



BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 22, 2024

A Committee meeting of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation was held on Monday, April 22, 2024, at 6:30 pm, 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 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

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 – April 8, 2024

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Haer

THAT the Minutes of the Board Committee meeting on April 8, 2024, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Digby greeted everyone in Vancouver and surrounding areas for Earth Day, emphasizing the significance of the day in our planet's history.

Commissioner Digby also announced the launch of "Vancouver, Let's Talk Trees!", a public engagement initiative focusing on the urban tree canopy in Vancouver.

Commissioner Bastyovanszky shared that the Mayor will be touring Evans Works Yard, along with Commissioner Viridi. The tour represents a valuable opportunity for staff to engage with

their respective leaders, and for the City and Park Board to further their collaboration in advancing Vancouver as a leading Parks and Recreation system in Canada.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

- 16 pieces of correspondence in opposition to Item 4
- Three pieces of correspondence addressing other aspects related to Item 4

MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky

THAT Item 2 be approved on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

STAFF REPORTS

1. Summertime Rib & Music Festival - Special Event

The Director of Business Services introduced the item and the Manager of Business Development, along with the Manager of Filming & Special Events, presented an overview on the [Summertime Rib & Music Festival – Special Event](#).

Following the presentation, staff responded to questions related to:

- Registration and admission
- Liquor license
- Impact on current user groups
- No-show ticket holders
- Washrooms

The Committee heard from one speaker who spoke to other aspects of the recommendations.

Subsequently it was,

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve an application from The Narrow Group and The Festival Company to host the Summercamp Rib & Music Festival special event at Jonathan Rogers Park on Friday, June 21, Saturday, June 22 and Sunday, June 23, 2024, from 11:00am to 10:00pm, with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager of the Park Board.
- B. THAT the Park Board approve an application from The Narrow Group and The Festival Company for a Special Event Permit from the BC Liquor & Cannabis Regulation Branch to serve alcohol at the aforementioned location and dates, with a maximum capacity of 3,000 guests daily.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Water Bike Rental Service at Vanier Park - Contract Award

- A. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation ("Park Board") authorize staff to negotiate to the satisfaction of the Park Board's General Manager, the City of Vancouver's (the "City") Director of Legal Services, and the City's Chief Purchasing Official and enter into a contract with BC Water Bikes Ltd., for a water bike rental service at Vanier Park, for a term of 5 years, with the option to extend for two (2) additional one (1) year terms.
- B. THAT the City's Director of Legal Services, Chief Purchasing Official and Park Board's General Manager be authorized to execute on behalf of the Park Board the contract contemplated by A above.
- C. THAT no legal rights or obligations will be created by the Park Board's adoption of A and B above unless and until such contract is executed by the authorized signatories of the City as set out in A through C.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

3. Mural and Sport Court Activation - Sunset Beach Park - Report Back

The Director of Park Planning & Development introduced and presented an update on [Mural and Sport Court Activation - Sunset Beach Park - Report Back](#).

Following the presentation, staff responded to questions related to:

- Discussions with the current mural artist
- Opportunities for indigenous artists
- Accessibility
- Funding
- Sponsorship
- Alternative court uses
- Projects at Slocan Park
- DIY Sports Court

The Committee heard from one speaker in support of the recommendations.

Prior to the vote, the Board agreed to sever the vote on the components of the motion.

MOVED by Commissioner Virdi

SECONDED by Commissioner Haer

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT, contingent on the artist raising the required funds, the Park Board direct staff to advance with a new art mural at Sunset Beach Park as proposed by the 'Art x Sport' group;

FURTHER THAT the above proceed without impact to the existing mural's contract.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- B. THAT the Park Board direct staff to proceed with sport court "pop-up" Option i as described in the Report dated April 15, 2024, titled "Mural and Sport Court Activation - Sunset Beach Park - Report Back", to be funded from the 2023- 2026 Capital Plan.

