



BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 3, 2025

A Committee meeting of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation was held on Monday, February 3, 2025, at 6:32 pm, in the Boardroom at the Park Board Office, and via videoconference.

PRESENT:	Commissioner Scott Jensen, Chair Commissioner Brennan Bastyovanszky Commissioner Laura Christensen Commissioner Tom Digby, Vice-Chair 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 Board 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 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 – January 20, 2025

MOVED by Commissioner Digby
SECONDED by Commissioner Christensen

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair welcomed two officers from the Vancouver Police Department Mounted Unit to the meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

1. Item 2 – Killarney Park Track and Field Upgrades – Civil Works Contract Award

MOVED by Commissioner Viridi
SECONDED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky

THAT item 2 be approved on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Item 3 – Killarney Park Track and Field Upgrades – Synthetic Track Surfacing Contract Award

MOVED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky
SECONDED by Commissioner Viridi

THAT item 3 be approved on consent

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

STAFF REPORTS

1. Specials Events Calendar 2025

The Director, Business Services, introduced the item and the Manager, Film and Special Events, presented an update on the 2025 Special Events Calendar. Staff responded to questions related to:

- Concerns with specific 2024 events and event organizers
- Measures to mitigate risks to the Park Board at licensed events
- Potential impacts of the imposition of the 25% USA tariff on concession operations
- The protection afforded to the Park Board by issuing a permit for a special event.

Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Digby
SECONDED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT the Board approve the Special Events Calendar 2025 – Major Events, as outlined in this report and attached as Appendix A.

Amendment to the Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Virdi
SECONDED by Commissioner Digby

THAT the following be added as B:

- B. THAT the Board direct staff to waive the 2025 Park Board fees in the approximate amount of \$10,000 for the African Descent Festival.

Amendment to the Amendment

MOVED by Commissioner Digby
SECONDED by Commissioner Jensen

THAT Item B be amended as follows:

- B. THAT the Board direct staff to waive the 2025 Park Board fees in the approximate amount of \$10,000 for the African Descent Festival, subject to a substantial reduction in fees charged to the African Descent Festival by the Vancouver Police Department.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Question on the Amendment, as Amended

- B. THAT the Board direct staff to waive the 2025 Park Board fees in the approximate amount of \$10,000 for the African Descent Festival, subject to a substantial reduction in fees charged to the African Descent Festival by the Vancouver Police Department.

DEFEATED

In favour: Commissioner Virdi

Opposed: Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Christensen, Digby, and Jensen

Question on the Main Motion

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT the Board approve the Special Events Calendar 2025 – Major Events, as outlined in this report and attached as Appendix A.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Killarney Park Track and Field Upgrades – Civil Works 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 Wilco Civil Inc., for civil construction services for the Killarney Park Track and Field Upgrades, for a term of eighteen (18) months or until services are completed, with an estimated contract value of \$8,285,436.00, plus applicable taxes over the initial eighteen month term, to be funded through the 2023-2026 capital plan.

- 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 Recommendation 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 Recommendations.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

3. Killarney Park Track and Field Upgrades – Synthetic Track Surfacing 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 Ocean Marker Sport Surfaces (2014) Ltd., for construction services to install rubberized track surfacing for the Killarney Park Track and Field Upgrades, for a term of one (1) year or until services are complete, with an estimated contract value of \$1,281,380.00, plus applicable taxes over the initial one (1) year term, to be funded through the 2023-2026 capital plan.
- B. THAT the City's Chief Purchasing Official and Park Board's General Manager be authorized to execute on behalf of the Park Board the contract contemplated by Recommendation 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 Recommendations

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

4. Alcohol on Beaches 2024 Re-Pilot and 2025 Program

The Director, Planning and Park Development, and Manager of Planning, Policy and Environment, introduced the item and the Park Planner, presented the findings of the 2024 Alcohol on Beaches Re-Pilot and proposed introduction of a permanent program. Staff responded to questions related to:

- Additional program support from the Vancouver Police Department (VPD)

- Early program commencement
- Beach clearing

Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Viridi
SECONDED by Commissioner Jensen

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT the Board approve the Alcohol on Beaches summer program, from the first week in June to the last week in September, on a permanent basis at Jericho Beach, John Hendry Beach, Kitsilano Beach, Locarno Beach, New Brighton, Spanish Banks, and Stanley Park Second Beach, subject to the availability of operating funds and support from the Vancouver Police Department.

Amendment to the Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky
SECONDED by Commissioner Jensen

THAT the Main Motion be amended as follows:

- A. THAT the Board approve the Alcohol on Beaches summer program, from the first week in June to the last week in September, on a permanent basis at Jericho Beach, John Hendry Beach, Kitsilano Beach, Locarno Beach, New Brighton, Spanish Banks, and Stanley Park Second Beach, subject to the availability of operating funds from City Council and support from the Vancouver Police Department.
- B. THAT the Board direct staff to review and report back about the potential to change the beach closing times in summer months.

CARRIED

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

Opposed: Commissioner Viridi

Question on the Main Motion, as Amended

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Board approve the Alcohol on Beaches summer program, from the first week in June to the last week in September, on a permanent basis at Jericho Beach, John Hendry Beach, Kitsilano Beach, Locarno Beach, New Brighton, Spanish Banks, and Stanley Park Second Beach, subject to the availability of operating funds from City Council and support from the Vancouver Police Department.

- B. THAT the Board direct staff to review and report back about the potential to change the beach closing times in summer months.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm.

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Steve Jackson
General Manager

Commissioner Scott Jensen
Chair



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 Viridi

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