



BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 20, 2025

A Committee meeting of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation was held on Monday, October 20, 2025 at 6:30 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 Viridi

**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 territory of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Board Committee Meeting – October 6 and 7, 2025

MOVED by Commissioner Christensen

SECONDED by Commissioner Digby

THAT the Minutes of the Board Committee meeting on October 6 and 7, 2025, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Viridi wished all a happy Diwali and Bandi Chhor Divas

COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were received via email or the [Contact Park Board Commissioners](#) web form between October 14, 2025, and 3:00 pm on October 20, 2025 regarding: the Golf Services Review:

- Golf Services Review:
 - One opposed
- Park Board Parking Strategy – Report Back
 - Five in support
 - 26 opposed
 - Three other.

STAFF REPORTS

1. Golf Services Review

The Director, Business Services, introduced the item. Planner III and Planner II, Planning and Policy, jointly reviewed the presentation on the 2025 Golf Services Review.

Following the presentation, staff responded to questions related to:

- Replacement of trees that may be removed from golf courses
- Progress of initiatives to reduce the use of potable water
- Whether discounts will be made available for low income residents
- Whether enhanced concessions will be available at the Rupert Pitch and Putt.

Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Virdi

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the “Golf Services Review,” as outlined in this report and attached in appendix A, to optimize service delivery of Vancouver’s municipal championship and pitch & putt golf courses over the next 10+ years;
- B. THAT the Park Board direct staff to end the fixed \$299,400 annual contribution to the Park Board Golf Reserve Fund upon approval of this report, and shift it to a contribution based on percentage of golf revenues, to be implemented through the 2026 Fees and Charges process.

- C. THAT the Park Board direct staff to adopt an Annual Maximum Allowable Rate for championship golf and pitch and putt green fees through the 2026 Fees and Charges – Parks and Recreation annual report; and

FURTHER THAT, subject to approval of C, the Park Board delegate authority to the Supervisor of Golf Operations to set green fees and discount rates, not to exceed the approved Annual Maximum Allowable Rate;
- D. THAT the Park Board continue to provide biodiversity and habitat enhancement areas, invasive species management, and public park amenities like perimeter trails, on all municipal golf courses, as an ongoing component of the VPB Golf program;
- E. THAT all past Board motions regarding the Golf Services Review or Golf Strategy dated October 1, 2023, or prior are superseded by this report and Appendix A; and
- F. THAT the Park Board direct staff to share this report and the Golf Services Review with Mayor and Council, for information, in accordance with the Audit of Park Board Revenue Management.

Amendment to the Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky
SECONDED by Commissioner Jensen

THAT Item G be added to the Main Motion:

- G. FURTHER THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation direct staff to update the Golf Hospitality and Events Business Plan, expanding upon the Golf Services Review to:
 - i. Identify opportunities for weddings, events, and community programming at Langara and McCleery Clubhouses;
 - ii. Explore patio expansion, weekend activations, and enhanced food and beverage offerings, and following the Kitsilano concession success; and
 - iii. Report back by Q2 2026 with the plan update, revenue projections, partnership options, and required capital investments.

Amendment to the Amendment

MOVED by Commissioner Christensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky

THAT Item G be amended as follows:

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 - i. Identify opportunities for weddings, events, and community programming at Langara and McCleery Clubhouses;

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- iii. Report back by Q2 2026 with the plan update, revenue projections, partnership options, and required capital investments.

CARRIED

In favour: Commissioners Bastovanszky, Christensen, Digby, Jensen

Abstain: Commissioners Haer, Howard, Virdi

Question on the Amendment, as Amended

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Park Board Parking Strategy – Report Back

The Director, Business Services, introduced the item. The Project Manager II, Strategic Initiatives, reviewed the presentation on the proposed parking strategy.

Following the presentation, staff responded to questions related to:

- Engagement on the parking strategy
- Concern regarding the impact of the Festival of Light special event parking pilot project on the neighbouring residents
- How paid parking at community centres will be monitored to ensure that only patrons are provided with free parking
- Whether the number of hours of free parking can be tailored to a specific user group in the community centre e.g. curling
- Concern regarding the special event parking rate for the Festival of Light event at VanDusen Botanical Garden
- Paid parking currently in effect at community centres in the vicinity of the city centre.

