



BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

JULY 13, 2026

A Board Committee meeting of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation was held on Monday, July 13, 2026 at 6:30 pm in the Boardroom at the Park Board Office, and via videoconference.

PRESENT:

Commissioner Laura Christensen, Chair
Commissioner Brennan Bastovanszky, Vice-Chair
Commissioner Tom Digby
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.

The Chair reported that 121 speakers have registered to speak on the 2027-2030 Capital Plan. As Park Board is required to submit its decision regarding the capital plan to Vancouver City Council on July 14, 2026, the Board Committee will hear from speakers until 9:30 p.m., after which the Park Board will deliberate on the 2027-2030 Capital Plan.

Motions to Suspend the Rules

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Haer

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

CARRIED

In favour: Commissioners Bastovanszky, Christensen, Digby, Jensen, Haer, Howard
Opposed: Commissioner Virdi

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Board Committee Meeting – June 1, 2026

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen

SECONDED by Commissioner Digby

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In favour: Commissioners Bastiovanszky, Christensen, Digby, Jensen, Haer, Viridi

Absent: Commissioner Howard

COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were received via email or the [Contact Park Board Commissioners](#) web form between July 6, 2026 and 3:00 pm on July 13, 2026:

- Disc Golf Plan:
 - One in support
- 2027-2030 Capital Plan – Parks and Recreation:
 - Two in support
 - Five providing comments.

STAFF REPORTS

1. Disc Golf Plan

The Director, Park Planning and Development, reviewed the report provided with the agenda material and invited questions.

Staff responded to questions regarding:

- Opportunities for new disc golf courses to be located in Vancouver parks or co-located with existing golf courses
- Whether funding for the Disc Golf Plan could be included in the next capital plan.

The Board Committee heard from one speaker, who spoke in support of the staff recommendation.

MOVED by Commissioner Christensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Jensen

THAT the Board Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the “Disc Golf Plan”, as outlined in this report and attached within Appendix A, to guide improvements for disc golf in Vancouver’s parks.
- B. FURTHER THAT delivery of improvements will be dependent on committed funding through future capital budgets.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. 2027-2030 Capital Plan – Parks and Recreation

The General Manager introduced the item. The Director, Strategic Operations and Board Relations, and Manager, Strategic Initiatives, jointly provided a presentation on the 2027-20230 Capital Plan.

Staff responded to questions from the Board Committee.

The Board Committee heard from 46 speakers, of which 12 spoke in favour, one spoke in opposition and 33 offered comments regarding the staff recommendation. The speakers responded to questions from the Board Committee.

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Digby

THAT the Vancouver Park Board suspends the rules to extend the meeting to the conclusion of the Board meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In favour: Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Christensen, Digby, Jensen, Haer, Virdi
Absent: Commissioner Howard

Recess

The meeting recessed at 9:25 pm and reconvened at 9:38 pm.

Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky

THAT the Board Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve, for submission to City Council for funding consideration, the draft 2027–2030 Parks and Recreation Capital Plan service area allocations, as outlined in this report, totalling \$739 million, including:

- i. \$223 million for Parks and Public Open Spaces;

- ii. \$496 million for Recreation Facilities; and
- iii. \$20 million for Service Yards.

