



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 3, 2025

A Regular meeting of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation was held on Monday, February 3, 2025, at 9:04 pm, in the Boardroom at the Park Board Office, and via videoconference.

PRESENT: Commissioner Laura Christensen, Chair
Commissioner Brennan Bastyovanszky, Vice-Chair
Commissioner Tom Digby
Commissioner Scott Jensen
Commissioner Jas Virdi

ABSENT: Commissioner Angela Haer
Commissioner Marie-Claire Howard

GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE: Steve Jackson, General Manager
Jessica Kulchyski, Manager, Executive Office and Board Relations
Carol Lee, Meeting Clerk
Victoria Tyers, Board Support and Meeting Assistant

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair acknowledged that the meeting is taking place on the traditional territory of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations, and the meeting is being held on the land respectfully and with honour to each other, the land, and the communities we serve.

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;

- (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 – January 20, 2025

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Digby

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting of January 20, 2025, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair highlighted the participation of Commissioners at Park Board events since the previous Board meeting on January 20, 2025:

- Commissioner Jensen attended the Hastings Park Community Centre Association (CCA) meeting in his role as liaison
- Commissioners attended a walking tour of Stanley Park
- Commissioner Digby attended a celebration of residents from the Memorial South Park area
- Commissioner Digby attended meetings for the Thunderbird Neighbourhood Association, Kerrisdale CCA and Mount Pleasant CCA in his role as liaison
- Commissioners Digby, Haer and Jensen attended the Lunar New Year parade

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications of note related to the Board agenda items.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Report of the Board Committee – February 3, 2025

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

1. Special Events Calendar 2025

2. Killarney Park Track and Field Upgrades – Civil Works Contract Award
3. Killarney Park Track and Field Upgrades – Synthetic Track Surfacing Contract Award
4. Alcohol on Beaches 2024 Re-Pilot and 2025 Program.

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Board Committee at its meeting of February 3, 2025, as contained in items 1 through 4.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

STAFF REPORTS

1. Neighbourhood Matching Fund and Fieldhouse Activation Update

The Manager, Decolonization, Arts and Culture, introduced the item and Coordinator, Arts, Culture and Engagement, presented an update on the Neighbourhood Matching Fund and fieldhouse activations. Staff responded to questions related to the development of plans to activate more field houses to be submitted at a future Board meeting.

2. General Manager's Report

The General Manager presented their report, highlighting:

- Completion of construction of the Hillcrest mini-field sports lighting
- Commencement of public engagement on Rupert and Renfrew SkyTrain station area planning on February 3, 2025
- Council agenda items:
 - Report titled “ [Mayor's Budget Task Force Implementation Oversight Committee Transmittal Report](#)” on February 4, 2025
 - Report titled “[Childcare Strategy Implementation and Policy Harmonization](#)” on February 5, 2025
 - Report titled “[Contract Award for Construction Services for Killarney Park Track and Field Civil Work](#)” on February 5, 2025
- Board briefing [memos](#) issued from January 20 to February 3, 2025.

NOTICE OF MEMBERS' MOTIONS

1. Support for Sustainable Transportation

Commissioner Bastyovanszky submitted a Notice of Motion on the above-noted matter. The motion below may be placed on the Board meeting agenda of February 24, 2024, as a Member's Motion.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to report back on the next steps for a change of use at the Harbour Green Dock, from the [2019 Motion Harbour Green Dock - Proposed Change of Use](#).
- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board directs staff to collaborate with regional municipal governments, including the City of Vancouver, the Province, and commercial partners to evaluate potential opportunities for sustainable transportation options that may leverage Park Board assets, that is mutually beneficial to the parks and recreation community.
- C. THAT staff be open to potential partners for funding the required facility upgrades at Harbour Green to facilitate commercial operations.

OTHER BUSINESS

Request for Leave of Absence

MOVED by Commissioner Christensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Jensen

THAT Commissioner Christensen be granted a leave of absence from the meeting on February 24, 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ENQUIRIES

A Commissioner requested information related to the following topic:

- 1. Engagement with TransLink on Stanley Park Bus Loop Proposal

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board meeting adjourned at 9:37 pm.

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Steve Jackson
General Manager

Commissioner Laura Christensen
Chair