



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

Commissioner Bastovanszky 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

Commissioner Scott Jensen
Acting Chair



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 4, 2024

A Regular meeting of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation was held on Monday, November 4, 2024, at 9:23 pm, in the Boardroom at the Park Board Office, and via videoconference.

PRESENT:

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

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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:

(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 21, 2024

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Digby

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting of October 21, 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 October 21, 2024:

- Chair Bastyovanszky delivered welcoming remarks at the Society for Ecological Restoration's North American Conference.
- Commissioner Digby attended the Kerrisdale CCA board meeting on October 23.
- Commissioner Jensen attended the Kitsilano Batch Halloween Party alongside VSB Chair Jung and John Negrin.
- Chair Bastyovanszky and Commissioner Jensen visited John Hendry Park to observe the beginning states of the field renewal.
- Chair Bastyovanszky and Commissioner Jensen, alongside former Commissioner Aaron Jasper and Kyle Sanderson, President of Trout Lake Little League, visited the Trout Lake Little League baseball diamond to observe the progress of the renewals of the two little league diamonds.
- Commissioner Jensen attended the Community Mural painting project at the pop-up dog park in Mount Pleasant.
- Chair Bastyovanszky attended a blessing ceremony by Christy Charles at Connaught Park in memory of her father, Henry Charles, also known as "Ten Bears" for having the strength of ten bears, a long-time member of the Meralomas.
- Chair Bastyovanszky and Commissioner Digby attended the fall planting event at Everett Crowley Park, organized by the Lower Mainland Green Team and Everett Crowley Park Committee, where they removed invasive Himalayan blackberry and planted native species.

- Commissioners attended the Disc Golf - The Ghidora Challenge Doubles Invitational and Finals at QE Park. Christensen played for the first time as a participant in the event.
- Chair Bastyovanszky attended the Vancouver Tennis Association's AGM and congratulated the incoming Board.
- Chair Bastyovanszky attended the Diwali Festival at Roundhouse Community Centre with Councillor Bligh, VSB Chair Jung, and School Trustee Faridkot.
- Chair Bastyovanszky and Commissioner Jensen attended the 2024 FIM World Supercross Championships Season Opener at BC Place.

COMMUNICATIONS

No communication related to the meeting agenda was received.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Report of the Board Committee – November 4, 2024

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

1. T100 Vancouver Multisport Festival 2025 - Special Event
2. East Park Phase 1 - Proposed Concept Plan

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 November 4, 2024, as contained in items 1 to 2.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

STAFF REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

1. CAP 5 Water Main in Stanley Park – Update

The Associate Director of Park Development introduced the item and Murray Gant, Director of Major Projects – Tunneling from Metro Vancouver and Park Board Project Manager Myles provided an [update on the progress of the CAP 5 water main in Stanley Park](#).

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*MOVED by Commissioner Jensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Viridi*

THAT the meeting extend in order to complete the business on the agenda.

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY*

*In favour: Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Christensen, Digby, Haer, Jensen and Viridi
Abstain: Commissioner Howard*

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Following the presentation, staff responded to questions related to:

- Traffic management
- Pedestrian and bike safety measures
- Site plan and scope of work
- Impact on user groups and stakeholders

2. Kitsilano Pool – Update

The Director of Recreation Services introduced the Director of Facilities Management & Operational Excellence, and the Project Manager of Facilities Planning Program Management. The team presented an update on [the Kitsilano Pool](#), summarizing work to date and next steps.

Following the presentation, staff responded to questions related to:

- Renewal feasibility
- Financials
- Site assessments
- Impact on user groups and stakeholders
- Previous repairs

3. General Manager’s Report

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

- New Dog Off-Leash Areas – Construction Start – Construction of the Heather Park Off Leash Area is underway. The Granville Park Off Leash Area is scheduled to begin in Q1 2025.
- Annual Beach Log Removal – The annual removal and storage of beach logs is underway. Logs are removed to mitigate the risk of logs being washed out during winter storms. The logs will return for May Long Weekend 2025.
- Board briefing [memos and emails](#) issued from October 22, 2024, to November 4, 2024.

Following the presentation, staff responded to questions related to:

- Public communication plan for beach log removal

NOTICE OF MEMBERS' MOTIONS

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

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At this point in the proceedings, Commissioner Digby raised a point of order reminding Commissioners to submit a Leave of Absence request if they will not be able to attend the November 25 Special Board Meeting

The Chair agreed that any Commissioner who will not be present at the November 25 meeting should submit a Leave of Absence request for approval.

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1. Request for Leave of Absence

MOVED by Commissioner Haer
SECONDED by Commissioner Jensen

THAT Commissioner Haer be granted a leave of absence from the meeting on November 25, 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. ABC Vancouver Gathering

Commissioner Virdi extended an invitation for the Board to attend ABC Vancouver's gathering at the Hollywood Theater on November 25, 2024.

ENQUIRIES

A Commissioner requested information related to the following topic:

1. The Sunset Beach Mural

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 10:24 pm.

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Steve Jackson
General Manager

Commissioner Brennan Bastyovanszky
Chair