LOST

In favour: Commissioner Virdi

Opposed: Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Christensen, Digby and Haer

Abstained: Commissioner Jensen

- C. THAT the Park Board direct staff to not pursue additional food and beverage opportunities at Sunset Beach at this time, as there are not sufficient utility services at this location and as it would conflict with approved special events.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FINAL MOTION AS APPROVED

- A. THAT, contingent on the artist raising the required funds, the Park Board direct staff to advance with a new art mural at Sunset Beach Park as proposed by the 'Art x Sport' group;

FURTHER THAT the above proceed without impact to the existing mural's contract.

- B. THAT the Park Board direct staff to not pursue additional food and beverage opportunities at Sunset Beach at this time, as there are not sufficient utility services at this location and as it would conflict with approved special events.

4. Imagine West End Waterfront Parks, Beaches and Transportation Vision

The Director of Park Planning & Development introduced the item and the Manager of Planning Policy and Environment, along with the Planner of Planning Policy and Environment, presented an update on [Imagine West End Waterfront Parks, Beaches and Transportation Vision](#).

Following the presentation, staff responded to questions related to:

- Parking and transportation options and impacts
- Budgets and funding
- Jurisdictional boundaries
- Community consultation and engagement
- Impact on water views
- Renewal of community centres
- Infrastructure and Welcome Pavilion
- Re-location of the Inukshuk at English Bay
- Timeline and next steps

The Committee heard from 10 speakers in opposition to the recommendations and three who spoke to other aspects of the recommendations.

Motion to Extend

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Digby

THAT the meeting extend past 11pm.

CARRIED AND BY THE
REQUIRED MAJORITY
Opposed: Commissioner Christensen

Subsequently it was,

MOVED by Commissioner Digby
SECONDED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the Imagine West End Waterfront Vision, as outlined in the Report dated April 12, 2024, titled “Imagine West End Waterfront Parks, Beaches and Transportation Vision”, and attached as Appendix A of the same Report.
- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to begin implementation of Phase 1 of the Imagine West End Waterfront Vision in coordination with the City of Vancouver’s Engineering Services Department.
- C. THAT the Vancouver Park Board employ the Report dated April 12, 2024, titled “Imagine West End Waterfront Parks, Beaches and Transportation Vision”, in ongoing discussions with City Council to secure funding for initiatives outlined in the Auditor General’s Report approved on November 27, 2023, per Revenue-related recommendation 1, to “proactively engage with City Council as it develops current and future strategies”.

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

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Amendment to the Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Christensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky

THAT in B, the following words be added to the end “contingent on a commitment from TransLink to extend transit service on Beach Avenue to Stanley Park”.

LOST

In favour: Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Christensen and Jensen
Opposed: Commissioners Digby, Haer and Viridi

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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 Digby
SECONDED by Commissioner Jensen

THAT in B, the words “the following be referred to staff” be added at the beginning.

CARRIED

In favour: Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Christensen, Digby and Jensen
Opposed: Commissioners Haer and Viridi

Prior to the vote on the Motion as amended, the Board agreed to sever the components of the amended motion.

Question on the Main Motion as Amended

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the Imagine West End Waterfront Vision, as outlined in the Report dated April 12, 2024, titled “Imagine West End Waterfront Parks, Beaches and Transportation Vision”, and attached as Appendix A of the same Report.

CARRIED

In favour: Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Christensen, Digby and Jensen

Opposed: Commissioners Haer and Viridi

B. THAT the following be referred back to staff:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to begin implementation of Phase 1 of the Imagine West End Waterfront Vision in coordination with the City of Vancouver's Engineering Services Department.

CARRIED

In favour: Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Christensen, Digby and Jensen

Opposed: Commissioners Haer and Viridi

C. THAT the Vancouver Park Board employ the Report dated April 12, 2024, titled "Imagine West End Waterfront Parks, Beaches and Transportation Vision", in ongoing discussions with City Council to secure funding for initiatives outlined in the Auditor General's Report approved on November 27, 2023, per Revenue-related recommendation 1, to "proactively engage with City Council as it develops current and future strategies".

CARRIED

In favour: Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Christensen, Digby and Jensen

Opposed: Commissioners Haer and Viridi

The Committee meeting adjourned at 10:10 pm.

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Steve Jackson
General Manager

Commissioner Laura Christensen
Chair