



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 27, 2024

A Regular meeting of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation was held on Monday, May 27, 2024, at 7:49 pm, in the Boardroom at the Park Board Office.

PRESENT:

Commissioner Brennan Bastyovanszky, Chair
Commissioner Laura Christensen
Commissioner Tom Digby
Commissioner Angela Haer*
Commissioner Marie-Claire Howard
Commissioner Scott Jensen, Vice-Chair*
Commissioner Jas Viridi

**GENERAL MANAGER'S
OFFICE:**

Steve Jackson, General Manager
Denise Swanston, Acting Manager, Board Relations & Meeting Clerk
Jessica Kulchyski, Board Support and Meeting Assistant
Victoria Tyers, Board Support and Meeting Assistant & Meeting Clerk

* *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 Digby
SECONDED by Commissioner Christensen

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

Absent: Commissioners Haer and Jensen

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Regular Board Meeting – May 6, 2024

MOVED by Commissioner Christensen

SECONDED by Commissioner Digby

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting of May 6, 2024, be approved, with the following correction:

- Commissioner Digby's vote in favour of Commissioner Christensen's amendment to the amendment be corrected to a vote in opposition.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Absent: Commissioner Jensen

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair highlighted the participation of Commissioners at Park Board events since the previous Board meeting on May 6, 2024:

- Mother's Day Powwow – Commissioner Christensen attended the Mother's Day Powwow at Trout Lake Community Centre
- Liaison Work – Comr. Digby – Commissioner Digby attended the CCA meetings at Briannia Community Services Society, Dunbar Community Centre, and Stanley Park Ecological Society
- CRAB Park Memorial Wreath – Commissioner Digby visited CRAB Park to see the memorial wreath.
- Memorial Service for Raymond Moriyama – Commissioner Digby attended the memorial service for Japanese Canadian architect Raymond Moriyama
- Khalsa Diwan Society Sports Festival – Commissioner Digby attended the Khalsa Diwan Society 56th Annual Sports Festival at Memorial Park.
- South Memorial Park Pond – Commissioner Digby visited South Memorial Park Pond, which appears to be in vigorous growth this spring.
- Spray Park at Lumberman's Arch – Commissioner Digby visited Stanley Park and was pleased to see that the Spray Park at Lumberman's Arch was in full action on the first hot summer weekend of 2024.

- Spanish Banks Watermain Replacement – Commissioner Digby visited Spanish Banks and was impressed by the progress on the water pipe replacement at Spanish Banks West
- Advisory Committees and Liaison Work – Comr. Jensen – Commissioner Jensen attended the Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee, and Community Centre Association meetings for Strathcona, Sunset, and Douglas Park Community Centres

COMMUNICATIONS

No communication related to the meeting agenda was received.

STAFF REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

1. BC Recreation and Parks Association – Parks Excellence Award

The Director of Park Planning and Development introduced the item, and the President of the BC Recreation and Parks Association provided some background information on the Parks Excellence Award, and then presented the Award to the Park Board for the construction of s0əqəlxenəm ts'exwts'áxwi7.

2. General Manager's Report

The General Manager [presented](#) the General Manager's Report, highlighting:

- Youth Week 2024 was celebrated from May 1-7, 2024, which involved 3 city-wide events including a Queer Prom for 2SLGBTQIA+ youth, a Youth Week Skate Jam at Plaza Skate Park, an indoor volleyball tournament at Killarney Community Centre, and several other smaller community events in Community Centres across the city.
- Staff recently completed the replaced of the irrigation main at Queen Elizabeth Park, restoring water supply to the Rose Garden, Lawn Bowling, and both the small and large quarry. The park welcomes 6 million visitors per year, and this repair ensures continued high level of service.
- A contractor has been selected through public tender process for replacement of the pedestrian bridge across Musqueam Creek in Musqueam Park.
- Council Agenda Items:
 - Report titled "[Arbutus Greenway – Establishment of City Land for Street and Public Space Purposes](#)" on May 28, 2024
 - Report titled "[New Agreements for the following Childcare Centres: 3 Corners Childcare Centre, International Village Children's Centre and Learning Tree Daycare](#)" on May 28, 2024
 - Report titled "[2025-2029 Budget Outlook](#)" on May 29, 2024
 - Report titled "[2024 Cultural Grants \(CASC, Capacity, Cultural Spaces\)](#)" on May 29, 2024

- Board briefing [memos and emails](#) issued from May 6, 2024, to May 27, 2024.

BY-LAWS

MOVED by Commissioner Virdi
SECONDED by Commissioner Howard

THAT the Board enact the by-law listed on the agenda for this meeting and authorize the Chair and General Manager to sign the enacted by-law.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Parks Control By-law Amendment Regarding Liquor Consumption in Parks

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Christensen noted that the Board received a report from the Integrity Commissioner on May 27, 2024, regarding a code of conduct complaint. Commissioner Christensen requested that the Chair bring this report forward to the Board within the next 30 days, pursuant to section 5.34 of the Park Board Code of Conduct policy.

Commissioner Virdi recognized that Commissioner Howard will be receiving a knighting ceremony by the Consulate of France.

ENQUIRIES

A Commissioner requested information related to the following topic:

1. An update on the ongoing Park Naming Policy project.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 8:10 pm.

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Steve Jackson
General Manager

Brennan Bastovanszky
Chair