



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 8 and 9, 2024

A Regular meeting of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation was held on Monday, April 8, 2024, at 10:21 pm, in the Boardroom at the Park Board Office, and via videoconference. Subsequently, the meeting recessed and reconvened on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 5:33 pm.

PRESENT: Commissioner Brennan Bastyovanszky, Chair
Commissioner Laura Christensen
Commissioner Tom Digby
Commissioner Angela Haer
Commissioner Scott Jensen, Vice-Chair
Commissioner Jas Virdi*

ABSENT: Commissioner Marie-Claire Howard
Commissioner Jas Virdi (April 8, 2024)
Commissioner Haer (April 9, 2024)

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

** Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.*

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.

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VARY AGENDA

MOVED by Commissioner Christensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Jensen

THAT the Board vary the order of the Agenda to deal with Items 1 and 2, before proceeding with the remainder of the agenda.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

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STAFF REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

1. Spanish Banks Parking Update

The Director of Business Services introduced and presented an update on Spanish Banks Parking.

Following the presentation, staff responded to questions related to:

- Free and paid parking areas
- A pricing system to ease into the suggested change
- Consistency of street and parks parking
- Accessibility
- Timeline for implementation

2. Kitsilano Pool Update

The Director of Recreation Services introduced the item, and the Associate Director of Business Initiatives and Operational Excellence, along with the Director of Maintenance and Operational Excellence, presented an update on the Kitsilano Pool.

Following the presentation, staff responded to questions related to:

- Ongoing restoration of the Showboat stage
- Showboat opening season

Recess

The Regular Board meeting recessed on Monday, April 8, 2024, at 10:50pm and reconvened on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 5:33pm.

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:

- (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 – Monday, March 11, 2024

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen

SECONDED by Commissioner Digby

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting of March 11, 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 March 11, 2024:

- Douglas Park Community Association Meeting – Commissioner Jensen participated in the Douglas Park CCA Meeting and celebrated the 81st birthday of Manuel, a valued long-time board member of Douglas Park.
- CRAB Park Visit – Chair Bastyovanszky, along with Director Gandha, Director Lepps, Superintendent Dejong and Ranger Justin visited CRAB Park on March 15.
- Two-Spirit and Indigenous LGBTQQIA+ Celebration and Awareness Day – Chair Bastyovanszky joined M.L.A Spencer Chandra Herbert for the Two-Spirit and Indigenous LGBTQQIA+ Celebration and Awareness Day, where the Chair was also photographed with indigenous drag star Landa Lakes.
- Stanley Park - Urban Forestry Site Visit – Commissioners and GM Jackson joined Manager of Urban Forestry, Joe McLeod for a site tour of the recent and ongoing tree work being done in Stanley Park to mitigate the impact of the Hemlock Looper.
- Kitsilano Community Association Meeting – Chair Bastyovanszky attended the Kitsilano Community Association Meeting on March 21.
- Khalsa Diwan Society Gurdwara – Chair Bastyovanszky visited the Khalsa Diwan Society Gurdwara and met with volunteers.
- Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival Reception – Chair Bastyovanszky, Commissioners Christensen, Digby and Jensen attended the Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival Reception at the Museum of Vancouver with artist Marissa Nahanee.

- Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival – Commissioner Jensen attended the Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival with Commissioner Christensen, VSB Chair Victoria Jung and Patricia Wu.
- VTA Opening Weekend – Chair Bastyovanszky attended (and participated in) the Vancouver Tennis Association Opening Weekend in Stanley Park as they played social doubles, alongside one of the club superstars, Christof.
- Stanley Park Drive Cycling – Chair Bastyovanszky rode his bike up Stanley Park Drive for the first ride of the season to experience first-hand the safety conditions without a bike lane.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

- A Board memo regarding the 2024 Commissioner Liaison appointments was circulated to Commissioners. A link to this memo has been posted on the Park Board Meeting website.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Report of the Board Committee – April 8, 2024

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

1. Joint Operating Agreement – VanDusen and Bloedel
2. Shelters in Parks - By-Law Amendment
3. Bikes and E-Scooters on Park Cycling Paths - By-Law Amendment

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Digby

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Board Committee at its meeting of April 8, 2024, as contained in items 1 to 3.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

STAFF REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

1. Park Board Reconciliation Update

The Manager of Decolonization, Arts & Culture introduced the item, and the Social Planner of Decolonization, Arts & Culture presented an update on Park Board Reconciliation Strategies.

