



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 21, 2024

A Regular meeting of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation was held on Monday, October 21, 2024, at 9:12 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, Manager, Board Relations & Meeting Clerk
Connie Law, Board Support and Meeting Assistant
Victoria Tyers, Board Support and Meeting Assistant & Meeting Clerk

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 Jensen
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;
and

(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 – October 8, 2024

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Digby

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting of October 8, 2024, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

At this point in the proceedings, Commissioner Digby raised a Point of Order, enquiring whether or not absent Commissioners submitted a Leave of Absence request. The Chair responded that, per section 5.3 of the Park Board Procedure By-law, Commissioners are expected to attend all meetings unless the absence is because of illness or injury or is with leave of the Board.

Commissioner Virdi raised a Point of Order, enquiring if it is customary to announce which Commissioners are absent. The Chair responded and reminded the Board of the process for absences.

MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Virdi

THAT the Board approve Staff Report 1 on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair highlighted the participation of Commissioners at Park Board events since the previous Board meeting on October 8, 2024:

- Commissioner Digby attended the Stanley Park Ecology Society's staff and board retreat on October 5. He also attended the Dunbar Community Centre Association meeting on October 9
- Commissioner Digby attended the New Brighton Park Biodiversity Enhancement Volunteer Appreciation Event.
- Commissioners joined members of the Vancouver Skateboard Coalition to celebrate the reopening of China Creek Skatepark.
- Commissioners attended the launch of the Halloween Ghost Train in Stanley Park.
- Commissioner Christensen attended the Canyon Lights event.
- Chair Bastyovanszky attended the Kitsilano Community Centre Association meeting in his role as liaison.
- Commissioner Jensen volunteered with Union Gospel Mission, serving Thanksgiving Lunch.
- Chair Bastyovanszky and Commissioner Jensen attended the Sustenance Festival.
- Commissioners attended a Board Briefing on October 15

COMMUNICATIONS

No communication related to the meeting agenda was received.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Report of the Board Committee – October 21, 2024

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

1. Amenity Improvement Fee Framework – Multi-Year Pilot
2. Bard on the Beach

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 October 21, 2024, as contained in items 1 to 2.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

STAFF REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

1. Proposed 2025 Park Board Meeting Schedule

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the 2025 meeting dates as outlined below, with meetings open to the public commencing at 6:30pm and with Regular Board meetings to immediately follow Board Committee meetings (when scheduled):

January 20	February 03 February 24	March 10 March 31
April 14 April 28	May 12	June 02 June 16
July 07 July 21	August break	September 15
October 06 October 20	November 03 November 24 (Special Budget)	December 08

FURTHER THAT the Board reserve the hour prior to each public meeting for an In Camera meeting, should it be required;

AND FURTHER THAT the Board reserve every Tuesday evening following the above-noted meeting dates, commencing at 5:30pm, should any meetings need to be reconvened or rescheduled.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

2. General Manager's Report

The General Manager [presented](#) the General Manager's Report, highlighting:

- Vancouver CitySkate – City Creek Skatepark Upgrades – On October 7, the China Creek Skatepark Upgrades project was completed and reopened to the public.
- Council Agenda Items:
 - Report titled "[Villages Planning Program – Scope of Work](#)" on October 22, 2024.
 - Report titled "[Municipal Grants Jurisdictional Review and Arts, Culture and Social Grant Program Refinement](#)" on October 22, 2024
 - Motion titled "[Protecting and Enhancing Greenspace for the East End, Chinatown, Hogan's Alley and Strathcona](#)" on October 23, 2024
- Board briefing [memos and emails](#) issued from October 8, 2024, to October 21, 2024.

Following the presentation, the GM responded to questions related to:

- Tree removal at the FIFA training site at Memorial South Park
- Amenity upgrades at Memorial South Park
- Online petitions regarding the FIFA training site at Memorial South Park

NOTICE OF MEMBERS' MOTIONS

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ENQUIRIES

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 9:28 pm.

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Steve Jackson
General Manager

Commissioner Brennan Bastyovanszky
Chair