



## BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

June 24 and 25, 2024

A Committee meeting of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation was held on Monday, June 24, 2024, at 6:38pm, in the Boardroom at the Park Board Office. The meeting recessed and reconvened at 5:33pm on Tuesday, June 25, 2024.

**PRESENT:**

Commissioner Laura Christensen, Chair  
Commissioner Brennan Bastyovanszky  
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  
Connie Law, Board Support and Meeting Assistant & Meeting Clerk  
Victoria Tyers, 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 – June 10, 2024**

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen  
SECONDED by Commissioner Haer

THAT the Minutes of the Board Committee meeting on June 10, 2024, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Bastyovanszky announced that the Vancouver Park Board received an open letter of support from Minnesota's elected Park Board and Minnesota's Mayor. Commissioner Bastyovanszky thanked Minnesota's Mayor for supporting Vancouver's elected Park Board.

Commissioner Jensen recognized National Indigenous People's Day on Friday, June 21, 2024. The Park Board hosted an outdoor movie at Ceperley Meadow titled "Slash/Back". To prep the field for the event, Director Gandha and the Park Ops Team utilized the new goose poop scoopers to maintain cleanliness, enhancing the experience for attendees. Commissioner

Jensen thanked Director Gandha and the Park Board staff for their ongoing efforts to beautify parks.

Commissioner Haer attended the 39<sup>th</sup> annual memorial for the 331 victims of the Air India bombing on June 23 at Stanley Park's Ceperley Playground. The memorial honoured the 329 victims, including 82 children, and two baggage handlers in Narita, Japan.

## COMMUNICATIONS

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

- Eight pieces of correspondence in support of Item 1

## STAFF REPORTS

### 1. South Vancouver Park Amenities

The Associate Director of Park Planning and Development introduced the item and the Senior Project Manager of Planning and Park Development presented an overview on [South Vancouver Park Amenities](#).

Following the presentation, staff responded to questions related to:

- Funding allocation and partnerships
- Commitment to reconciliation and decolonization
- Synthetic turf field conversion
- Lifespan and multi-sport use of field
- Use of short pile and long pile fields
- School access and community engagement
- Parking and transportation access
- User groups and community events
- VanPlay, Sports Field Strategy, Field House Strategy, and Washroom Strategy
- Environmental impacts
- Geotechnical and topographical suitability of sites

The Committee heard from 43 speakers in support of the recommendations and two who spoke to other aspects of the recommendations.

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At 9:33pm, during the hearing of speakers, it was,

MOVED by Commissioner Haer  
SECONDED by Commissioner Viridi

THAT the meeting extend in order to complete the business on the agenda.

LOST NOT HAVING RECEIVED  
THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

*In favour: Commissioners Haer, Howard and Viridi*

*Opposed: Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Christensen, Digby and Jensen*

Subsequently, it was,

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen

SECONDED by Commissioner Haer

THAT the meeting extend past 10pm in order to hear from registered speakers.

CARRIED AND BY THE  
REQUIRED MAJORITY

*In favour: Commissioner Haer, Howard, Jensen and Viridi*

*Opposed: Commissioners Christensen and Digby*

*Abstained: Commissioner Bastyovanszky*

#### **Recess**

The meeting recessed at 10:07pm and reconvened at 10:18pm.

#### **Recess**

Following the conclusion of speakers to Item 1, the Committee meeting recessed at 11:44pm, and reconvened on Tuesday, June 25, 2024, at 5:33pm.

Subsequently, it was,

MOVED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky

SECONDED by Commissioner Haer

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the delivery of a new synthetic turf field on the north pitch of Moberly Park (Moberly Field North) with funding contingent on the Growing Communities Fund.
- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to proceed with field hockey for the synthetic turf field's primary sport use.
- C. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the delivery of additional park amenities including a new walking loop at Moberly Field North delivered as part of the synthetic turf field project, and a playground renewal at Ross Park to be delivered as part of the new spray park project.
- D. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the delivery of a new field house at Moberly Park which is required to support the new synthetic turf field subject to additional funding being made available from the Growing Communities Fund; and

- E. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the delivery of a new field house at Ross Park which is required to support the spray park subject to additional funding being made available from the Growing Communities Fund.

**Amendment to the Main Motion**

MOVED by Commissioner Haer  
SECONDED by Commissioner Howard

THAT in B, the following words “and inclusive of other sports including, soccer, lacrosse, ultimate frisbee etc.” be added to the end.

**Amendment to the Amendment**

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen  
SECONDED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky

THAT the words “a short pile” be added before “field hockey”, and “and inclusive of and lined for soccer, etc.” be added to the end.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Amendment to the Amendment**

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen  
SECONDED by Commissioner Virdi

THAT the word “youth” be added before “soccer”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The amendments to the amendment having carried, the amendment as amended was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Amendment to the Main Motion as Amended**

MOVED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky  
SECONDED by Commissioner Haer

THAT in C, the words “contingent on the Growing Communities Fund” be added to the end; and

THAT the following be added as F and G:

- F. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to engage with Vancouver School Board and Walter Moberly Elementary School to collaborate on a shared user agreement to the turf field for the school and use of the school’s parking lot to help reduce residential parking impact.

- G. THAT Staff report back with the award for contract decision for the turf field to come to the elected park board in Q1 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Prior to the final 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 delivery of a new synthetic turf field on the north pitch of Moberly Park (Moberly Field North) with funding contingent on the Growing Communities Fund.

CARRIED

*In favour: Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Haer, Howard, Jensen and Virdi*

*Opposed: Commissioner Digby*

*Abstained: Commissioner Christensen*

- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to proceed with a short pile field hockey for the synthetic turf field's primary sport use; and inclusive of and lined for youth soccer, etc.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*In favour: Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Christensen, Haer, Howard, Jensen and Virdi*

*Abstained: Commissioner Digby*

- C. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the delivery of additional park amenities including a new walking loop at Moberly Field North delivered as part of the synthetic turf field project, and a playground renewal at Ross Park to be delivered as part of the new spray park project contingent on the Growing Communities Fund.

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- D. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the delivery of a new field house at Moberly Park which is required to support the new synthetic turf field subject to additional funding being made available from the Growing Communities Fund.

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- E. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the delivery of a new field house at Ross Park which is required to support the spray park subject to additional funding being made available from the Growing Communities Fund.

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- F. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to engage with Vancouver School Board and Walter Moberly Elementary School to collaborate on a shared user

agreement to the turf field for the school and use of the school's parking lot to help reduce residential parking impact; and

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- G. THAT Staff report back with the award for contract decision for the turf field to come to the elected park board in Q1 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee meeting adjourned on June 25, 2024, at 6:24 pm.

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Steve Jackson  
General Manager

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Commissioner Laura Christensen  
Chair