
SECONDED by Commissioner Jensen

THAT the Minutes of the Board Committee meeting on February 26, 2024, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Christensen reminded everyone that March 8 was International Women's Day. The theme this year was "Inspire Inclusion". This day celebrates the achievements of women and girls worldwide in their ongoing fight for equality, recognizing and addressing the obstacles they face such as marginalization, injustice, and discrimination.

Commissioner Jensen acknowledged Ramadan and extended warm wishes for a blessed month to all families observing this holy time in Vancouver.

Commissioner Bastovanszky acknowledged the upcoming Easter holiday and wished everyone a happy Easter.

Commissioner Haer acknowledged Vaisakhi, a celebration to be held on April 15 from 11am to 5pm in South Vancouver. This family-friendly event, hosted by the Sikh community, welcomes people from all backgrounds. Attendees can enjoy a variety of activities and fresh food prepared and served by local community members and small businesses. This festival, rooted in the spirit of langar, the communal meal, marks the beginning of the harvest season in Punjab. Commissioner Haer encouraged everyone to join in the celebration and indulge in some delicious Indian cuisine.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

- One piece of correspondence in support of Item 1
- Three pieces of correspondence in opposition to Item 1

STAFF REPORTS

1. Non-Motorized Watercraft Launch at Select Beaches - By-Law Amendment Update

The Manager of Planning Policy and Environment introduced the item and two Planners of Planning Policy and Environment provided an update on [Non-Motorized Watercraft Launch at Select Beaches](#).

Following the presentation, staff responded to questions related to:

- Timing and locations to launch non-motorized watercrafts
- Clarification that this update does not pertain to any motorized water sports

Subsequently it was,

MOVED by Commissioner Digby
SECONDED by Commissioner Haer

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the proposed amendments to Section 8(d) of the Parks Control By-law as set out in Appendix A of the Report dated March 1, 2024, entitled "Non-Motorized Watercraft Launch at Select Beaches - By-Law Amendment", to permanently allow the launch and recovery of non-motorized watercraft at four designated beach locations as outlined in the aforementioned report.
- THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward the proposed by-law amendments in A above for enactment by the Park Board generally in

accordance with Appendix A of the Report dated March 1, 2024, entitled
“Non-Motorized Watercraft Launch at Select Beaches - By-Law Amendment”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee meeting adjourned at 6:46 pm.

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Steve Jackson
General Manager

Commissioner Laura Christensen
Chair