



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 25, 2024

A Regular meeting of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation was held on Tuesday, June 25, 2024, at 6:34 pm, in the Boardroom at the Park Board Office.

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
Victoria Tyers, Board Support and Meeting Assistant

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 Jensen

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:

(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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Regular Board Meeting – June 10, 2024

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen

SECONDED by Commissioner Digby

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting of June 10, 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 June 10, 2024:

- Vancouver Canadians Annual Dog Days of Summer – Commissioner Jensen and Benson DuBois attended the first pitch at the Vancouver Canadians Dog Day of Summer at Nat Bailey Stadium.
- 2024 Dragon Boat Festival Blessing Ceremony – Commissioner Jensen attended the Dragon Boat Festival Blessing Ceremony at False Creek ahead of the 36th Dragon Boat Festival.
- Bard on the Beach – Chair Bastyovanszky along with Vancouver School Board Chair Jung, Commissioner Digby and Commissioner Jensen attended Bard on the Beach to watch Hamlet in Vanier Park.
- Advisory Committees – Commissioner Jensen attended advisory meetings with the Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee, Vancouver Food Policy Council, and hosted the quarterly meeting of Childcare Council at Park Board office.
- Celebration at Stanley Park Pitch and Putt – Commissioners and staff celebrated the launch of alcohol service at Stanley Park Pitch and Putt and Queen Elizabeth Pitch and Putt.
- SummerCamp Rib & Music Fest – Commissioner Jensen attended the SummerCamp Rib & Music Fest at Jonathan Rogers Park.
- Douglas Park Community Day – Commissioner Jensen provided opening remarks at the Douglas Park Community Day alongside Mayor Sim and Director Kellock.
- Dragon Boat Festival – Commissioner Jensen attended the Dragon Boat Festival and provided colour commentary during the Breast Cancer races.
- Marpole Community Day Festival – Commissioner Digby attended the annual Marpole Community Day Festival at Oak Park with the CCA Chair Mike Burdick.
- VanDusen Garden/Bloedel Conservatory Annual General Meeting – Commissioner Digby attended the Vancouver Botanical Garden Association AGM to celebrate their new Joint Operating Agreement with the Park Board.

- Jericho Beach Park – Commissioner Digby visited the extensive invasive species removal project currently underway at Jericho Beach Park.
- National Indigenous People's Day – Commissioner Digby joined band member Wade Grant at the Indigenous People's Day festivities held at the Musqueam Reserve.
- Meeting with Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board – Chair Bastyovanszky, Commissioners Christensen and Digby met with the elected members of the Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board in Seattle.
- Visit to Bellingham Boardwalk – Chair Bastyovanszky, Commissioners Christensen and Digby toured the elevated Bellingham Boardwalk to observe the highly popular ocean-front seawall alternative.

COMMUNICATIONS

No communication related to the meeting agenda was received.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Report of the Board Committee – June 24 and 25, 2024

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

1. South Vancouver Park Amenities

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Digby

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Board Committee at its meeting of June 24 and 25, 2024, as contained in item 1.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

STAFF REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

1. Integrity Commissioner Investigation Report

Commissioners Christensen and Viridi, as the respective Complainant and the Respondent of the Investigation Report, declared conflicts of interest on the matter and excused themselves from the meeting for the duration of the item.

Amendment to the Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Digby

THAT the following be added as C & D:

- C. THAT the Vancouver Park Board endorse the recommendation for Commissioner Virdi to issue a letter of apology to Commissioner Christensen.
- D. THAT the timeline for the Board to make its final determination be extended.

As the legal representation of Commissioner Virdi was unavailable to attend the meeting, the vote on the extension was put, and the remainder of the motion was deferred to the next meeting:

THAT the timeline for the Board to make its final determination on the matter be extended beyond 30 days, and decision on the following amended motion be deferred to the July 8, meeting:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board resolve to review the Investigation Report issued by the Integrity Commissioner on May 24, 2024, (the "Investigation Report") attached as Appendix "A" to the report dated June 14, 2024, title "Integrity Commissioner Investigation Report Decision".
- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board endorse the recommendation on sanctions made by the Integrity Commissioner in the Investigation Report or, alternatively, impose those sanctions which the Board determines appropriate.
- C. THAT the Vancouver Park Board endorse the recommendation for Commissioner Virdi to issue a letter of apology to Commissioner Christensen.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In favour: Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Digby and Jensen

Abstained: Commissioner Howard

Following conclusion of Item 1, Commissioners Christensen and Virdi re-joined the meeting.

2. General Manager's Report

The General Manager presented the General Manager's Report, highlighting:

- KCCA Food Security Initiatives – Kitsilano War Memorial Community Centre Association has developed various programs supporting food security and food culture, and created a working group with ten organizations to unify community services. They are also hosting the Park Board's Artist in the Kitchen pilot program. Staff are pleased to celebrate the successes of our important joint operating partners in our community centres.

- Rupert and Renfrew Stations Area Planning – On June 29, Phase 3 of the Rupert and Renfrew Stations area planning will begin. The engagement covers the draft land use plan and amenity priorities for 25 years in an area of significant population growth. The draft plan includes Still Creek and park expansions, park amenity funded improvements, and the renewal of the Renfrew Park Community Centre.
- Art in Andy Livingstone Park – Art in the Park at Andy Livingstone is an annual artist in residence project through the Urban Park Activation Team. The project focuses on destigmatization and community building through creative practices and connection with Indigenous Elders. The opening celebration is on June 27, with ongoing sessions on Thursdays and Sundays from 2 - 6pm throughout the summer.
- Council Agenda Items:
 - Report titled "[City of Vancouver UNDRIP Action Plan](#)" on June 25, 2024.
 - Report titled "[2024 Homelessness Services Grants and Heart Preparedness Response Grant](#)" on June 26, 2024.
 - Report titled "[Downtown Eastside Plan Implementation and Special Enterprise Program Grant Allocations – 2024](#)" on June 26, 2024.
 - Presentation titled "2023-2026 Capital Plan Mid-Term Update" on June 26, 2024.
 - Motion titled "[Reimagining and Replacing Kitsilano Outdoor Pool](#)" on June 26, 2024.
- Board briefing [memos and emails](#) issued from June 10, 2024 to June 24, 2024.

NOTICE OF MEMBERS' MOTIONS

1. Review of Trusts, Bequests and Leases Pertaining to Vancouver Parks

Commissioner Digby submitted a Notice of Motion on the above-noted matter. The motion below may be placed on the Board meeting agenda of July 8, 2024, as a Member's Motion.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board directs staff to conduct a review of any and all trusts, bequests and leases pertaining to parks and recreation facilities in Vancouver to identify risks and potential exposure should the elected Park Board be abolished.
- B. THAT all 240+ parks and 40+ recreation facilities be included in such review, especially including Stanley Park.
- C. THAT such review shall be delivered to Commissioners in camera by Q2/2025; Issues of urgent concern may be raised in advance if and when they are identified; and

- D. THAT should staff need an exemption from this Board's December 11, 2023, motion to not allocate any resources towards a transition working group, it should be considered granted for the purposes of this motion.

ENQUIRIES

Commissioners requested information related to the following topics:

1. Seasonal timing adjustment for beach sweeps.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 6:57 pm.

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Steve Jackson
General Manager

Commissioner Brennan Bastyovanszky
Chair