



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



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 Bastyovanszky 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, S̄k̄w̄x̄w̄ú7mesh and sə̄l̄il̄w̄ə̄t̄ə̄ł̄ 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

Commissioner Brennan Bastyovanszky
Chair