



## REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**JULY 13, 2026**

A Regular meeting of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation was held on Monday, July 13, 2026, at 10:47 pm, in the Boardroom at the Park Board Office, and via videoconference.

**PRESENT:**

Commissioner Tom Digby, Chair  
Commissioner Brennan Bastyovanszky, Vice-Chair  
Commissioner Laura Christensen  
Commissioner Angela Haer  
Commissioner Marie-Claire Howard \*  
Commissioner Scott Jensen  
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

*\* 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.

### IN CAMERA MEETING

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen

SECONDED by Commissioner Christensen

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;
- (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.
- (2)(b) negotiations the consideration of information received and held in confidence relating to negotiations between the city and a provincial government or the federal government or both, or between a provincial government or the federal government or both and a third party

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*In favour: Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Christensen, Digby, Haer, Jensen, Viridi*

*Absent: Commissioner Howard*

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**1. Regular Board Meeting – June 1, 2026**

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen

SECONDED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting of June 1, 2026, be approved.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*In favour: Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Christensen, Digby, Haer, Jensen, Viridi*

*Absent: Commissioner Howard*

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

The Chair highlighted the participation of Commissioners at Park Board events since the previous Board meeting on June 1, 2026:

- Commissioner Jensen attended a meeting with the Childcare Council of Vancouver, in his role as Park Board Liaison
- Chair Digby has attended meetings with the Stanley Park Ecology, the Associations Presidents Group, the Vancouver City Planning Commission, and Community Centre Association (CCA) meetings, in his role as Park Board Liaison
- Chair Digby and Commissioner Haer attended the Air India Memorial event
- Chair Digby and Commissioner Christensen attended the Britannia 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration
- Chair Digby attended the Marpole Community Day celebration
- Chair Digby visited the West Point Grey Lawn Bowling Club to see the newly renovated roof
- Chair Digby and Commissioner Bastyovanszky met with members of the Nelson Park Gardeners Association

- Chair Digby attended the annual West End Seniors Strawberry Festival at Barclay Heritage Square
- Commissioners attended the opening night of Bard on the Beach
- Chair Digby and Commissioner Jensen attended the Champlain Heights Summer Fair
- Commissioner Jensen visited the new mini-golf attraction in Stanley Park
- Commissioner Jensen played a round of golf at the Stanley Park Pitch 'n Putt
- Commissioners attended the Symphony at Sunset event
- Commissioner Jensen visited the opening day of Kitsilano Pool
- Chair Digby and Commissioner Jensen attended the Vancouver Open Volleyball Tournament at Kitsilano Beach
- Commissioners attended FIFA celebrations at BC Place
- Commissioners Howard and Viridi attended the FIFA Fan Festival at the PNE
- Commissioner Jensen attended East Side Pride in Grandview Park
- Commissioner Jensen attended the FIFA Granville Street celebration
- Chair Digby attended the Places That Matter plaque unveiling at the Mount Pleasant Family Centre at Robson Park
- Commissioners attended the KitsFest Appreciation event
- Commissioner Jensen attended an Interactive Talaysay Tour to learn more about the Indigenous history of Stanley Park
- Commissioners Christensen and Jensen attended the FIFA activation at Capilano Suspension Bridge
- Commissioners attended the FIFA celebration at Science World
- Commissioner Jensen attended Theatre Under the Stars
- Commissioner Viridi attended the celebration of Argentina Independence Day
- Commissioners attended Canada Day celebrations at Granville Island, Kerrisdale Community Centre and Sunset Community Centre
- Commissioner Jensen has visited several parks, including Woodland Park, Britannia Skate Park, MacLean Park, and the Rhode Pop-up at Kitsilano Beach.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

There was no communication of note received related to the Board meeting agenda items.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **1. Report of the Board Committee – July 13, 2026**

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

1. Disc Golf Plan
2. 2027-2030 Capital Plan - Parks and Recreation.

MOVED by Commissioner Christensen  
SECONDED by Commissioner Jensen

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Board Committee at its meeting of July 13, 2026, as contained in items 1 and 2.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## STAFF REPORTS

### 1. General Manager's Report

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

- Installation of bird-friendly window treatments at Renfrew Park Community Centre
- Increased use of bicycle patrol by Park Rangers in key high-use park areas during FIFA events
- Replacement of the original concrete artwork, which has deteriorated over time, at Hillcrest Park
- Council agenda items related to, or impacting, parks and recreation:
  - Council to receive a report on July 14, 2026, titled "[2026 Community Services, Childcare and Other Grants](#)", which would approve a total of \$10,829,298 disbursed through 111 operating grants, and \$425,224 disbursed through 21 capital grants for community social service organizations, childcare providers, and other service partners
  - Council to receive a report on July 14, 2026 titled "[2027-2030 Capital Plan](#)", which contemplates \$3.5 billion of capital investment and \$100 million of in-kind infrastructure and amenities
  - Council to receive a report on July 14, 2026 titled "[Updating Development Contributions: A New Framework for Financing Growth](#)", which would approve a city-wide Amenity Cost Charge By-law for funding growth-related community amenities
  - Council to receive a report on July 14, 2026 titled "[Arts, Culture and Community Services Sublease, Lease, and License Agreements and Grant Approvals](#)", which would approve recommendations to advance Council priorities related to social spaces, older adults, childcare, health, and equity
  - Council to hold a public hearing on July 14, 2026 related to the "[Villages Planning Program](#)", which considers amending the Vancouver Official Development Plan to change designations on Generalized Land Use

- Council to receive a report on July 15, 2026 titled “[Contract Award for Demolition Services for the Vancouver Aquatic Centre](#)”, which would award a contract for demolition services to Heatherbrae Builders Co. Ltd.
- Council to consider a motion on July 15, 2026 titled “[Enabling Community-led Installation of Temporary Shade for Heat Protection](#)”
- Council to consider a motion on July 15, 2026 titled “[Equipping the City of Expand Childcare Capacity](#)”, which directs staff to report back with recommendations to accelerate and facilitate the creation of childcare spaces
- Council to consider a motion on July 15, 2026 titled “[Protecting and Planning for Vancouver’s Waterfront Precinct](#)”, which would direct staff to report back on the resource requirements for a comprehensive Central Waterfront Precinct Planning Program
- Council to consider a motion on July 15, 2026 titled “[Keep the Artists In](#)”, which would establish a nonprofit in Vancouver to create and operate a Cultural Land Trust
- Council to consider a motion on July 15, 2026 titled “[Rising Tides](#)”, which would establish a coordinated governance and stewardship model for False Creek
- Council to consider a motion on July 15, 2026 titled “[Sustaining Summer 2026 Festivals](#)”, which would approve one-time grants from the City’s 2026 Operating Budget to assist organizations facing extraordinary funding pressures
- Board briefing memos and emails from July 1 to 13, 2026.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Commissioner Digby noted that, due to the requirement to submit the 2027-2030 Capital Plan to Council by July 14, 2026, the agenda items from the July 13, 2026 Regular meeting will be considered at the previously scheduled July 20, 2026 Special meeting.

### **Request for Leave of Absence**

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen  
SECONDED by Commissioner Christensen

THAT Commissioner Jensen be granted a leave of absence from the meeting on July 27, 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 11:06 pm.

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Steve Jackson  
General Manager

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Tom Digby  
Chair