



## REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 16, 2025

A Regular meeting of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation was held on Monday, June 16, 2025, at 10:35 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 Angela Haer  
Commissioner Scott Jensen  
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, ancestral and unceded territory of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations. The meeting is being held on the land respectfully and with the 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.

### 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:

- (a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the city or another position appointed by the city;
- (c) labour relations or other employee relations;
- (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;
- (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 – June 2, 2025**

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen

SECONDED by Commissioner Haer

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting of June 2, 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 June 2, 2025:

- Chair Christensen and Commissioner Jensen attended the 2025 City Service Awards
- Commissioners attended Italian Day on the Drive
- Chair Christensen attended the public engagement pop-up event at WC Shelly Park
- Several Commissioners attended the Canyon Creek daylighting event
- Commissioners Bastyovanszky and Jensen attended KitsFest and the reveal of the art for the festival
- Commissioner Bastyovanszky participated in the Vancouver Tennis Association club championship at Stanley Park
- Commissioner Bastyovanszky visited the reopened Jericho Pier
- Commissioner Bastyovanszky attended the Marpole Community Day celebration
- Commissioner Bastyovanszky attended the Queer Youth Film Showcase
- Commissioner Bastyovanszky attended Lord Roberts Community Day
- Commissioner Digby attended the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee meeting, in his role as liaison.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

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

## **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT**

### **1. Report of the Board Committee – June 16, 2025**

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

1. Slocan Park Children and Youth Hub – Concept Plan
2. Vancouver Technical Secondary School Synthetic Turf Renewal – License Agreement and Contract Award
3. Capital Efficiencies and Procurement Policy Update
4. Spanish Banks Paid Parking Pilot – Report Back.

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 June 16, 2025, as contained in items 1 through 4.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **1. General Manager's Report**

The General Manager presented the General Manager's Report, highlighting:

- Strathcona Food Security Programs
- Creation of three new Indigenous gardens
- 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Arts and Health Exhibition and Gala Showcase at the Roundhouse Community Arts and Recreation Centre, part of BC Senior's Week celebrations
- English Bay pedestrian path lighting and ramp paving renewal
- Hosting of the delegation from the South Korean Forest Services to share insights on urban forest and park management
- Council agenda items related to, or impacting, parks and recreation:
  - Council to receive a report on June 17, 2025, titled "[2025 Homelessness Services Grants](#)"
  - Council to receive a report on June 18, 2025, titled "[2026-2030 Budget Outlook](#)"

- Council to receive a report on June 18, 2025, titled “[2025 Quarterly Capital Budget Adjustments and Closeouts](#)”
- Board briefing memos and emails issued from June 2 to 16, 2025.

## NOTICE OF MEMBERS' MOTIONS

### 1. **Accelerating the Turf Field Upgrade at Beaconsfield Park for Inclusion in the 2027–2030 Capital Plan**

Commissioner Haer submitted a Notice of Motion on the above-noted matter. The motion below may be placed on the Board meeting agenda of July 7, 2025, as a Member's Motion.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to prioritize the Beaconsfield Park gravel field turf upgrade for inclusion in the 2027–2030 Capital Plan, recognizing the strategic opportunity presented by community demand, existing site readiness, and the global momentum of FIFA 2026;
- B. That staff be directed to work with the local Italian Canadian sports Federation Columbus FC and community stakeholders to (but not limited to):
  1. Determine the project scope and cost estimates for the turf field upgrade;
  2. Assess the potential for cost-sharing or private contributions, including the club's expressed interest in funding viewing stands; and
  3. Review and incorporate the club's submitted proposal and related communications;
- C. THAT staff report back to the Board no later than Q1 2026 with a detailed feasibility and funding framework to inform Capital Plan finalization and potential partnerships.
- D. THAT the Park Board affirm its commitment to expanding access to safe, equitable, and high-quality soccer infrastructure across Vancouver as the city prepares to welcome global attention and increased participation during the FIFA 2026 host cycle.

## ENQUIRIES

Commissioner Digby enquired about a possible greenhouse site at Nelson Park following the planned installation of a new BC Hydro substation.

Commissioner Jensen enquired about the possibility of the VPD holding info session invite to educate the public on safe, motorized transportation in light of increased usage of electric bicycles and e-scooters along the Seaside Greenway and Stanley Park Seawall.

Commissioner Virdi enquired about the Request For Proposal (RFP) process when selecting vendors for the Park Board booking system, and whether Canadian vendors applied or were approached

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 10:49 pm.

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Steve Jackson  
General Manager

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Commissioner Laura Christensen  
Chair