



BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

June 10, 2024

A Committee meeting of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation was held on Monday, June 10, 2024, at 6:33 pm, in the Boardroom at the Park Board Office, and via videoconference.

PRESENT: Commissioner Laura Christensen, Chair
Commissioner Brennan Bastyovanszky
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

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 – May 6, 2024

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky

THAT the Minutes of the Board Committee meeting on May 6, 2024, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Jensen acknowledged the leadership team of the Canadian International Dragon Boat Festival Society for their coordination in arranging the first public drone show in Vancouver on June 22, 2024.

Commissioner Bastyovanszky highlighted that June is Pride Month, emphasizing the unity of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community as they spotlight resilience, celebrate talents, and acknowledge contributions. He stressed the importance of recognizing and safeguarding rights and achievements and the ongoing need for advocacy and celebration within the community.

Commissioner Jensen commended the Park Board Mobile Janitorial Team on their nomination for the Safety Award, and celebrated the Park Rangers for winning the People's Choice Award at the 2024 City Service Awards. Gratitude was extended to all park board staff for their dedication.

Commissioner Jensen also reminded the public that Sunday marks Father's Day, expressing appreciation for all fathers and encouraging the public to enjoy the Park Board facilities over the upcoming weekend.

Commissioner Jensen thanked and acknowledged the Director of Urban Relationships for all her hard work and dedication to Vancouver parks and wished her all the best in her future endeavours.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

- Two pieces of correspondence in support of Item 1

STAFF REPORTS

1. Sport Field Strategy

The Director of Park Planning & Development introduced the item and the Planners of Planning Policy & Environment presented an overview of the [Sport Field Strategy](#).

Following the presentation, staff responded to questions related to:

- Permitting process
- Financial considerations
- Field types and conversion
- Sport-specific priority fields
- Capital projects and asset management
- Community contribution
- Park Naming Policy

The Committee heard from two speakers in support of the recommendations.

Subsequently it was,

MOVED by Commissioner Bastovanszky
SECONDED by Commissioner Jensen

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the “Sport Field Strategy”, as outlined in the report dated May 28, 2024, entitled “Sport Field Strategy” and its attachments, to guide the planning, management, maintenance and operational decision making for Vancouver’s sport fields over the next 10+ years.
- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to report back to the Board through the four-year Capital Plan and Annual Capital and Operating Budget processes to confirm specific project priorities and investments.
- C. THAT staff be directed to report back to the Board prior to making any substantive changes to current operating policies as suggested by this Strategy.
- D. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to provide a briefing to City Council, for information, per recommendations within the City’s Office of the Auditor General’s report of November 27, 2023.
- E. THAT the Vancouver Park Board consider past Board motions dated 2021 or prior regarding sport fields superseded, by virtue of approval of the report dated May 28, 2024, entitled “Sport Field Strategy” and its attachments.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.

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Steve Jackson
General Manager

Commissioner Laura Christensen
Chair