



## BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 4, 2024

A Committee meeting of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation was held on Monday, November 4, 2024, at 6:32 pm, in the Boardroom at the Park Board Office, and via videoconference.

**PRESENT:**

Commissioner Scott Jensen, Acting Chair  
Commissioner Laura Christensen  
Commissioner Brennan Bastyovanszky  
Commissioner Tom Digby  
Commissioner Angela Haer  
Commissioner Marie-Claire Howard  
Commissioner Jas Viridi

**GENERAL MANAGER'S  
OFFICE:**

Steve Jackson, General Manager  
Denise Swanston, Manager, Board Relations & Meeting Clerk  
Jessica Kulchyski, Board Support and Meeting Assistant  
Victoria Tyers, Board Support and Meeting Assistant & Meeting Clerk

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*As Commissioner Christensen was participating virtually, Commissioner Jensen, as Vice-Chair, assumed the role of Chair for the Committee Meeting.*

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### 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.

### ADOPTION OF MINUTES

**1. Board Committee Meeting – October 21, 2024**

MOVED by Commissioner Digby  
SECONDED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky

THAT the Minutes of the Board Committee meeting on October 21, 2024, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Bastiovanszky recognized Diwali, the Hindu Festival of Lights, symbolizing the spiritual victory of light over darkness, on November 1.

Commissioner Bastiovanszky acknowledged Trans Day of Remembrance on November 20, memorializing those whose lives were lost in acts of transphobia.

Commissioner Digby acknowledged Remembrance Day on November 11 and Indigenous Remembrance Day on November 8, in honour of the sacrifices made by veterans.

Commissioner Virdi recognized Bandi Chhor Divas, a Sikh celebration commemorating the release of 52 kings from slavery, on November 1.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

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

- one piece of correspondence in support of Item 1
- two pieces of correspondence in support of Item 2
- two pieces of correspondence regarding other aspects of Item 2

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **1. T100 Vancouver Multisport Festival 2025 - Special Event**

The Manager of Business Development, Special Events & Filming, along with the Manager of Operations, Special Events & Filming, presented an [overview of the event](#).

Following the presentation, staff responded to questions related to:

- Environmental impacts
- Event timeline
- Impact on user groups and public access
- Food and beverage services
- Public engagement
- Revenue
- Accessibility

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

MOVED by Commissioner Virdi  
SECONDED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve an application from Professional Triathletes Organization and Do North Events to host the T100 Vancouver Multisport Festival special event at Jericho Beach Park and Locarno Beach Park over three days on Friday, June 13, Saturday, June 14 and Sunday, June 15, 2025, with all arrangements to the satisfaction of the General Manager of the Park Board.

CARRIED

*In favour: Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Christensen, Digby, Haer, Jensen, Virdi*

*Opposed: Commissioner Howard*

## 2. East Park Phase 1 - Proposed Concept Plan

The Director of Planning and Park Development introduced the item and the Associate Director of Park Development, along with the Landscape Architect on the project, presented an overview of the proposed [concept plan for East Park Phase 1](#).

Following the presentation, staff responded to questions related to:

- Renewal timeline
- Tree protection and irrigation
- Sight lines and visibility
- Consideration of amenities
- Engagement with Indigenous artists
- Accessibility features
- Impact on user groups and community stakeholders
- Traffic impacts

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*During questions of staff, the Chair raised a Point of Order advising Commissioner Digby that people of many gender identities may feel vulnerable in public spaces at night, and to reframe his language regarding the use of specific genders.*

*Subsequently, Commissioner Digby reframed his question to staff.*

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The Committee heard from one speaker in support of the recommendations and one who spoke to other aspects of the recommendations.

Subsequently it was,

MOVED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky  
SECONDED by Commissioner Digby

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the concept plan for East Park Phase I as described and shown in the Report dated October 23, 2024, titled "East Park Phase 1 - Proposed Concept Plan".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

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Steve Jackson  
General Manager

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Commissioner Scott Jensen  
Acting Chair