



BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

A Committee meeting of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation was held on Monday, September 15, 2025, at 6:56 pm, in the Boardroom at the Park Board Office.

PRESENT:

Commissioner Scott Jensen, Chair
Commissioner Brennan Bastyovanszky
Commissioner Laura Christensen
Commissioner Tom Digby, Vice-Chair
Commissioner Angela Haer

ABSENT:

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Board Committee Chair noted that two Commissioners had planned to attend the Board Committee meeting virtually and are unable to do so due to technical difficulties. In addition, the Board Chair advised that the Regular Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 16, 2025, to enable the Commissioner who is the subject to a Member's Motion to attend and participate virtually.

The Chair acknowledged that the meeting is taking place on the traditional territory of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations.

Suspension of Rules

MOVED by Commissioner Haer

SECONDED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky

THAT the Vancouver Park Board suspends the rules to reduce the length of time permitted for speakers from five minutes to three minutes.

CARRIED

In favour: Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Christensen, Haer, Jensen

Opposed: Commissioner Digby

MOVED by Commissioner Digby
SECONDED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky

THAT the Vancouver Park Board suspends the rules to hear from a speaker who had registered following the deadline.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Board Committee Meeting – July 21, 2025

MOVED by Commissioner Digby
SECONDED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky

THAT the Minutes of the Board Committee meeting on July 21, 2025, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair noted that Commissioners are wearing orange shirts, in recognition of Orange Shirt Day, formally known as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, on September 30, 2025.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were received via email or the [Contact Park Board Commissioners](#) web form between September 8, 2025, and 3:00 pm on September 15, 2025 regarding the Stanley Park Mobility Study:

- One opposed
- 12 with other comments
- One petition with 134 signatures speaking to other aspects of the recommendations.

REFEFFFED ITEMS

1. Think Home Run

The Chair noted that this item was deferred to the October 6, 2025 Board Committee meeting, at the request of the mover.

STAFF REPORTS

1. Auditor General – Report Back

The Auditor General and Deputy Auditor General, City of Vancouver (CoV), jointly reviewed the report provided with the agenda material and invited questions.

Following the presentation, the Auditor General, along with the Deputy Auditor General, responded to questions related to:

- The practices used in other jurisdictions to address asset renewal
- The relationship between a capital plan and asset renewal plan
- Next steps with respect to Council and Park Board implementation of the recommendations
- The status of the implementation of the Auditor General's 2024 recommendations.

The Board Committee heard from one speaker, who recommended the Park Board take the lead in setting the framework and priorities for the asset management plan. The speaker responded to questions from Commissioners.

Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky
SECONDED by Commissioner Christensen

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation receive the Auditor General's report "Recreation Facility Asset Management," dated September 2025; and
- B. FURTHER THAT the report's 13 recommendations be endorsed.

Amendment to the Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky
SECONDED by Commissioner Jensen

THAT the Main Motion be replaced with the following:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation receive the Auditor General's report "Audit of Recreation Facility Asset Management," dated September 2025;
- B. FURTHER THAT the report's 13 recommendations be endorsed by the Board, and that staff be directed to work with REFM, Finance, and other relevant departments to implement them, consistent with the Board's September 2024 motion on the Governance of Facilities Asset Management and Capital Maintenance; and
- C. THAT the Board of Parks and Recreation invites the Auditor General to commence another performance audit as soon as possible.

Amendment to the Amendment

MOVED by Commissioner Christensen

SECONDED by Commissioner Jensen

That the Amendment be amended by adding Item D, as follows:

- D. THAT, recognizing asset management is a shared responsibility between Park Board and the City, the Board request that the Auditor General present this report directly to Council, in addition to their report back to the Audit Committee, and request Council endorsement and adoption of the report recommendations.

DEFEATED UNANIMOUSLY

Question on the Amendment

THAT the Main Motion be replaced with the following:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation receive the Auditor General's report "Audit of Recreation Facility Asset Management," dated September 2025;
- B. FURTHER THAT the report's 13 recommendations be endorsed by the Board, and that staff be directed to work with REFM, Finance, and other relevant departments to implement them, consistent with the Board's September 2024 motion on the Governance of Facilities Asset Management and Capital Maintenance; and
- C. THAT the Board of Parks and Recreation invites the Auditor General to commence another performance audit as soon as possible.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Question on the Main Motion, as Amended

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation receive the Auditor General's report "Audit of Recreation Facility Asset Management," dated September 2025;
- B. FURTHER THAT the report's 13 recommendations be endorsed by the Board, and that staff be directed to work with REFM, Finance, and other relevant departments to implement them, consistent with the Board's September 2024 motion on the Governance of Facilities Asset Management and Capital Maintenance; and
- C. THAT the Board of Parks and Recreation invites the Auditor General to commence another performance audit as soon as possible.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Park Board Code of Conduct Policy Amendments – Report Back

The Chair referenced the report provided with the agenda material and invited questions.

The Board Committee heard from one speaker, who spoke in opposition to use of codes of conduct as a means of behaviour control.

MOVED by Commissioner Christensen

SECONDED by Commissioner Digby

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the proposed amendments to the Board's Code of Conduct Policy, as outlined in Appendix A of the report presented at the September 15, 2025 Board Committee meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recess

The meeting recessed at 8:05 pm and reconvened at 8:15 pm.

3. Stanley Park Mobility Study

The Director, Park Planning and Development, introduced the item. The Associate Director, and Planner II, Planning and Policy, jointly reviewed a presentation regarding options to manage increased visitation to Stanley Park without expanding road space, by identifying opportunities and challenges of reducing private vehicle traffic and ways to improve access and visitor experience.

