



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 22, 2024

A Regular meeting of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation was held on Monday, April 22, 2024, at 10:14 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 Scott Jensen, Vice-Chair
Commissioner Jas Viridi

ABSENT:

Commissioner Marie-Claire Howard

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.

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:

(g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the city;

(i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;

(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 – April 8, 2024

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Digby

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting of April 8, 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 April 8, 2024:

- Vancouver Canadians Opening Day – Commissioners attended the Opening Night of Vancouver Canadians 2024 Baseball Season.
- Sakura Days Japan Fair – Commissioner Christensen was a featured speaker at the Opening Ceremony of the Sakura Days Japan Fair.
- Vaisakhi Celebration – Commissioners Haer and Virdi participated in the annual Vaisakhi Festival and Parade in South Vancouver.
- Mount Pleasant CCA Board Meeting – Commissioner Christensen attended the Mount Pleasant CCA board meeting, where she swore in newly elected and re-elected Board members.
- Hastings CCA Annual General Meeting – Commissioner Christensen attended the Hastings CCA Annual General Meeting, where she swore in the Board of Directors.
- Vancouver Food Policy Council – Commissioner Jensen attended the Vancouver Food Policy Council Working Session.
- Sunset CCA Annual General Meeting – Commissioner Jensen attended the Sunset CCA Annual General Meeting.
- Dorrance Dance's SOUNDspace – Commissioner Jensen attended a performance of Dorrance Dance's production, SOUNDspace.
- Trout Lake Little League – Commissioner Jensen attended the Trout Lake Little League Opening Ceremony.

- Park Board Liaison – Commissioner Digby met with several Community Centre Associations and organizations, and participated in various discussions with the leadership of CCAs and liaison groups.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

- 128 pieces of correspondence in support of Member's Motion

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Report of the Board Committee – April 22, 2024

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

1. Summertime Rib & Music Festival - Special Event
2. Water Bike Rental Service at Vanier Park - Contract Award
3. Mural and Sport Court Activation - Sunset Beach Park - Report Back
4. Imagine West End Waterfront Parks, Beaches and Transportation Vision

MOVED by Commissioner Christensen

SECONDED by Commissioner Digby

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Board Committee at its meeting of April 22, 2024, as contained in items 1 to 4.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

STAFF REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

1. Stanley Park Mobility Study - Update

The Director of Park Planning and Development introduced the item, and the Planners of Planning Policy and Environment presented an update on Stanley Park Mobility Study.

Following the presentation, staff responded to questions related to:

- Dedicated bike lane
- Car-free park drive
- Accessibility
- Parking revenue
- Tour buses parking
- Shuttle bus service

Motion to Extend

MOVED by Commissioner Digby
SECONDED by Commissioner Jensen

THAT the meeting extend past 11pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY
Absent: Commissioner Haer

Following the presentation, a motion was put forward,

Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Digby
SECONDED by Commissioner Jensen

- A. THAT the Board direct staff to report back, in the context of the current Stanley Park Mobility report, a comparative assessment, including cost and timing, of the following alternative:
 - i. A one-way counterclockwise lane along Stanley Park Drive dedicated exclusively for active transport and micro-mobility using white reflective flex-post lane separators, or other suitable physical separation means, along the design route proposed as Option A ("70% Option") in the memo dated February 8, 2023 and reviewed at the Board Meeting of February 13, 2023.
- B. THAT staff include in this alternative dedicated vehicle parking at appropriate locations or seniors, for mobility challenged users, and for indigenous access to harvest areas and other culturally important areas; and
- C. THAT staff include in this assessment potential impacts on businesses in Stanley Park, including potential designs for tour bus parking at Prospect Point.

CARRIED

In favour: Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Christensen, Digby and Jensen

Opposed: Commissioner Virdi

Absent: Commissioner Haer

2. General Manager's Report

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

- South Kinross Park – Staff are pleased to announce that the construction of South Kinross Park is complete, and the new park is scheduled to be open to the public the first week of May. This is the 6th new park delivery in the vibrant [East Fraser Lands](#) and will help keep pace with growth in Vancouver's newest neighbourhood.
- Council Agenda Items:

- Council to receive a report on April 23, 2024 titled “[Noise Control By-law Review – Phase One](#)”, which would approve, in principle, amendment to the Noise Control By-law, which would modernize the content of the By-law and remove outdated provisions, better align with other City by-laws, and enhance internal processes for reviewing and approving Noise Exception Permits.
 - Council to receive a report on April 23, 2024 titled “[Funding Application to Disaster Risk Reduction-Climate Adaptation Program](#)”, which would approve a funding application in the amount of \$4.9M submitted to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities’ Disaster Risk Reduction-Climate Adaptation program, for three projects that would reduce risks from future disasters due to natural hazards and the effects of climate change.
 - Council to discuss a motion on April 24, 2024 titled “[Kicking Off Community Benefits for the 2026 FIFA World Cup](#)”, which would direct City staff to work with hosting partners including the Province, PavCo and the Vancouver International Airport to explore community benefit opportunities associated with planning and delivery of the 2026 FIFA World Cup, including social and local procurement, employment, and the creation of a community benefits plan or community benefits agreement.
- Board briefing [memos and emails](#) issued from April 8, 2024 to April 22, 2024.

