



BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 21, 2024

A Committee meeting of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation was held on Monday, October 21, 2024, at 6:31 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, 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 territory of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations.

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Motion to Suspend the Rules

MOVED by Commissioner Digby
SECONDED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky

THAT the Vancouver Park Board suspend section 15.3 of the Procedure By-law to reduce the length of time permitted for speakers to speak from five minutes to three minutes

CARRIED AND BY
THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

In Favour: Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Christensen, Digby, Viridi

Opposed: Commissioner Jensen

Abstained: Commissioner Howard

VARY AGENDA

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky

THAT the Board vary the order of the Agenda to deal with Item 2, before proceeding with the remainder of the Agenda

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

In Favour: Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Christensen, Digby, Jensen, Virdi
Abstained: Howard

For ease of reference, the Minutes are recorded in chronological order.

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ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Board Committee Meeting – October 7 and 8, 2024

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky

THAT the Minutes of the Board Committee meeting on October 7 and 8, 2024, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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 1
- Four pieces of correspondence in support of Item 2

STAFF REPORTS

2. Bard on the Beach Pilot Program

The Director of Business Services introduced the item and the Manager of Business Development, presented an overview on the proposed pilot program.

Following the presentation, staff responded to questions related to:

- Potential use of space
- Community and stakeholder feedback and engagement
- Site footprint, amenities, and artwork

The Committee heard from four speakers in support of the recommendations.

Subsequently it was,

MOVED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky
SECONDED by Commissioner Jensen

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation (“Park Board”) authorize staff to negotiate to the satisfaction of the Park Board’s General Manager and the City of Vancouver’s (the “City”) Director of Legal Services and enter into a contract with Bard on the Beach Shakespeare Festival for a pilot program that will enable the Festival’s mainstage arches to remain onsite at Señákw/Vanier Park during the event’s off-season between November 2024 and March 2025.
- B. THAT the City’s Director of Legal Services and Park Board’s General Manager be authorized to execute on behalf of the Park Board the contract contemplated by A above.
- C. THAT no legal rights or obligations will be created by the Park Board’s adoption of A and B above unless and until such contract is executed by the authorized signatories of the City as set out in A through C of the Report dated October 11, 2024, titled “Bard on the Beach Pilot Program”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Amenity Improvement Fee Framework – Multi-Year Pilot

The Director of Financial Planning and Analysis introduced the item and the Senior Project Manager of Strategic Initiatives, presented an overview on the proposed pilot program.

Following the presentation, staff responded to questions related to:

- Fee structure
- Distribution, reporting, and access of funds

- Project prioritization
- Impact on Leisure Access Program

The Committee heard from three speakers in support of the recommendations, eight speakers in opposition to the recommendations and three who spoke to other aspects of the recommendations.

Subsequently it was,

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Park Board approve the Amenity Improvement Fee Framework – Multi-Year Pilot, as presented in The Report dated October 12, 2024, titled “Amenity Improvement Fee Framework – Multi-Year Pilot”.
- B. THAT the Park Board direct staff to work with City of Vancouver Chief Finance Officer to open interest-bearing Reserve Funds for the purpose of collecting the proceeds of the Amenity Improvement Fee Framework.
- C. THAT the Park Board direct staff to report back on the results of the Amenity Improvement Fee Framework – Multi-Year Pilot in Q4 of 2025 and Q4 of 2026.
- D. THAT the Park Board direct staff to analyze further opportunities for amenity fee implementation and report back with a recommendation as part of the report back in Q4 2025.
- E. THAT the Park Board direct staff to report back with the proposed amenity improvement fees as part of the 2025 Fees & Charges Parks and Recreation report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm.

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Steve Jackson
General Manager

Commissioner Laura Christensen
Chair