



BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 8, 2024

A Committee meeting of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation was held on Monday, April 8, 2024, at 6:38pm, in the Boardroom at the Park Board Office.

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Marie-Claire Howard
Commissioner Jas Viridi

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.

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Motion to Suspend the Rules

MOVED by Commissioner Haer
SECONDED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

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ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Board Committee Meeting – March 11, 2024

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Digby

THAT the Minutes of the Board Committee meeting on March 11, 2024, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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 2
- Four pieces of correspondence in opposition to Item 2
- One piece of correspondence in support of Item 3
- One piece of correspondence in opposition to Item 3

STAFF REPORTS

1. Joint Operating Agreement - VanDusen & Bloedel

The Director of Business Services introduced the item and the Director of VanDusen Gardens, along with the Planner of Facilities and Asset, presented an update on [Joint Operating Agreement – VanDusen & Bloedel](#).

Following the presentation, the Committee heard from one speaker in support of the recommendations.

Subsequently it was,

MOVED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky
SECONDED by Commissioner Jensen

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board delegate its authority to the Park Board's General Manager to enter into a renewed Joint Operating Agreement with the Vancouver Botanical Gardens Association, and in line with principles outlined in the Report dated March 28, 2024, entitled "Joint Operating Agreement - VanDusen & Bloedel".

- B. THAT no legal rights or obligations will be created by the Board's approval of A above, unless and until such contract is executed by the authorized signatories as set out in A above and B.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Temporary Shelters in Parks - By-Law Amendment

The General Manager introduced the item on [Temporary Shelters in Parks - By-Law Amendment](#) and along with the Director of Parks, responded to questions related to:

- Parties consulted in the drafting of the bylaw
- Permitted items and specificity in the bylaw
- Comparison with the current bylaw
- Context for the timing of the proposed bylaws
- Provisions for electrical services
- Housing options for individuals experiencing homelessness

The Committee heard from 14 speakers in opposition to the recommendations and two who spoke to other aspects of the recommendations.

Subsequently it was,

MOVED by Commissioner Haer
SECONDED by Commissioner Digby

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve amendments to the Parks Control Bylaw - Temporary Shelter in Place as set out in Appendix A of the Report dated April 2, 2024, titled "Amendments to the Parks Control By-law – Temporary Shelter in Place".
- B. THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward the proposed by-law amendments as outlined in Appendix A of the Report dated April 2, 2024, titled "Amendments to the Parks Control By-law – Temporary Shelter in Place", for enactment by the Park Board.

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At this point in the proceedings, Commissioner Christensen relinquished the Chair to Commissioner Jensen, in order to move an amendment.

Motion to Extend

MOVED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky

SECONDED by Commissioner Christensen

THAT the meeting extend past 10pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

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Amendment to the Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Christensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Haer

THAT the following be added as C:

THAT the draft by-law be amended as follows:

- i. In the definition of "GENERAL MANAGER", retain "of the Board as duly appointed by the Board";
- ii. In the addition of section 11D subsection (4), revise "each night" to "regularly when".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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At this point in the proceedings, Commissioner Christensen resumed the role of Chair.

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Amendment to the Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky
SECONDED by Commissioner Jensen

THAT the following be added as D:

- D. THAT the Board direct staff to reach out within 24 hours to the provincial government with the request to strike a joint working group on matters specific to encampments in Vancouver Parks;

FURTHER THAT although this working group will be led by Park Board staff, the invitation to participate in this working group be extended to City of Vancouver staff, the Vancouver Police Department, Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services and Musqueam, Squamish, Tsleil-Waututh.

Amendment to the Amendment

MOVED by Commissioner Digby
SECONDED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky

THAT in the FURTHER THAT, the words “other groups including” be added after the words “be extended to”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The amendment to the amendment having carried, the vote on the amendment as amended was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Question on the Main Motion as Amended

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve amendments to the Parks Control Bylaw - Temporary Shelter in Place as set out in Appendix A of the Report dated April 2, 2024, titled “Amendments to the Parks Control By-law – Temporary Shelter in Place”, subject to amendments in C.
- B. THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward the proposed by-law amendments as outlined in Appendix A of the Report dated April 2, 2024, titled “Amendments to the Parks Control By-law – Temporary Shelter in Place”, for enactment by the Park Board, subject to amendments in C.
- C. THAT Appendix A of the Report dated April 2, 2024, titled “Amendments to the Parks Control By-law – Temporary Shelter in Place” be amended as follows:
 - i. In the definition of “GENERAL MANAGER”, retain “of the Board as duly appointed by the Board”;
 - ii. In the addition of section 11D subsection (4), revise “each night” to “regularly when”.
- D. THAT the Board direct staff to reach out within 24 hours to the provincial government with the request to strike a joint working group on matters specific to encampments in Vancouver Parks;

FURTHER THAT although this working group will be led by Park Board staff, the invitation to participate in this working group be extended to other groups including City of Vancouver staff, the Vancouver Police Department, Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services and Musqueam, Squamish, Tsleil-Waututh.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recess

The meeting recessed at 9:29pm and reconvened at 9:35pm.

3. E-Bikes and E-Scooters on Park Cycling Paths - By-Law Amendment

The Director of Park Planning & Development introduced the item and the Planner of Park Planning & Development, along with the Engineering Assistant of Transportation, presented an update on [E-Bikes and E-Scooters on Park Cycling Paths - By-Law Amendment](#).

Following the presentation, staff responded to questions related to:

- Requirements for safety equipment
- Speed limit and safety concerns
- Community engagement
- Shared and private E-scooter programs
- Growth rate of E-scooters and E-bikes
- Lessons and successes of other municipalities
- Use of technology for monitoring speed

The Committee heard from one speaker in support of the recommendations, and one who spoke to other aspects of the recommendations.

Subsequently it was,

MOVED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky
SECONDED by Commissioner Jensen

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the proposed change to the Parks Control By-Law, section 14 (h) to allow electric motor assisted bicycles and electric kick scooters to use designated cycling paths.
- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to work with the City's Engineering department to establish geofencing to digitally control speeds of devices from the City's upcoming electric kick scooter-share program.
- C. THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward the proposed by-law amendments as outlined in Appendix A of the Report dated March 28, 2024, entitled "E-Bikes and E-Scooters on Park Cycling Paths - By-Law Amendment", for enactment by the Park Board.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee meeting adjourned at 10:19 pm.

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Steve Jackson
General Manager

Commissioner Laura Christensen
Chair