



BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 1, 2026

A Board Committee meeting of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation was held on Monday, June 1, 2026 at 6:37 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 Viridi

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

* *Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair acknowledged that the meeting is taking place on the traditional territory of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations. We meet on this land respectfully and with honour to each other, the land, and the communities we serve. Commissioners were invited to join the Chair in actions of reconciliation in their deliberations and the decisions they make.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Board Committee Meeting – May 25, 2026

MOVED by Commissioner Digby

SECONDED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky

THAT the Minutes of the Board Committee meeting on May 25, 2026, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In favour: Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Christensen, Digby, Haer, Howard

Absent: Commissioners Jensen, Viridi

COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were received via email or the [Contact Park Board Commissioners](#) web form between May 25, 2026 and 3:00 pm on June 1, 2026:

- Designated Smoking Area at Select Special Events in Summer 2026 – Pilot Program:
 - One in support
 - Three in opposition.

STAFF REPORTS

1. Burrard View Hospice – Vancouver Coastal Health – Lease Agreement Renewal

The Director, Business Services, introduced the item. The Associate Director, Commercial Operations, provided a presentation on the proposed lease agreement renewal for the Burrard View Hospice.

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Digby

THAT the Board Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation (“Park Board”) authorize staff to negotiate to the satisfaction of the Park Board’s General Manager, the City of Vancouver’s (the “City”) Director of Legal Services, and the City’s Chief Purchasing Official, and enter into a lease agreement, with Vancouver Coastal Health (“VCH”) for the field house at Burrard View Park for an initial term of ten (10) years, with two additional five (5) year renewals, for a total contract term of twenty (20) years effective September 1, 2026;
- B. THAT the City’s Director of Legal Services, Chief Purchasing Official and Park Board’s General Manager be authorized to execute on behalf of the Park Board the contract contemplated by Recommendation A above; and
- C. THAT no legal rights or obligations will be created by the Park Board’s adoption of Recommendations A and B above unless and until such contract is executed by the authorized signatories of the City as set out in these Recommendations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Designated Smoking Area at Select Special Events in Summer 2026 – Pilot Program

The Director, Business Services, introduced the item. The Associate Director, Business Services, provided a presentation on the proposed pilot project to establish designated smoking areas at selected events during summer 2026.

Staff responded to questions regarding:

- The rationale for not including cannabis as an allowable product to be consumed in the designated smoking area
- The need to monitor compliance with the Park Board Smoking Regulation Bylaw with the establishment of a designated smoking area.

The Board Committee heard from three speakers, of whom one spoke in favour and two spoke in opposition to the staff recommendation. The speakers responded to questions from the Board Committee.

MOVED by Commissioner Haer
SECONDED by Commissioner Virdi

THAT the Board Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve, as a pilot program, the requirements of the Park Board Smoking Regulation Bylaw not be strictly enforced in relation to the 2026 Great Outdoor Comedy Festival and the 2026 Rosé Disco and Country Club events to allow for the establishment of designated smoking areas at these events; and
- B. THAT Park Board staff will report back to the Board regarding the efficacy of this pilot project no later than March 31, 2027.

CARRIED

In favour: Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Christensen, Haer, Virdi

Opposed: Commissioners Digby, Howard, Jensen

3. Indigenous Community-led Cultural Events – Report Back

The Senior Planner, Arts, Recreation and Culture, introduced the item. The Coordinator, Arts, Recreation and Culture, provided a presentation reporting on Indigenous community-led cultural events between 2022 and 2025 and a request for additional funding from the Corporate Sponsorship Fund.

Staff responded to questions regarding future plans to include funding for Indigenous-led community-led cultural events in the annual operating budget.

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Virdi

THAT the Board Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board receive the report on three-year Corporate Sponsorship Fund support for Indigenous community-led cultural events; and

- B. THAT the Park Board approve \$50,000 from the Corporate Sponsorship Fund for 2026 to support staff and services for Indigenous community-led cultural events and initiatives in parks.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In favour: Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Christensen, Digby, Haer, Jensen, Virdi

Absent: Commissioner Howard

The Board Committee meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm.

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Steve Jackson
General Manager

Commissioner Laura Christensen
Chair