



## REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 10, 2024

A Regular meeting of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation was held on Monday, June 10, 2024, at 8:15 pm, in the Boardroom at the Park Board Office, and via videoconference.

**PRESENT:** Commissioner Brennan Bastyovanszky, Chair  
Commissioner Laura Christensen  
Commissioner Tom Digby  
Commissioner Marie-Claire Howard\*  
Commissioner Scott Jensen, Vice-Chair  
Commissioner Jas Viridi

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Angela Haer

**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 Christensen  
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;

(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: Commissioner Howard*

## ADOPTION OF MINUTES

### 1. Regular Board Meeting – May 27, 2024

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen

SECONDED by Commissioner Digby

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting of May 27, 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 May 27, 2024:

- Arts & Health Gala Showcase – Chair Bastovanszky spoke at the Arts & Health Gala Showcase at Roundhouse Community Arts and Recreation Centre.
- 2024 City Service Awards – Commissioners Christensen and Jensen attended the 2024 City Service Awards. Park Rangers received the People's Choice Award, and the Jericho Lands team received the JEDI award.
- UNDRIP Action Plan – Commissioner Jensen, the City of Vancouver, x̄w̄m̄ə̄θ̄k̄w̄ə̄ȳəm, S̄k̄w̄x̄w̄ú̄7̄mesh and s̄ə̄l̄il̄w̄ə̄t̄ə̄ł̄ gathered to recognize the important work that has been done to develop the UNDRIP Action Plan.
- Strathcona CCA AGM – Commissioner Jensen attended the Strathcona Community Center's Annual General Meeting.
- Coopers' Park Renewal – Commissioner Jensen visited Coopers' Park to observe the progress of the renewal, and noted the incredible work done by staff.
- WC Shelly Park Expansion – Commissioner Christensen visited WC Shelly Park to see the park expansion work, which has added new green space to the community while park design is underway.
- China Creek South Park Skatepark Renewal – Commissioner Christensen visited China Creek South Park to see the progress on the skatepark improvement work.

- South Kinross Park Tour – Commissioners attended a staff-led tour of the newly opened South Kinross Park.
- Italian Day on the Drive – Commissioners attended Italian Day on the Drive, celebrating Italian Heritage Month.
- Kits Pool Concession Stand – Chair Bastyovanszky visited the new concession stand above Kits Pool.
- Boat for Hope – Chair Bastyovanszky attended Boat for Hope with Sara from Variety – The Children’s Charity at Hastings Mill Park.
- Second Beach Pool – Chair Bastyovanszky visited Second Beach pool ahead of the extended hours announcements and met with the lifeguards.
- Canada Pride Launch Party – Chair Bastyovanszky and Commissioner Jensen attended the Canada Pride Launch Party hosted by the Vancouver Pride Society.
- I Heart Yaletown BBQ – Commissioners attended the I Heart Yaletown BBQ at Roundhouse Community Centre.
- Save the Park Board Debate – Commissioners attended a public debate about the important role the Park Board plays in protecting Vancouver parks and green spaces.
- Liaison Appointments – Chair Bastyovanszky attended the 2SLGBTQ+ Advisory Committee, Vancouver Field Sports Federation Bi-Monthly Meeting.
- Honouring Charles Flavelle – The passing of Charles Flavelle, co-owner of Purdy’s Chocolates, is commemorated for his significant contribution to the community through the creation of Choklit Park.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

No communication related to the meeting agenda was received.

## **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT**

### **1. Report of the Board Committee – June 10, 2024**

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

1. Sport Field Strategy

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen

SECONDED by Commissioner Christensen

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Board Committee at its meeting of June 10, 2024, as contained in item 1.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## STAFF REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

### 1. Stanley Park Train - Update

The Director of Business Services, along with the Train Operations Team Lead of Business Services, provided an update on [Stanley Park Train](#).

Following the presentation, staff responded to questions related to:

- Ticketing system
- Events revenue
- Farmyard and barn use
- Allocation of train storage barn
- Funding from philanthropic community

### 2. General Manager's Report

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

- Mobile Building Workers – Staff have been hard at work providing more consistent service delivery to over 60 locations and more than 100 washrooms. Staff have also completed deep cleaning of all the beach locations.
- Spanish Banks Water Main Replacement – Staff advised that water main pipes have been replaced, restoring water supply services to the west concession building, washroom facilities, lifeguarding station, and fire hydrant. New services have been provided for dust suppression at volleyball courts and special events in the area.
- Broadway Public Realm Plan – Phase 2 Engagement – Second round of public engagement for the Broadway Public Realm Plan and Broadway Streetscape Plan will be launched on June 13, 2024. The Plan's expected completion date is the end of 2024.
- New Public Space in Broadway Plan Area – On May 30, Council approved rezoning for 130 W Broadway, the former site of Mountain Equipment Co-op store. This will soon be home to 514 rental units in two towers, connected with a single storey podium, the fully accessible rooftop public space, commercial uses, and a childcare facility.
- 2024 City Service Awards – Park Rangers received the People's Choice Award. Rangers are in the field seven days a week, 18 hours a day, making Vancouver's parks and beaches safe, clean, and accessible. The JEDI award was presented to the Jericho Lands team, recognizing the exceptional contribution the team has made to advancing Justice, Equity, Decolonization, and Inclusion work over the past year.
- Council Agenda Items:
  - Report titled "[Vancouver Official Development Plan – Project Scope and Terms of Reference](#)" on June 12, 2024.
  - Report titled "[Establishing a Chinatown Cultural District](#)" on June 12, 2024.
- Board briefing [memos and emails](#) issued from May 27, 2024 to June 10, 2024.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

**ENQUIRIES**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 8:51 pm.

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Steve Jackson  
General Manager

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Commissioner Brennan Bastyovanszky  
Chair