Following the presentation, staff responded to questions related to:

- Actions that Commissioners can take for further relationships and reconciliation and decolonization work within the Park Board
- Incorporating reconciliation in recommendations
- Funding adequacy and the funding required for accomplishing goals
- Reconciliation and indigenous relations education for Commissioners
- Stanley Park Comprehensive Plan and the Stanley Park Intergovernmental Committee
- Procurement opportunities for indigenous businesses
- Clarification between the Reconciliation Strategies adopted by the Park Board and the UNDRIP principles adopted by the City
- Conversations with indigenous representatives to facilitate discussions and collaborations for co-management of research projects

2. General Manager's Report

The General Manager presented the Report, highlighting:

- A ceremonial fire was held at CRAB Park on April 4, 2024, with Musqueam Elder, Thelma Stogan and Family. Thelma Stogan wished to relay deep appreciation and gratitude to the Park Board for allowing this sacred work and ceremony to occur. This ceremony will take care of those who are sheltering in the park, and for that, Thelma was deeply grateful. Thelma spoke to how no matter who we are, we are connected and these connections are important to this work. The Park Board would like to thank all the service providers and community support that has contributed to ensuring peoples well-being.
- Council Agenda Items:
 - Council to receive a report on April 10, 2024 titled "[Sites for 2024 Alcohol Consumption in Public Plazas Program](#)", which would approve amendments to the City Land Regulation By-law to designate certain public spaces over which the City has jurisdiction as places where liquor may be consumed.
- Board briefing [memos and emails](#) issued from March 11, 2024 to April 9, 2024.

BY-LAWS

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen

SECONDED by Commissioner Digby

THAT the Board enact the by-laws listed on the agenda for this meeting as numbered from 1 to 3 inclusive and authorize the Chair and General Manager to sign the enacted by-laws.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Parks Control By-law Amendment Regarding Non-Motorized Watercraft Launch at Select Beaches
2. Parks Control By-law Amendment Regarding Temporary Shelters

3. Parks Control By-law Amendment Regarding E-Bikes and E-Scooters

MEMBERS' MOTIONS

1. Affirmation of Park Board as Living Wage Employer

MOVED by Commissioner Digby
SECONDED by Commissioner Jensen

WHEREAS:

1. The Living Wage is a standardised calculation done annually by the [Living Wage for Families Campaign](#) and the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives. It is the hourly amount that each of two parents, both working full time, need to earn in order to afford basic expenses like food, clothing, rent, and child care once government taxes, credits, deductions and subsidies are taken into account. It is a barebones budget that does not include debt repayment or savings for future plans. The Living Wage for Metro Vancouver is currently \$25.68;
2. In July 2015 Vancouver City Council unanimously passed a public council motion to become certified as a Living Wage Employer by the Living Wage for Families Campaign;
3. In January 2023 Vancouver City Council voted in a closed door meeting to end the City of Vancouver's certification as a Living Wage Employer;
4. There remain nearly 400 Living Wage Employers in BC who have committed to ensuring their direct and contracted staff earn a Living Wage. These include 16 local governments/public bodies (including municipalities, school boards and First Nation councils) who are certified living wage employers in BC;
5. The City of Vancouver was the only municipality not to recertify as a Living Wage Employer in 2023;
 - a. People who work for the Vancouver Park Board should be able to afford to live here, raise their kids here, and contribute to the life of their community. Paying the Living Wage to all direct staff and contractors will help create a fairer, healthier, more affordable city for all of us.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Board affirms its commitment to have the Vancouver Park Board re-certified as a living wage employer by the Living Wage for Families Campaign.
- B. THAT the Board directs staff to report back by Q3 2024 on the steps necessary to become re-certified as a Living Wage employer in 2025 and anticipated budgetary impacts of such re-certification.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
Absent: Commissioner Viridi

NOTICE OF MEMBERS' MOTIONS

1. Improving and Expanding Disc Golf at Vancouver Parks

Commissioner Christensen submitted a Notice of Motion on the above-noted matter. The motion below may be placed on the Board meeting agenda of April 22, 2024, as a Member's Motion.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Board directs staff to report back in Q3 2024 on the scope, budget, and schedule required to develop a plan for the expansion of disc golf in Vancouver.
- B. THAT the report back shall provide the opportunity to incorporate this work into the 2025 Service Plan; and,
- C. THAT such a plan for the expansion of disc golf in Vancouver would include, at minimum:
 - i. Analysis of industry best practices from across North America;
 - ii. Inventory of the current Vancouver Park Board disc golf courses including, but not limited to, site conditions (drainage, grade, tree cover), conflict with other park uses, and proximity to transit/active transportation routes;
 - iii. Engagement with the local disc golf community to identify usage trends, needs and wants in the community;
 - iv. Suggest compatible park amenities that can be co-located with disc golf courses;
 - v. Recommend improvements to existing courses that would improve playability and user experience;
 - vi. Recommend and prioritize potential locations for new and/or expanded disc golf courses within existing Vancouver parks,
 - vii. Include estimated capital and operating funding required for any recommendations;
 - viii. Advisability of appointing a Park Board Commissioner liaison to VanCity Disc Golf; and
 - ix. Identify opportunities for disc golf events/activations, such as pop-ups and tournaments, at Park Board facilities, such as golf or pitch-and-putt courses, that aligns with the Board approved "Think Big" strategy.

ENQUIRIES

A Commissioner requested updates related to the following topic:

1. New off-leash area improvements for Cooper's Park

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 6:51 pm.

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Steve Jackson
General Manager

Commissioner Brennan Bastyovanszky
Chair