



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 Bastyovanszky, 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

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The Chair reported that 121 speakers have registered to speak on the 2027-20230 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 Bastyovanszky, 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 Bastyovanszky, 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, Viridi
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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Commissioner Howard requested that the motion be considered as distinct propositions.

Question on Item A

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Question on Item B

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CARRIED

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

Opposed: Commissioners Haer, Howard, Viridi

Question on Item C

THAT the Board Committee recommend to the Board:

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- iii. A new ice rink.

CARRIED

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

Opposed: Commissioners Howard, Viridi

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



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
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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, Virdi

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, Virdi

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 50th 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

Tom Digby
Chair