



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JULY 27, 2026

A Regular meeting of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation was held on Monday, July 27, 2026, at 9:24 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 Jas Virdi

ABSENT:

Commissioner Marie-Claire Howard
Commissioner Scott Jensen (leave of absence)

**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

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 Bastyovanszky
SECONDED by Commissioner Virdi

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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- 1. Regular Board Meeting – July 13, 2026**
- 2. Special Board Meeting – July 20, 2026**

MOVED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky
SECONDED by Commissioner Viridi

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting of July 13, 2026, and Special Board meeting of July 20, 2026, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair highlighted the participation of Commissioners at Park Board events since the previous Board meeting on July 13, 2026:

- Commissioners attended the FIFA Reception at Science World
- Commissioners Haer and Viridi attended the announcement for the Sunset Community Centre pool
- Commissioner Digby attended meetings with the Vancouver City Planning Commissioner, the Champlain Heights CCA, and the Stanley Park Ecology AGM, in his role as Park Board liaison
- Commissioner Jensen attended the Public Disco at the City Centre Artist Lodge
- Commissioner Jensen attended the Walk with the Dragon event in Stanley Park
- Commissioner Jensen attended Strathcona Pride at Strathcona Park
- Commissioner Jensen spoke at the unveiling of the “Right to Vote” plaque at the Japanese Canadian War Memorial in Stanley Park
- Chair Digby and Commissioners attended the 100th anniversary celebration of the Langara Golf Course
- Chair Digby attended the Vancouver Folk Music Festival
- Chair Digby attended the announcement of the Vancouver Cultural Precinct
- Commissioner Viridi attended the Folk Nach Bhangra Competition at Moberly Park
- On behalf of the Park Board, Chair Digby spoke at City Hall regarding the Capital Plan

- Commissioner Jensen visited the almost-completed park at Main and Seventh, Coal Harbour Community Centre, Devonian Off Leash Area, and several other parks

COMMUNICATIONS

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Report of the Board Committee – July 27, 2026

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

1. Affiliation and Allocation Policies
2. Harbour Green Café – Operator Lease
3. Recognition of Jim Clive and Howard Kelsy – Report Back
4. Growing Canada' Community Canopies – Contract Awards
5. FIFA World Cup 26 Vancouver -Killarney Park Venue Specific Training Site – Site Works Contract Amendment Award.

MOVED by Commissioner Christensen

SECONDED by Commissioner Virdi

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Board Committee at its meeting of July 27, 2026, as contained in items 1 through 5.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

STAFF REPORTS

1. General Manager's Report

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

- The Planning Institute of British Columbia (PIBC) awarded the Stanley Park Mobility Study an Honorable Mention in the Research and New Directions category
- Completion of the Little Mountain City Building and Public Plaza
- Results of the new VanDusen Garden membership approach and creation of a new Vancouver Botanical Garden Association (VBGA) Respite Fund
- Completion of the west wall mural in Trillium Park
- Opening celebration for the 6th Art in the Park project at Andy Livingstone Park

- CRAB Park art project
- Creation of a new email contact to respond to enquiries regarding cultural fires at parks
- New Artwork at sᑖəqəlxenəm ts'exwts'áxwi7 Rainbow Park
- Council agenda items related to, or impacting, parks and recreation:
 - Council to receive a report on July 28, 2026, titled “[Auditor General Committee Recommendations Transmittal Report](#)”, which would direct staff to annually compile and publicly report to Council on the value of the City's financial contributions to each operator (maintenance, lease grant, operating grants) to support fulsome accountability to the public
 - Council to receive a report on July 28, 2026, titled “[Rezoning: 906-982 West 18th Avenue, 907-975 West 19th Avenue and 3403-3415 Laurel Street](#)”, which proposes a 374 square meter park, alongside small-scale housing options. This rezoning is an example of how park board staff work collaboratively with city staff to achieve park provision through development processes
 - Council to receive a report on July 28, 2026, titled “[1905 Ogden Avenue: New Lease Agreement for the Vancouver Maritime Museum, and Sublease Agreement for the Operation of a Floating Barge with Hydrotherapy Activities, to be Located at the Heritage Harbour Marina](#)”, which would execute a new agreement with the Vancouver Maritime Museum and authorize a sublease for the operation of a floating barge in Heritage Harbour
- Board briefing memos and emails from July 13 to 27, 2026.

NOTICE OF MEMBERS MOTIONS

1. Improving Visitor Services and Operational Efficiency at the Stanley Park Information Booth

Commissioner Haer submitted a Notice of Motion on the above-noted matter. The motion below may be placed on the Board meeting agenda of October 26, 2026, as a Member's Motion.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation direct the General Manager to negotiate an amended operating agreement with 1080419 B.C. Ltd., in consultation with AAA Horse & Carriage in Stanley Park Ltd., and complete the negotiations by the end of the first quarter of 2027, with the amended agreement to:
 - i. Consolidate and clarify responsibility for operating the Stanley Park Information Booth, providing visitor information, selling carriage tour tickets and selling tickets for other Stanley Park and Vancouver attractions;
 - ii. Provide 1080419 B.C. Ltd. with greater operational responsibility for the sourcing, ordering and sale of food and beverages, with an emphasis on showcasing products from Vancouver and British Columbia businesses;

- iii. Permit the operator to pursue the future sale of alcohol at the Information Booth, subject to all applicable Park Board approvals, provincial licensing requirements, public safety requirements and other regulatory conditions;
 - iv. Replace the current administrative and revenue arrangement with a commercially reasonable percentage of gross sales model that provides fair value and ongoing revenue to the Vancouver Park Board;
 - v. Establish the operator's financial commitments toward equipment, exterior furniture, lighting, accessibility and other facility improvements;
 - vi. Reduce unnecessary administrative duplication and establish clear performance, financial reporting, maintenance and accountability requirements; and
 - vii. Ensure that the amended agreement complies with all applicable legal, procurement, financial, insurance, licensing and risk management requirements.
- B. FURTHER THAT, if staff determine that a specific term cannot be implemented because of a legal, procurement or regulatory requirement, staff provide the Board with the closest viable alternative and written reasons rather than delaying the entire amendment.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Digby recognized the community contributions of the Meraloma Rugby Club.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 9:46 pm.

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Steve Jackson
General Manager

Tom Digby
Chair