Amendment to the Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Virdi

SECONDED by Commissioner Haer

THAT the Main Motion be replaced with:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation amend the 2027–2030 Capital Plan to accept and incorporate funding from Vancouver City Council for the following capital projects:
 - i. Community Centre Renewal and Reconstruction: Funding to undertake the planning, design, renewal, reconstruction, modernization, accessibility upgrades, seismic improvements, mechanical and electrical upgrades, energy efficiency improvements, and associated site works for:
 - Dunbar Community Centre;
 - Kerrisdale Community Centre;
 - Hastings Community Centre;
 - Roundhouse Community Centre; and
 - Kensington Community Centre;
 - Funding shall also support recreation spaces, fitness facilities, childcare and family spaces, seniors' programming areas, accessibility improvements, and all supporting infrastructure:
 - ii. Sunset and Marpole Aquatic Facility: Funding to plan, design, and construct new partially covered outdoor aquatic facilities at Sunset and Marpole community centres, including a lap pool, leisure pool, water play amenities, universal change facilities, accessible and inclusive design features, spectator amenities, and all required mechanical, electrical, site, landscaping, and supporting park infrastructure. Citywide 50-Metre Pool Planning, Scoping, and Delivery Initiative: Funding to undertake planning, technical studies, public engagement, business case development, site investigations, land acquisition where required, preliminary and detailed design, environmental assessments, permitting, and early capital delivery activities necessary to advance the development of a future 50-metre aquatic facility within the City of Vancouver;
 - iii. Britannia Community Centre and Kitsilano Pool Renewal Planning: Funding to undertake planning, feasibility studies, technical investigations, public engagement, concept development, and preliminary design work to advance the renewal of Britannia Community Centre and Kitsilano Pool; and
 - iv. Total Capital Plan Funding Amendment: \$500,000,000;
- B. THAT staff be directed to amend the Vancouver Park Board 2027–2030 Capital Plan and associated capital budgets to incorporate the capital funding from Vancouver City Council for these projects;

- C. THAT staff report back through the annual capital budget process on project implementation, funding allocations, project schedules, and delivery milestones; and
- D. THAT staff continue to work collaboratively with the City of Vancouver to ensure these City Council funded capital investments are delivered and integrated into the Park Board's long-term planning for recreation, community centres, aquatic facilities, and park infrastructure.

DEFEATED

In favour: Commissioners Haer, Howard, Viridi

Opposed: Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Christensen, Digby, Jensen

Change in Chair

Commissioner Christensen relinquished, and Commissioner Jensen assumed, the Chair.

Amendment to the Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Christensen

SECONDED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky

THAT Items B, C and D be added to the Main Motion:

- B. THAT, given the Park Board's exclusive jurisdiction and control over parks, including improvements made thereon, the Park Board request City Council align the City's 2027–2030 Capital Plan to match the priorities of the Park Board as outlined in the attached report, drawing attention to the following priorities notably absent from the City's Plan:
 - i. Major improvements to Kitsilano Pool to extend its service life by approximately 15 years, as outlined in the "Protect" option from the March 2026 briefing memo;
 - ii. Renewal of Renfrew Community Centre; and
 - iii. Planning and feasibility work required to advance priority parks and recreation infrastructure in future annual capital budgets;
- C. THAT the Park Board direct staff to include in the Draft 2027 Annual Capital Budget funding for design or feasibility analysis of an integrated recreation hub at either Hastings Park / Hastings Community Centre or Kensington Park / Kensington Community Centre, including:
 - i. A renewed or replaced community centre (including but not limited to childcare, fitness, social, cultural, and community-serving spaces);
 - ii. A 50-metre indoor community aquatic and provincial competition facility; and
 - iii. A new ice rink; and

- D. FURTHER THAT staff report back to the Board in November 2026 with a feasibility comparison of the Hastings and Kensington sites, including a recommended planning pathway and next steps for Board consideration.

CARRIED

In favour: Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Christensen, Digby, Jensen

Opposed: Commissioners Haer, Howard, Virdi

Change in Chair

Commissioner Christensen reassumed the Chair.

Recess

The meeting recessed at 10:06 pm and resumed at 10:21 pm.

Amendment to the Amendment to the Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Digby

SECONDED by Commissioner Jensen

THAT the following paragraph be added to Item B of the Amendment to the Main Motion:

FURTHER THAT Park Board request City Council to provide direction to the Real Estate and Facilities Management Department (REFM) for REFM to intensify its efforts and co-ordinate with other City departments, to find solutions with the BC Ministry of Education, and with BC Housing, for renewal of community centres jointly funded with the City including Britannia, WestEnd Community Centre, Strathcona, Ray-Cam and Thunderbird in the upcoming term.

