



## BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**APRIL 14, 2025**

A Committee meeting of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation was held on Monday, April 14, 2025, at 6:35 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 Angela Haer  
Commissioner Marie-Claire Howard  
Commissioner Jas Virdi

**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

*\* 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.

### ADOPTION OF MINUTES

**1. Board Committee Meeting – March 31, 2025**

MOVED by Commissioner Christensen

SECONDED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky

THAT the Minutes of the Board Committee meeting on March 31, 2025, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications related to the Park Board Parking Strategy were received via email or the [Contact Park Board Commissioners](#) web form between April 7, 2025 and 3:00 pm on April 14, 2025:

- One in support
- 56 opposed.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **1. Auditor General – Update and Comprehensive Fee Setting Framework**

The Director of Strategic Operations and Board Relations introduced the item. The Project Manager II, Strategic Operations, along with Brian Johnston, Consultant, provided a presentation regarding the status of actions responding to the Office of the Auditor General (OAG) recommendations regarding the implementation of a comprehensive fee setting framework.

Following the presentation, staff responded to questions related to:

- Municipalities that utilize the comprehensive fee setting framework
- The Park Board and City of Vancouver resources required to complete the full costing of all Park Board service offerings
- Expected timing for completion of the costing.

### **Main Motion**

MOVED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky  
SECONDED by Commissioner Christensen

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Park Board receive for information an update on actions responding recommendations of the Office of the Auditor General provided through its 2023 report, Audit of Park Board Revenue Management.
- B. THAT the Park Board approve the Comprehensive Fee-setting Framework, following recommendation of the Auditor General, to strengthen fee-setting processes for parks and recreation services and better align public investment to delivery of public good for all individuals and communities in Vancouver.

### **Amendment to the Main Motion**

MOVED by Commissioner Digby  
SECONDED by Commissioner Jensen

THAT Item C be added to the motion, as follows:

- C. THAT the Park Board hereby affirms its historical practice of using high revenue services to subsidize important public goods elsewhere in the Park Board system.

DEFEATED

*In favour: Commissioner Digby*

*Opposed: Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Christensen, Haer, Howard, Jensen, Viridi*

### **Question on the Main Motion**

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- B. THAT the Park Board approve the Comprehensive Fee-setting Framework, following recommendation of the Auditor General, to strengthen fee-setting processes for parks and recreation services and better align public investment to delivery of public good for all individuals and communities in Vancouver.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **2. Park Board Parking Strategy**

The Director of Business Services introduced the item. The Project Manager II, Strategic Operations, provided a presentation on the proposed parking strategy and expanded paid parking pilot project.

Following the presentation, staff responded to questions related to:

- Concerns regarding the equity of paid parking
- Stakeholder engagement undertaken to date
- Concern regarding the negative impact of the introduction of paid parking at community centres to neighbouring residential streets
- The timing of the pilot project will be coordinated with the City of Vancouver's introduction of the residential permit parking program on streets in the neighbourhood of community centres
- Mitigation measures available to address concerns expressed by user groups regarding the barrier to access created by the introduction of paid parking.

### **Recess**

The meeting recessed at 8:46 pm and reconvened at 8:53 pm.

The Board heard from six speakers, of which one spoke in support of the recommendation and five spoke in opposition to the recommendation.

### **Motion to Extend**

MOVED by Commissioner Christensen

SECONDED by Commissioner Jensen

THAT the meeting be extended to the conclusion of the April 14, 2025 Board meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **Main Motion**

MOVED by Commissioner Christensen

SECONDED by Commissioner Digby

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the Park Board Parking Strategy to improve user experience and access, achieve financial sustainability, and support operations and management of parking infrastructure.
- B. THAT the Park Board direct staff to pilot the implementation of paid parking expansion in 2025 for the sites selected through the Strategy, as described in this report, and delegate the setting of fees to the Park Board General Manager for the initial pilot with subsequent adjustments and phases brought to the Board through the annual Fees and Charges Update.

### **Amendment to the Main Motion**

MOVED by Commissioner Christensen

SECONDED by Commissioner Jensen

THAT the Main Motion be replaced with the following:

- A. THAT the Park Board refer the Park Board Parking Strategy back to staff until the following items have been addressed:
  - i. THAT the Park Board direct staff to begin consultation with partners for the pilot implementation process, for the Summer and Fall pilot sites selected through the Strategy, as described in this report, and report back to the Board with an implementation plan that addresses concerns regarding equity, barriers to service, consistency, and impacts to programming; and
  - ii. THAT the Park Board direct staff to report back on options to retain parking revenue within Park Board to directly fund either capital or operating expenses, and options to link parking revenues directly to the type of asset they are generated from.

### **Amendment to the Amendment**

MOVED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky

SECONDED by Commissioner Digby

THAT Item B be replaced and Item C be added, as follows:

- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board directs staff to report back on the golf courses and VanDusen Botanical Garden after the full cost recovery models for both are completed and brought forward to the Board.

- C. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to bring a proposed Parking Fee policy and implementation plan back to the Board for review and decision prior to execution.

