



BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 9, 2024

A Committee meeting of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation was held on Monday, December 9, 2024, at 6:38 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, Acting 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.

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Motion to Suspend the Rules

MOVED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky
SECONDED by Commissioner Haer

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 to three minutes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

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ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Board Committee Meeting – November 4, 2024

MOVED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky
SECONDED by Commissioner Haer

THAT the Minutes of the Board Committee meeting on November 4, 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:

- 16 pieces of correspondence in opposition to Item 1
- One piece of correspondence in opposition to Item 2
- One piece of correspondence in opposition to Item 3

MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky

THAT Item 4 be approved on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

STAFF REPORTS

1. **FIFA World Cup 26 Vancouver Venue Specific Training Sites at Killarney and Memorial South Parks - Early Works Contract Award**

The General Manager and the Director of Park Planning and Development introduced the item on [FIFA World Cup 26 Vancouver Venue Specific Training Sites at Killarney and Memorial South Parks - Early Works Contract Award](#), and responded to questions related to:

- Timeline
- Relationship to PNE Amphitheatre
- Funding
- Community benefits
- Lighting
- Tree removal
- Alternative sites
- Security
- Legal obligations
- Contracts

The Committee heard from one speaker in support of the recommendations, 10 speakers in opposition to the recommendations and four who spoke to other aspects of the recommendations.

Subsequently it was,

MOVED by Commissioner Christensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Jensen

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation (“Park Board”) authorize Park Board staff to negotiate and execute a contract with an estimated total value of \$16,250,000 plus GST with Canadian Turner Construction Co. Ltd. for the early construction works for the FIFA World Cup 26 Vancouver Venue Specific Training Sites (VSTS) at Killarney Park, to the satisfaction of the Park Board’s General Manager, the City of Vancouver’s (the “City”) Director of Legal Services, and the City’s Chief Purchasing Officer, for a term lasting until services are complete (estimated at approximately December 2026), and funded through the FIFA World Cup 26 Vancouver Venue Specific Training Sites (VSTS) Capital Budget.
- B. THAT the Park Board authorize Park Board staff to negotiate and execute a contract with an estimated total value of \$8,750,000 plus GST with Canadian Turner Construction Co. Ltd. for the early construction works for the FIFA World Cup 26 Vancouver Venue Specific Training Sites (VSTS) at Memorial South Park, to the satisfaction of the Park Board’s General Manager, the City’s Director of Legal Services, and the City’s Chief Purchasing Officer, for a term lasting until services are complete (estimated at approximately December 2026), and funded through the FIFA World Cup 26 Vancouver Venue Specific Training Sites (VSTS) Capital Budget.
- C. THAT the City’s Director of Legal Services, the City’s Chief Purchasing Officer, and the Park Board’s General Manager be authorized and delegated authority to execute the contracts described in Recommendations A and B on behalf of the Park Board.
- D. THAT no legal rights or obligations will be created by the Park Board’s adoption of Recommendations A, B, and C unless and until the Park Board’s authorized signatories execute the contracts set out in the Recommendations.

Amendment to the Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Digby
SECONDED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky

THAT the following be added to the end as E:

- E. THAT, for Memorial South Park, tree removals be delayed as long as possible to

provide additional time for the City Manager Mochrie to determine that there is no possibility of using the existing high quality soccer facility at UBC for a FIFA training site in place of Memorial South Park, while still ensuring that the Park Board's legal commitments are met.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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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 Amended Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Christensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky

THAT the following be added as F:

- F. THAT if construction of the training sites proceed, the Board direct staff to engage with the Killarney and Memorial South communities to understand their priorities for park amenities;

FURTHER that the Board commit to prioritizing these amenities in the development of the 2027-2030 Capital Plan;

AND FURTHER that the Board direct staff to send a letter through the Board Chair to request that City Council also commit to prioritizing these amenities in the 2027 - 2030 Capital Plan.

Amendment to the Amendment

MOVED by Commissioner Virdi
SECONDED by Commissioner Howard

THAT the proposed amendment be struck and replaced with the following:

“THAT we fast-track the track and turf field at Moberly Park to offset the downtime for amenities at south memorial.”