The Board Committee heard from three speakers, all of whom spoke in opposition to the staff recommendation. The speakers responded to questions from Commissioners.

Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Bastiovanszky
SECONDED by Commissioner Digby

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Board approve the Park Board Parking Strategy as policy guidelines to support improved user experience, financial sustainability and operations of parking lots under its jurisdiction;
- B. THAT the Park Board approve the implementation plan, developed in consultation with partners, for a 12-month paid parking pilot at Hillcrest, Kerrisdale, and Trout Lake Community Centres and adjacent park spaces, including three hours of free parking for community centre patrons, and \$3.50/hour rate between 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.;
- C. THAT the Park Board approve the implementation plan for a 12-month paid parking pilot at Langara Golf Course, with a \$4.25/hour market rate between 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. and complimentary parking offered to golf patrons;
- D. THAT the Park Board approve the implementation plan for a one-month paid parking pilot at VanDusen Botanical Garden, for the 2026 Festival of Lights period, between 4:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. at a \$25 event rate;
- E. THAT the Park Board receive for information, the option of an Amenity Improvement Fee (AIF) to retain a portion of parking revenue within Park Board, linking it directly to the type of asset from which it is generated;
- F. THAT the Park Board direct staff to report back in Q4 2026 on the paid parking pilot, outlined in this report, after continued consultation of partners; and
- G. THAT the Park Board direct staff to share this report and the Park Board Parking Strategy with Mayor and Council, for information, in accordance with the Audit of Park Board Revenue Management.

Amendment to the Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Bastiovanszky
SECONDED by Commissioner Jensen

THAT the Main Motion be amended as follows:

- B. THAT the Park Board approve the implementation plan, developed in consultation with partners, for a 12-month paid parking pilot at Hillcrest, Kerrisdale, and Trout Lake Community Centres and adjacent park spaces, including three hours of free parking for community centre, library and curling centre patrons, and \$2.50/hour rate between 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.
- C. THAT the Park Board approve the implementation plan for a 12-month paid parking pilot at Langara Golf Course, with a \$4.25/hour market rate between 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. and complimentary parking offered to golf patrons, and two hours of free parking for clubhouse patrons at Langara and McCleery.
- D. THAT the Park Board approve the implementation plan for a one-month paid parking pilot at VanDusen Botanical Garden, for the 2026 Festival of Lights period, between 4:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. at a \$15 event rate.

Commissioner Jensen requested that the amendment be considered as distinct propositions.

Question on Amendment to Item B

- B. THAT the Park Board approve the implementation plan, developed in consultation with partners, for a 12-month paid parking pilot at Hillcrest, Kerrisdale, and Trout Lake Community Centres and adjacent park spaces, including three hours of free parking for community centre, library and curling centre patrons, and \$2.50/hour rate between 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.

DEFEATED

In favour: Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Digby

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

Question on Amendment to Item C

- C. THAT the Park Board approve the implementation plan for a 12-month paid parking pilot at Langara Golf Course, with a \$4.25/hour market rate between 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. and complimentary parking offered to golf patrons, and two hours of free parking for clubhouse patrons at Langara and McCleery.

CARRIED

In favour: Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Christensen, Digby, Jensen

Opposed: Commissioners Haer, Howard, Viridi

Question on Amendment to Item D

- D. THAT the Park Board approve the implementation plan for a one-month paid parking pilot at VanDusen Botanical Garden, for the 2026 Festival of Lights period, between 4:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. at a \$15 event rate.

DEFEATED

In favour: Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Digby

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

Amendment to the Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky

SECONDED by Commissioner Digby

- B. THAT the Park Board approve the implementation plan, developed in consultation with partners, for a 12-month paid parking pilot at Hillcrest, Kerrisdale, and Trout Lake Community Centres and adjacent park spaces, including three hours of free parking for community centre, library and curling centre patrons, and \$3.50/hour rate between 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.

DEFEATED

In favour: Commissioners Digby, Bastyovanszky

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

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CARRIED

In favour: Commissioners Christensen, Jensen

Opposed: Commissioners Haer, Virdi

Abstain: Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Digby, Howard

The Committee meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

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Steve Jackson
General Manager

Commissioner Scott Jensen
Chair