Chair Jensen requested that motion be considered as distinct propositions.

#### **Question on Item B**

THAT Item B be replaced, as follows:

- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board directs staff to report back on the golf courses and VanDusen Botanical Garden after the full cost recovery models for both are completed and brought forward to the Board.

CARRIED

*In favour: Commissioners Bastiovanszky, Digby, Haer, Jensen, Virdi*

*Opposed: Commissioners Christensen, Howard*

#### **Question on Item C**

THAT Item C be added, as follows:

- C. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to bring a proposed Parking Fee policy and implementation plan back to the Board for review and decision prior to execution.

CARRIED

*In favour: Commissioners Bastiovanszky, Digby, Haer, Virdi*

*Opposed: Commissioners Christensen, Howard, Jensen*

#### **Question on the Amendment, as Amended**

- A. THAT the Park Board refer the Park Board Parking Strategy back to staff until the following items have been addressed:
  - i. THAT the Park Board direct staff to begin consultation with partners for the pilot implementation process, for the Summer and Fall pilot sites selected through the Strategy, as described in this report, and report back to the Board with an implementation plan that addresses concerns regarding equity, barriers to service, consistency, and impacts to programming; and
  - ii. THAT the Park Board direct staff to report back on options to retain parking revenue within Park Board to directly fund either capital or operating expenses, and options to link parking revenues directly to the type of asset they are generated from.
- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board directs staff to report back on the golf courses and VanDusen Botanical Garden after the full cost recovery models for both are completed and brought forward to the Board.

- C. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to bring a proposed Parking Fee policy and implementation plan back to the Board for review and decision prior to execution.

Commissioner Christensen requested that motion be considered as distinct propositions.

#### **Question on Item A**

That Item A be replaced, as follows:

- A. THAT the Park Board refer the Park Board Parking Strategy back to staff until the following items have been addressed:
  - i. THAT the Park Board direct staff to begin consultation with partners for the pilot implementation process, for the Summer and Fall pilot sites selected through the Strategy, as described in this report, and report back to the Board with an implementation plan that addresses concerns regarding equity, barriers to service, consistency, and impacts to programming; and
  - ii. THAT the Park Board direct staff to report back on options to retain parking revenue within Park Board to directly fund either capital or operating expenses, and options to link parking revenues directly to the type of asset they are generated from.

**CARRIED**

*In favour: Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Christensen, Digby, Haer, Howard, Viridi*

*Opposed: Commissioner Howard*

#### **Question on Item B**

THAT Item B be replaced, as follows:

- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board directs staff to report back on the golf courses and VanDusen Botanical Garden after the full cost recovery models for both are completed and brought forward to the Board.

**CARRIED**

*In favour: Commissioners Digby, Haer, Jensen, Viridi*

*Opposed: Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Christensen, Howard*

#### **Question on Item C**

THAT Item C be added, as follows:

- C. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to bring a proposed Parking Fee policy and implementation plan back to the Board for review and decision prior to execution.

**DEFEATED**

*In favour: Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Haer, Viridi*

*Opposed: Commissioners Christensen, Digby, Howard, Jensen*

### **Question on the Main Motion, as Amended**

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Park Board refer the Park Board Parking Strategy back to staff until the following items have been addressed:
  - i. THAT the Park Board direct staff to begin consultation with partners for the pilot implementation process, for the Summer and Fall pilot sites selected through the Strategy, as described in this report, and report back to the Board with an implementation plan that addresses concerns regarding equity, barriers to service, consistency, and impacts to programming; and
  - ii. THAT the Park Board direct staff to report back on options to retain parking revenue within Park Board to directly fund either capital or operating expenses, and options to link parking revenues directly to the type of asset they are generated from.
- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board directs staff to report back on the golf courses and VanDusen Botanical Garden after the full cost recovery models for both are completed and brought forward to the Board.

CARRIED

*In favour: Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Christensen, Digby, Haer, Howard, Viridi*

*Opposed: Commissioner Howard*

### **3. FIFA World Cup 26 Vancouver – Killarney Park Venue Specific Training Site – Site Works Contract Amendment Award**

The Director of Park Planning and Development reviewed the staff recommendation and invited questions.

Staff responded to a question regarding the components and the total estimated cost of the Killarney Park venue specific training site, which will be funded through a hotel tax special levy.

MOVED by Commissioner Viridi

SECONDED by Commissioner Haer

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 to add additional scope to Construction Management Agreement PS20240847-VBPR-RFP - FIFA World Cup 26 Vancouver VSTS with Canadian Turner Construction Company, Ltd. (the “Agreement”). The Change Orders carry an estimated, cumulative value of \$11,000,000.00 plus applicable taxes, to be funded through the FIFA World Cup 26 Vancouver Venue Specific Training Sites (VSTS) Capital Budget and are not expected to extend the overall term of the contract;

- 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; and
- C. 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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Absent: Commissioner Bastyovanszky*

The Committee meeting adjourned at 10:19 pm.

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Steve Jackson  
General Manager

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Commissioner Scott Jensen  
Chair