



BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

JULY 27, 2026

A Board Committee meeting of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation was held on Monday, July 27, 2026 at 6:40 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 Jas Virdi

ABSENT:

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

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

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Motion to Suspend the Rules

MOVED by Commissioner Digby

SECONDED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Absent: Commissioner Howard

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Board Committee Meeting – July 13, 2026

MOVED by Commissioner Digby

SECONDED by Commissioner Bastiovanszky

THAT the Minutes of the Board Committee meeting on July 13, 2026, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Absent: Commissioner Howard

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Bastiovanszky recognized tennis coach, Matin Bahadori.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were received via email or the [Contact Park Board Commissioners](#) web form between July 20, 2026 and 3:00 pm on July 27, 2026:

- Affiliation and Allocation Policies:
 - Four in support
 - Nine opposed.

MATTERS ADOPTED ON CONSENT

1. Item 2 – Harbour Green Café – Operator Lease

MOVED by Commissioner Digby

SECONDED by Commissioner Bastiovanszky

THAT Item 2 be approved on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Absent: Commissioner Howard

2. Item 5 – FIFA World Cup 26 Vancouver – Killarney Park Venue Specific Training Site – Site Works Contract Amendment Award

MOVED by Commissioner Viridi

SECONDED by Commissioner Digby

THAT Item 5 be approved on consent.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Absent: Commissioner Howard

STAFF REPORTS

1. Affiliation and Allocation Policies

The Director, Recreation Services, introduced the item. The Project Manager II, Strategic Initiatives, and Associate Director, Partner Relationship, jointly reviewed a presentation regarding the proposed Affiliation and Allocation Policies.

Staff responded to questions regarding:

- The importance of prioritizing access for equity deserving groups in the Allocation Policy
- Suggestion to consider providing priority access to groups who have made financial contributions to recreation facilities
- Staff capacity to implement the amended policies
- Concern that older adults will be displaced as a result of the proposed Allocation Policy
- The involvement of viaSport in the development of a Safe Sport program.

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

Recess

The meeting recessed at 8:08 pm and reconvened at 8:11 pm.

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

Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky
SECONDED by Commissioner Viridi

THAT the Board Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Park Board approve the Affiliation Policy, as outlined in this report and attached as Appendix A, to prioritize access to aquatics, arena, and outdoor sport facilities for user groups based on public benefit, safety, equity, and inclusion; and
- B. THAT the Park Board approve the Allocation Policy, replacing the Ice Allocation Policy (2003) and historical allocation approaches in aquatics and outdoor sport facilities, as outlined in this report and as attached as Appendix B, to decide how permits to recreation facilities are strategically, consistently, and equitably distributed among user groups.

Amendment to the Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky

SECONDED by Commissioner Virdi

THAT Item C be added to the Main Motion:

- C. THAT staff report back to the Board after the first allocation cycle under the Allocation Policy on implementation, stakeholder feedback, exemptions, allocation impacts, and recommended refinements to the policies or implementation procedures.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Absent: Commissioner Howard

Question on the Main Motion, as Amended

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- C. THAT staff report back to the Board after the first allocation cycle under the Allocation Policy on implementation, stakeholder feedback, exemptions, allocation impacts, and recommended refinements to the policies or implementation procedures.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Absent: Commissioner Howard

2. Harbour Green Café – Operator Lease

THAT the Board Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the overall concept for the Harbour Green Park Café lease space located at 1199 West Cordova Street, as submitted by 0800044 BC Ltd, O/A Charqui, O/A TacoLoco ("Sanjay Pandey");
- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board authorize staff to negotiate with Sanjay Pandey, to the satisfaction of the Park Board General Manager, the City of Vancouver's Director of Legal Services, and the City's Chief Procurement Officer, and enter into a lease agreement for the Harbour Green Park Café at 1199 West Cordova Street for an initial term of five (5) years, with the option to renew for two (2) additional five (5) year terms; and

- C. THAT no legal rights or obligations will be created, and no consents, permissions, or licences will be granted, unless and until all contemplated legal documentation has been executed and delivered by the authorized signatories.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

Recess

The meeting recessed at 8:55 pm and reconvened at 9:xx pm.

3. Recognition of Jim Clive and Howard Kelsey – Report Back

The Manager, Decolonization Arts and Culture, reviewed a presentation regarding the proposed recognition of Jim Clive and Howard Kelsey through interpretive signage at Kitsilano Beach Park.

Staff responded to questions regarding the concern that the interpretive signage will disrupt the existing use of Kitsilano Beach Park.

MOVED by Commissioner Viridi

SECONDED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky

THAT the Board Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Park Board, in alignment with the 2022 Board decision suspending review of new commemorative requests, honour Jim Clive and Howard Kelsey through interpretive signage at Kitsilano Beach Park, recognising their contributions to Vancouver's athletic community; and
- B. THAT staff coordinate an event to unveil the signage and recognise Jim Clive and Howard Kelsey's contributions to Vancouver's athletic community.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In favour: Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Digby, Haer, Viridi

Abstained: Commissioner Christensen

Absent: Commissioner Howard

4. Growing Canada's Community Canopies – Contract Awards

The Chair referenced the report provided with the agenda material and invited questions.

MOVED by Commissioner Digby

SECONDED by Commissioner Viridi

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 contract with Lee's Trees Ltd., for the Growing Canada's Community Canopies – Street Tree planting grant, for a term of approximately three (3) years, with an estimated contract value of approximately \$4,500,000, plus contingency and applicable taxes, to be funded through the Federation of

Canadian Municipalities (FCM) 'Growing Canada's Community Canopies (GCCC) grant and matched by the City's Housing Accelerator Funding;

- 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

Absent: Commissioner Howard

5. FIFA World Cup 26 Vancouver – Killarney Park Venue Specific Training Site – Site Works Contract Amendment Award

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 to add additional scope, as described in this report, to Construction Management Agreement PS20240847- VBPR-RFP - FIFA World Cup 26 Vancouver VSTS with Canadian Turner Construction Company, Ltd. (the "Agreement"). The Change Order carries an estimated, cumulative value of \$2,137,216.00 plus applicable taxes, to be funded through the capital project budget and an extension of the overall term of the contract to December 31, 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
- 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.

ADOPTED ON CONSENT

The Board Committee meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

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Steve Jackson
General Manager

Commissioner Laura Christensen
Chair



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
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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 Bastiovanszky
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 sḥəqəlxenəm 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