Following the presentation, staff, along with Paul Storer, Director of Transportation, CoV, responded to questions and comments related to:

- Concern regarding costs and revenue losses associated with developing a new transportation system in Stanley Park, at a time when the Park Board's assets are in need of renewal
- Whether there is confirmation from TransLink that funding is available for a bus route along Stanley Park Drive
- The feasibility of implementing a permanent bike lane along with a new bus service through narrow portions of Stanley Park Drive
- Whether staff could develop a cost estimate for the installation of a partial permanent bike lane in Stanley Park in time for inclusion in the 2026 capital budget:
 - Recommendation that the cost to develop a detailed plan for a permanent bike lane be included in the 2026 capital budget.

The Board Committee heard from nine speakers, of whom five spoke in opposition to the staff recommendation; two expressed opposition to the construction of parkades in Stanley Park; and two spoke in support of a Stanley Park Drive bus service. The speakers responded to questions from Commissioners.

Motion to Extend

MOVED by Commissioner Digby
SECONDED by Commissioner Christensen

THAT the meeting be extended to the conclusion of the September 15, 2025 Board Committee meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board Committee heard from 11 speakers, of whom seven spoke in opposition to the staff recommendation; one spoke in support of the original intent of the Stanley Park Mobility Study; one noted the need to consider accessibility in its decision; one spoke in support of Commissioner Digby's amendment; and one recommended the increased use of neighbourhood zero emission vehicle (NZEVs) in Stanley Park. The speakers responded to questions from Commissioners.

Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Digby
SECONDED by Commissioner Christensen

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the "Stanley Park Mobility Study" as a policy, as summarized in this report and attached as Appendix A, which includes research, vision, options, and a proposed implementation strategy for the future of Stanley Park's transportation system over the next 20-plus years.
- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to initiate scoping work with TransLink and the City of Vancouver's Engineering Department for a new Stanley Park Drive bus service, as recommended as Stage 1a implementation, and include it as a priority planning initiative for inclusion in the 2026 Service Plan.
- C. FURTHER THAT all past Board motions regarding the Stanley Park Mobility Study dated 2024 or prior are superseded by this report and attached Appendix A.
- D. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to provide an update to City Council, for information through a memo, per recommendations within the City's 2023 Office of the Auditor General's report.

Change in Chair

Chair Jensen relinquished, and Vice-Chair Digby, assumed the chair.

Amendment to the Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Digby

THAT the Main Motion be amended by adding Item E, as follows:

- E. THAT the Vancouver Park Board does not endorse the construction of parking garages as referenced on page 78 of the Stanley Park Mobility Study.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Change in Chair

Commissioner Jensen reassumed the chair.

Amendment to the Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Digby
SECONDED by Commissioner Jensen

THAT the Main Motion be amended by inserting a new Item C and renumbering subsequent items:

- C. THAT, separately, the Vancouver Park Board directs staff to report back on the design and cost of a permanent separated bike lane on Stanley Park Drive starting at some point after the Water Supply Tunnel constriction, proceeding up Prospect Point hill and down the other side of Prospect Point hill as far as necessary to safely connect to the existing Second Beach bike lane:
 - 1. The report back shall be provided in time for projected costs to be included in the Capital Plan 2027-2030, and, given that this route is virtually the same as Option A proposed in the Stanley Park Temporary Bike Lane Options report dated February 8, 2023 (voted on February 13, 2023), the Board will be satisfied with an update to that previous report.

CARRIED

In favour: Commissioners Bastiovanszky, Christensen, Digby, Jensen

Opposed: Commissioner Haer

Amendment to the Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Digby
SECONDED by Commissioner Jensen

THAT the Main Motion be amended by adding the following sentence to Item B:

FURTHER THAT transit implementation aim to maintain the current Beach Avenue configuration, if feasible, and that any necessary changes to that configuration are to be explicitly approved by the Board.

CARRIED

In favour: Commissioners Bastiovanszky, Christensen, Digby, Jensen

Opposed: Commissioner Haer

Question on the Main Motion, as Amended

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the “Stanley Park Mobility Study” as a policy, as summarized in this report and attached as Appendix A, which includes research, vision, options, and a proposed implementation strategy for the future of Stanley Park’s transportation system over the next 20-plus years.
- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to initiate scoping work with TransLink and the City of Vancouver’s Engineering Department for a new Stanley Park Drive bus service, as recommended as Stage 1a implementation, and include it as a priority planning initiative for inclusion in the 2026 Service Plan. FURTHER THAT transit implementation aim to maintain the current Beach Avenue configuration, if feasible, and that any necessary changes to that configuration are to be explicitly approved by the Board.
- C. THAT, separately, the Vancouver Park Board directs staff to report back on the design and cost of a permanent separated bike lane on Stanley Park Drive starting at some point after the Water Supply Tunnel constriction, proceeding up Prospect Point hill and down the other side of Prospect Point hill as far as necessary to safely connect to the existing Second Beach bike lane:
 - 1. The report back shall be provided in time for projected costs to be included in the Capital Plan 2027-2030, and, given that this route is virtually the same as Option A proposed in the Stanley Park Temporary Bike Lane Options report dated February 8, 2023 (voted on February 13, 2023), the Board will be satisfied with an update to that previous report.
- D. FURTHER THAT all past Board motions regarding the Stanley Park Mobility Study dated 2024 or prior are superseded by this report and attached Appendix A;
- E. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to provide an update to City Council, for information through a memo, per recommendations within the City’s 2023 Office of the Auditor General’s report.
- F. THAT the Vancouver Park Board does not endorse the construction of parking garages as referenced on page 78 of the Stanley Park Mobility Study.

CARRIED

In favour: Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Christensen, Digby, Jensen

Opposed: Commissioner Haer

The Committee meeting adjourned at 11:22 pm.

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Steve Jackson
General Manager

Commissioner Scott Jensen
Chair