



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 20, 2025

A Regular meeting of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation was held on Monday, October 20, 2025, at 9:10 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 Marie-Claire Howard
Commissioner Scott Jensen
Commissioner Jas Virdi

**GENERAL MANAGER'S
OFFICE:**

Steve Kellock, Acting 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:

- (c) labour relations or other employee relations;
- (g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the city;
- (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. Special Board Meeting – October 6, 2025**
- 2. Regular Board Meeting – October 7, 2025**

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Digby

THAT the Minutes of the Special Board meeting of October 6, 2025 and Regular Board meeting of October 7, 2025, with the correction to the “Affirming the Park Board’s Commitment to Transgender Lives and Rights” resolution.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CHAIR’S REPORT

The Chair highlighted the participation of Commissioners at Park Board events since the previous Board meeting on September 15, 2025:

- Commissioner Jensen attended the Children Youth and Families Advisory Committee meeting in his role as liaison
- Commissioner Bastiovanszky attended a meeting with the 2SLGBTQ+ Advisory Committee and the Community Centre Association (CCA) meetings at Kitsilano, West End and False Creek Community Centres in his role as liaison
- Commissioner Digby visited the West End Community Centre to observe the exterior renovations that are currently underway
- Commissioner Digby attended meetings at Britannia Community Services Centre and Dunbar Community Centre in his role as liaison
- Chair Christensen attended the 50th Anniversary Gala for Canada’s Accredited Zoo’s and Aquariums (CAZA).

COMMUNICATIONS

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

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Report of the Board Committee – October 20, 2025

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

1. Golf Services Review
2. Park Board Parking Strategy – 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 October 20, 2025, as contained in items 1 and 2.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

STAFF REPORTS

1. Park Board Meeting Dates – Proposed 2026 Schedule

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen

SECONDED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the 2026 meeting dates as outlined below, with the meetings open to the public commencing at 6:30pm and with Regular Board meetings to immediately follow Board Committee meetings (when scheduled):

January 19	February 02 February 23	March 09 March 30
April 13 April 27	May 04 May 25	June 01 June 15
July 13 July 27	August break	September <i>No meetings per Procedure By-law</i>
October 06 October 20	November 02 (<i>inaugural</i>) November 16 (<i>Special Budget</i>) November 30	December 14

FURTHER THAT the Board reserve the hour prior to each public meeting for an In-Camera meeting, should it be required;

AND FURTHER THAT the Board reserve every Tuesday evening following the above-noted meeting dates, commencing at 5:30 pm, should any meetings need to be reconvened or rescheduled.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. General Manager's Report

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

- Creation of an Accessibility Working Group
- Council agenda items related to, or impacting, parks and recreation:
 - Council to receive a presentation on October 21, 2025, titled "Capital Plan Implementation Update" which would provide an update on the Capital Plan implementation for information
 - Council to receive a memo on October 21, 2025, titled "[2026 Council Meetings Schedule](#)", which would establish dates and times in which Council meetings would occur in 2026
 - Council to receive a memo on October 21 2025, titled "[Appointments of Council Liaisons to Advisory Committees, Task Force and Policy Council](#)", which outlines the Council liaison roles for Advisory Committee, Task Force and Policy Council until November 1, 2026
- Board briefing memos and emails issued from October 6 to 20 2025.

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 November 3 to December 8, 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ENQUIRIES

Commissioner Bastiovanszky requested a status report on the repair and reopening of the West End Community Centre parking lot.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 9:21 pm.

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Steve Jackson
General Manager

Commissioner Laura Christensen
Chair