MEMBERS’ MOTIONS

1. Improving and Expanding Disc Golf at Vancouver Parks

MOVED by Commissioner Christensen

SECONDED by Commissioner Jensen

WHEREAS

1. In accordance with the Vancouver Charter, the Park Board has exclusive jurisdiction and control over park land use in the City of Vancouver, including any events, activities, programs, fees, structures, and improvements that occur within designated parks;
2. Disc golf is a free-to-play, low barrier-to-entry sport that is accessible to a wide range of ages and abilities, and can be played year-round;
3. Disc golf is a popular and growing sport; according to [2021 estimates by Udisc](#), the largest disc golf scoring app, there is an estimated 85,000 rounds of disc golf played in Vancouver per year;
4. Vancouver currently has 3 disc golf courses located at Jericho Lands, Quilchena Park, and Queen Elizabeth Park, which were designed and are managed in collaboration with local disc golf organizations;

5. The Jericho Lands course, a local favourite accounting of 25% of rounds played, will be removed with the [upcoming development of the Jericho Lands](#), adding additional traffic to the already busy remaining courses; and
6. Tournament and pop-up events in Vancouver and the Lower Mainland have been popular and successful; local events fill within 10 minutes of opening registration and the [2023 BC Open](#), a 3-day tournament hosted in Langley, had 577 players, with divisions from all genders and ages.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT the Board direct 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;

FURTHER 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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
Absent: Commissioner Haer

NOTICE OF MEMBERS' MOTIONS

1. **Proposal for Affordable Parking Solutions for Vancouver Lawn Bowling Club Members at Queen Elizabeth Park Lot 67**

Commissioner Virdi submitted a Notice of Motion on the above-noted matter. The motion below may be placed on the Board meeting agenda of May 6, 2024, as a Member's Motion.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Park Board take urgent and immediate action to address the financial burden placed on members of the Vancouver Lawn Bowling Club by implementing a low-cost annual parking pass program specifically for Lot 67 within Queen Elizabeth Park for the remainder of the year;

FURTHER THAT the Vancouver Park Board and Park Board Staff collaborate closely with representatives from the Vancouver Lawn Bowling Club to establish the criteria for eligibility and the pricing structure of the low-cost parking pass program, ensuring that it effectively addresses the financial concerns of club members while also maintaining the sustainability of parking operations;

AND FURTHER THAT the General Manager be delegated sufficient authority to establish an appropriate price for the annual low-cost parking pass for the 2024 year, in accordance with the Board direction above, with future parking pass price-setting to be aligned with the annual Board Fees and Charges process.

2. **Vancouver, Let's Talk Trees!**

Commissioner Digby submitted a Notice of Motion on the above-noted matter. The motion below may be placed on the Board meeting agenda of May 6, 2024, as a Member's Motion.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT the Board re-commit to leadership on developing the urban tree canopy in Vancouver through focusing on urban trees within the Park Board jurisdiction, including street trees and trees-in-parks, and believes the time is right to update commitments made by this Board in the [Urban Forest Strategy: 2018 Update](#).
- B. THAT the Board call on both Vancouver City Council and the Vancouver School Board to update their commitments to Vancouver's tree canopy and urban forest strategies.
- C. THAT as one part of the update process, the Board hereby endorse Commissioner Digby's public engagement process entitled "Vancouver, Let's Talk Trees!" which may be accessed at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/427295686383346> [facebook.com]
- D. THAT the Commissioners will work together to identify groups and individuals prepared to re-establish, through donations of energy, time and money, popular historical urban forestry programs such as

[\\$10 trees on line \[wayback.archive-it.org\]](#)
[Tree Keepers \[treekeepers.ca\]](#)

- E. THAT Commissioners will bring proposals from the public to staff for evaluation and implementation in approximately Q2/2025.

3. Removal of Cyclist Barriers and Implementation of Signage for Seawall Safety

Commissioner Digby submitted a Notice of Motion on the above-noted matter. The motion below may be placed on the Board meeting agenda of May 6, 2024, as a Member's Motion.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board direct staff to

- A. Take immediate action to remove the cyclist barriers along the Seawall at Lumberman's Arch and Third Beach.
- B. Walking speed in crowded or high-traffic sections.
- C. Engage with stakeholders, including cyclists and local community members, to ensure that the new measures effectively balance the needs of all Seawall users.
- D. Report back on the effectiveness of these measures six months following implementation and recommend any necessary adjustments to further improve safety and usability along the Seawall.

ENQUIRIES

A Commissioner requested an update related to the following topic:

- 1. W.C. Shelly Park Renewal and the status of the fencing around the demolition area

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 11:18 pm.

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Steve Jackson
General Manager

Commissioner Brennan Bastovanszky
Chair