LOST

In favour: Commissioners Howard, Virdi

Opposed: Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Christensen, Digby, Haer, Jensen

Prior to the vote, Commissioner Digby raised a Point of Order, enquiring if he could seek staff input regarding the feasibility of fast-tracking the track and turf field at Moberly Park. The Chair responded that, per section 6.6 of the Park Board Procedure By-law, Commissioners may ask staff questions about a matter before the Board. Staff responded to the question.

The amendment to the amendment having lost, the amendment was put and CARRIED with Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Christensen, Haer and Jensen in favour, Commissioner Howard opposed, and Commissioners Digby and Viridi abstaining from the vote.

Amendment to the Amended Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Haer

THAT the following be added as G:

- G. THAT staff install a new rubberized track at an alternative field to ensure schools and athletic clubs can continue training and preparing for competitions while FIFA-related work is underway, providing both immediate and long-term community benefits.

Not having received a seconder, the amendment was not opened for debate.

Question on the Motion as Amended

Prior to the vote, the Board agreed to sever the components of the motion for the vote.

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- B. THAT the Park Board authorize Park Board staff to negotiate and execute a contract with an estimated total value of \$8,750,000 plus GST with Canadian Turner Construction Co. Ltd. for the early construction works for the FIFA World Cup 26 Vancouver Venue Specific Training Sites (VSTS) at Memorial South Park, to the satisfaction of the Park Board's General Manager, the City's Director of Legal Services, and the City's Chief Purchasing Officer, for a term lasting until services are complete (estimated at approximately December 2026), and funded through the FIFA World Cup 26 Vancouver Venue Specific Training Sites (VSTS) Capital Budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In favour: Commissioners Howard and Viridi

Abstained: Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Christensen, Digby, Haer, Jensen

- C. THAT the City's Director of Legal Services, the City's Chief Purchasing Officer, and the Park Board's General Manager be authorized and delegated authority to execute the contracts described in Recommendations A and B on behalf of the Park Board.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- D. THAT no legal rights or obligations will be created by the Park Board's adoption of Recommendations A, B, and C unless and until the Park Board's authorized signatories execute the contracts set out in the Recommendations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- E. THAT, for Memorial South Park, tree removals be delayed as long as possible to provide additional time for the City Manager Mochrie to determine that there is no possibility of using the existing high quality soccer facility at UBC for a FIFA training site in place of Memorial South Park, while still ensuring that the Park Board's legal commitments are met.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- F. THAT if construction of the training sites proceed, the Board direct staff to engage with the Killarney and Memorial South communities to understand their priorities for park amenities;

FURTHER that the Board commit to prioritizing these amenities in the development of the 2027-2030 Capital Plan;

AND FURTHER that the Board direct staff to send a letter through the Board Chair to request that City Council also commit to prioritizing these amenities in the 2027 - 2030 Capital Plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Recess

The Board recessed from 8:50pm to 8:55pm.

2. Stanley Park Hemlock Looper Response and Mitigation Plan - Advancing Phase III

The Director of Park Services introduced the item and the Project Manager II - Urban Forestry, presented an overview on the [Stanley Park Hemlock Looper Response and Mitigation Plan - Advancing Phase III](#).

Following the presentation, staff responded to questions related to:

- Involvement of Host Nations

- Previous phases
- Impacted trails
- Consultant's report
- Procurement process
- Public safety

Motion to Extend

MOVED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky
SECONDED by Commissioner Jensen

THAT the meeting extend beyond 10pm in order to complete the business on the agenda.

CARRIED AND WITH THE
REQUIRED MAJORITY

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

Opposed: Commissioner Howard

Absent: Commissioner Haer

The Committee heard from one speaker in support of the recommendations, 18 speakers in opposition to the recommendations and three who spoke to other aspects of the recommendations.

During the hearing of a speaker, Commissioner Jensen raised a Point of Order, requesting that the speaker refrain from using the term "natives". The Chair agreed and reminded the speaker to use respectful language.