CARRIED

In favour: Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Christensen, Digby, Jensen

Opposed: Commissioners Haer, Howard, Virdi

Question on the Main Motion, as Amended

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- i. \$223 million for Parks and Public Open Spaces;
 - ii. \$496 million for Recreation Facilities; and
 - iii. \$20 million for Service Yards;
- B. THAT, given the Park Board's exclusive jurisdiction and control over parks, including improvements made thereon, the Park Board request City Council align the City's 2027–2030 Capital Plan to match the priorities of the Park Board as

outlined in the attached report, drawing attention to the following priorities notably absent from the City's Plan:

- i. Major improvements to Kitsilano Pool to extend its service life by approximately 15 years, as outlined in the "Protect" option from the March 2026 briefing memo;
- ii. Renewal of Renfrew Community Centre; and
- iii. Planning and feasibility work required to advance priority parks and recreation infrastructure in future annual capital budgets; and

FURTHER THAT Park Board request City Council to provide direction to the Real Estate and Facilities Management Department (REFM) for REFM to intensify its efforts and co-ordinate with other City departments, to find solutions with the BC Ministry of Education, and with BC Housing, for renewal of community centres jointly funded with the City including Britannia, WestEnd Community Centre, Strathcona, Ray-Cam and Thunderbird in the upcoming term;

- C. THAT the Park Board direct staff to include in the Draft 2027 Annual Capital Budget funding for design or feasibility analysis of an integrated recreation hub at either Hastings Park / Hastings Community Centre or Kensington Park / Kensington Community Centre, including:
 - i. A renewed or replaced community centre (including but not limited to childcare, fitness, social, cultural, and community-serving spaces);
 - ii. A 50-metre indoor community aquatic and provincial competition facility; and,
 - iii. A new ice rink; and
- D. FURTHER THAT staff report back to the Board in November 2026 with a feasibility comparison of the Hastings and Kensington sites, including a recommended planning pathway and next steps for Board consideration.

Commissioner Howard requested that the motion be considered as distinct propositions.

Question on Item A

THAT the Board Committee recommend to the Board:

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- ii. \$496 million for Recreation Facilities; and
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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Question on Item B

THAT the Board Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT, given the Park Board's exclusive jurisdiction and control over parks, including improvements made thereon, the Park Board request City Council align the City's 2027–2030 Capital Plan to match the priorities of the Park Board as outlined in the attached report, drawing attention to the following priorities notably absent from the City's Plan:

- i. Major improvements to Kitsilano Pool to extend its service life by approximately 15 years, as outlined in the "Protect" option from the March 2026 briefing memo;
- ii. Renewal of Renfrew Community Centre; and
- iii. Planning and feasibility work required to advance priority parks and recreation infrastructure in future annual capital budgets; and

FURTHER THAT Park Board request City Council to provide direction to the Real Estate and Facilities Management Department (REFM) for REFM to intensify its efforts and co-ordinate with other City departments, to find solutions with the BC Ministry of Education, and with BC Housing, for renewal of community centres jointly funded with the City including Britannia, WestEnd Community Centre, Strathcona, Ray-Cam and Thunderbird in the upcoming term.

CARRIED

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

Opposed: Commissioners Haer, Howard, Virdi

Question on Item C

THAT the Board Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT the Park Board direct staff to include in the Draft 2027 Annual Capital Budget funding for design or feasibility analysis of an integrated recreation hub at either Hastings Park / Hastings Community Centre or Kensington Park / Kensington Community Centre, including:

- i. A renewed or replaced community centre (including but not limited to childcare, fitness, social, cultural, and community-serving spaces);
- ii. A 50-metre indoor community aquatic and provincial competition facility; and,
- iii. A new ice rink.

CARRIED

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

Opposed: Commissioners Howard, Virdi

Abstained: Commissioner Haer

Question on Item D

THAT the Board Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT staff report back to the Board in November 2026 with a feasibility comparison of the Hastings and Kensington sites, including a recommended planning pathway and next steps for Board consideration.

CARRIED

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

Opposed: Commissioners Howard, Viridi

Abstained: Commissioner Haer

The Board Committee meeting adjourned at 10:46 pm.

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Steve Jackson
General Manager

Commissioner Laura Christensen
Chair