



## **BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**JUNE 2, 2025**

A Committee meeting of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation was held on Monday, June 2, 2025, at 6:31 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 Jas Virdi

**ABSENT:** 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.

### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

#### **1. Board Committee Meeting – May 12, 2025**

MOVED by Commissioner Christensen  
SECONDED by Commissioner Haer

THAT the Minutes of the Board Committee meeting on May 12, 2025, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Jensen noted that June is National Indigenous History Month.

Commissioner Bastyovanszky advised that June is both Pride Month and Filipino Heritage Month.

Commissioner Digby recognized the City's announcement regarding the pause in its efforts to eliminate the independent Park Board.

## COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were received via email or the [Contact Park Board Commissioners](#) web form regarding the First Nations, Inuit and Métis Access Policy – VanDusen and Bloedel agenda item:

- One in support
- One opposed.

## STAFF REPORTS

### 1. First Nations, Inuit and Métis Access Policy – VanDusen and Bloedel

The Chair referenced the draft policy provided with the agenda material.

Discussion ensued on:

- Request to track and report usage of the policy if it is approved
- Expectation that the proposed policy will not have significant financial impacts.

The Board heard from four speakers, of which two spoke in support of the recommendation and two who expressed their sentiments regarding the proposed policy.

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen

SECONDED by Commissioner Virdi

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the VanDusen Botanical Garden and Bloedel Conservatory First Nations, Métis, Inuit Access Policy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm.

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Steve Jackson  
General Manager

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Commissioner Scott Jensen  
Chair