Subsequently it was,

MOVED by Commissioner Christensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Jensen

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Board authorize staff to prepare a Change Order to advance mitigation and restoration of approximately 25% (40 hectares) of the Phase 3 scope in Q1 2025 as funded by previously approved project budget to address public safety risks in high use areas of Stanley Park.
- B. THAT the Board support Bid Committee and Supply Chain Management's authorization to award the Change Order amending the current Phase 2 contract for the extent of work contemplated by A above, exercising authorities in the Corporation's procurement policy.
- C. THAT the Board direct staff to continue advancing a competitive procurement process for contracted services to support the remainder of Phase 3 (Q4 2025 – Q1 2027) risk mitigation and restoration with a report back to the Board for approval of the extent of treatment prior to implementation in accordance with the October 9, 2024, decision.

Amendment to the Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Digby

THAT the following be added to the end as D:

- D. THAT the Board shall hold at least one public meeting by June 2025, with Commissioners and staff in attendance, to gather perspectives from the public and share information about Hemlock Looper moth mitigation efforts in Stanley Park, so that Commissioners can be as informed as possible when making decisions about implementation of further Phase 3 mitigation efforts due to begin in November 2025.

Not having received a seconder, the amendment was not opened for debate.

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At 11pm, after providing warnings to the gallery to maintain respectful behaviour, the Chair requested the speakers exit the gallery in accordance with section 165.1 of the Vancouver Charter.

At 11:03pm, Commissioner Digby raised a Point of Privilege, enquiring the General Manager to check if staff were comfortable proceeding with the meeting or required a recess. The Chair agreed, and it was confirmed that staff were able to proceed without a recess.

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Main Motion

- A. THAT the Board authorize staff to prepare a Change Order to advance mitigation and restoration of approximately 25% (40 hectares) of the Phase 3 scope in Q1 2025 as funded by previously approved project budget to address public safety risks in high use areas of Stanley Park.
- B. THAT the Board support Bid Committee and Supply Chain Management's authorization to award the Change Order amending the current Phase 2 contract for the extent of work contemplated by A above, exercising authorities in the Corporation's procurement policy.
- C. THAT the Board direct staff to continue advancing a competitive procurement process for contracted services to support the remainder of Phase 3 (Q4 2025 – Q1 2027) risk mitigation and restoration with a report back to the Board for approval of the extent of treatment prior to implementation in accordance with the October 9, 2024, decision.

CARRIED

In favour: Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Christensen, Jensen

Abstained: Commissioners Digby, Howard, Viridi

Absent: Commissioner Haer

3. Park Board Code of Conduct Policy Amendments - Report Back

The General Manager and Solicitor III of Legal Services introduced the item on [Park Board Code of Conduct Policy Amendments - Report Back](#).

Following the introduction, the Committee heard from one speaker who spoke to other aspects of the recommendations.

Subsequently it was,

MOVED by Commissioner Christensen

SECONDED by Commissioner Digby

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT the Board refer this report back to staff to address any new recommendations from the Integrity Commissioner in her 2024 reports.

CARRIED

In favour: Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Christensen, Digby

Opposed: Commissioners Howard, Viridi

Abstained: Commissioner Jensen

Absent: Commissioner Haer

4. Golf Course Operators - Contract Award

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, the City of Vancouver's (the "City") Director of Legal Services, and the City's Chief Purchasing Official and enter into a contract with Monaghan Golf Inc. for supply of golf course operators services, for an initial term of 3 years with the option to extend for two (2) additional one (1) year terms, with an estimated total contract value of \$4,357,401.37, plus applicable taxes over the initial 3-year term plus the possible two 1-year extension options, to be funded through the operating budget.
- B. THAT the City's Director of Legal Services, Chief Purchasing Official 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 Recommendations A and B above unless and until such contract is executed by the authorized signatories of the City as set out in these A through C of the Report dated November 27, 2024, titled "Golf Course Operators - Contract Award".

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

The Committee meeting adjourned at 11:26 pm.

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Steve Jackson
General Manager

Commissioner Laura Christensen
Chair