



BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

July 8, 2024

A Committee meeting of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation was held on Monday, July 8, 2024, at 6:32 pm, in the Boardroom at the Park Board Office, and via videoconference.

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, 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 territory of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Board Committee Meeting – June 24 and 25, 2024

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Haer

THAT the Minutes of the Board Committee meeting on June 24 and 25, 2024, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
Absent: Commissioner Howard

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Jensen acknowledged that July 14 marks Bastille Day.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

- Four pieces of correspondence in support of Item 2
- 290 pieces of correspondence in opposition to Item 2
- Four pieces of correspondence addressing other aspects related to Item 2

STAFF REPORTS

1. Park Board 2023-2026 Capital Plan Mid-term Update

The Director of Strategic Operations and Board Relations introduced the item and provided an overview on the [Park Board 2023-2026 Capital Plan Mid-term Update](#).

Following the presentation, staff responded to questions related to:

- Facilities upgrade
- Deferred renewal of RayCam Community Centre
- Budget outlook and capital mid-term update relationship
- Funding for field upgrades
- Unfunded projects and funding allocation
- Donation and fundraising committee

The Committee heard from one speaker in support of the recommendations.

Subsequently it was,

MOVED by Commissioner Haer

SECONDED by Commissioner Viridi

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board support the reduction of \$16.3M to the 2023-2026 Capital Plan through the Mid-term Update & Recalibration request to Council, as outlined in the Report dated June 27, 2024, entitled “Park Board 2023-2026 Capital Plan Mid-term Update” and Appendix A, B and C, resulting in a revised 2023-2026 Capital Plan of:

- i. \$227.9M Parks and Open Spaces;
- ii. \$307.1M Recreation Facilities; and
- iii. \$11.4M Service Yards.

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At this point in the proceedings, Commissioner Christensen relinquished the Chair to Commissioner Jensen, in order to move an amendment.

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Amendment to the Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Christensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky

THAT the following paragraphs be added:

FURTHER THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation request, via a letter from the Chair, that Council consider in its decision on the Report "2023-2026 Capital Plan Mid-term Update" on July 23, 2024, to revise the reduction of the Park Board 2023-2026 Capital Plan to \$11.5M, to fund the "unfunded projects/programs" listed in the Report, including: New Washroom/Fieldhouse at Tisdall (\$3M), Moberly Park Walking Path (\$0.2M), Ross Park Playground Renewal (\$0.7M), Renewal & upgrades of ball diamonds & playfields (\$1.0M);

AND FURTHER THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation request, via a letter from the Chair, that Council commit to a \$347M over 5-years "emergency restoration fund" to cover the deferred maintenance on Buildings and Facilities, as promised in the 2022 ABC election campaign.

CARRIED

In favour: Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Christensen, Digby and Jensen

Opposed: Commissioners Howard and Virdi

Absent: Commissioner Haer

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At this point in the proceedings, Commissioner Christensen resumed the role of Chair.

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Question on the Main Motion as Amended

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CARRIED

In favour: Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Christensen, Digby and Jensen

Opposed: Commissioners Howard and Viridi

Absent: Commissioner Haer

2. Imagine West End Waterfront Vision: Phase 1 - Report Back

The Director of Park Planning and Development and the Associate Director of Planning Policy and Environment introduced the item, and the Senior Planners of Planning and Park Development presented an overview on the [Imagine West End Waterfront Vision: Phase 1 - Report Back](#).

Following the presentation, staff responded to questions related to:

- Stanley Park connection
- Jurisdiction of Park Board and City
- Project urgency
- Funding sources
- Traffic analysis from Stanley Park Mobility Considerations
- Tree canopy along Beach Avenue
- Stanley Park Mobility Study
- All Ages and Abilities bike lane
- Public engagement

The Committee heard from one speaker in support of the recommendations, ten speakers in opposition to the recommendations and four who spoke to other aspects of the recommendations.

Subsequently it was,

MOVED by Commissioner Virdi
SECONDED by Commissioner Jensen

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Board approve Phase 1 of the Imagine West End Waterfront Vision as proposed in the Report dated June 28, 2024, and direct staff to begin detailed design in coordination with City of Vancouver staff, subject to funding sources for implementation being approved through the Mid Term Capital Update.
- B. THAT the Board direct staff to enable (insert wording from OPTION 1 or 2) as outlined in Appendix B:

OPTION 1 – *Two-Way Beach Avenue with Direct Exit from Stanley Park* - to enable traffic from Stanley Park to exit onto Beach Avenue in the development of the detailed design for Phase 1, in alignment with the Vancouver City Council decision to reinstate two-way traffic on Beach Avenue west of Denman Street, through either one of two sub-options:

- OPTION 1A – Beach Avenue/Park Lane Intersection Change Only
- OPTION 1B – Stanley Park Drive Reconfiguration

OPTION 2 – *Two Way Beach with No Direct Exit from Stanley Park* - to not enable traffic from Stanley Park to exit onto Beach Avenue, and instead to maintain existing routing within Stanley Park.

- C. THAT the Board direct staff to respond to Council's interest in a strategy to scope efforts around foreshore mitigation and investments in the Seawall, by sharing with Council the findings of the Park Board's Climate Adaptation Response for Parks and Beaches when this work is complete.

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Motion to Extend

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Digby

THAT the meeting extend past 10:00pm in order to complete the business on the agenda.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

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Amendment to the Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky

THAT the motion be struck and replaced with the following:

- A. THAT the Board does not approve implementation of Phase 1 of the Imagine West End Waterfront Vision Report dated June 28, 2024.
- B. THAT the Board direct staff to report back on near term options for reallocating the \$10m proposed capital spending to Phase 4A and Phase 4B of the Imagine West End Waterfront Parks, Beaches and Transportation Vision, approved by this Board on April 22, 2024.
- C. THAT the Board direct staff to respond to Council's interest in a strategy to scope efforts around foreshore mitigation and investments in the Seawall, by sharing with Council the findings of the Park Board's Climate Adaptation Response for Parks and Beaches when these findings are available.

CARRIED

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

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CARRIED

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

The Committee meeting adjourned at 10:19 pm.

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Steve Jackson
General Manager

Commissioner Laura Christensen
Chair