



## **BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**OCTOBER 26, 2026**

A Board Committee meeting of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation was held on Monday, October 26, 2026 at 6:34 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  
Sarah Iacoe, Director, Strategic Operations and Board Relations  
Jessica Kulchyski, Manager, Executive Office and Board Relations  
Carol Lee, Meeting Clerk  
Carl Pablo, Board Support and Meeting Assistant  
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.

### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**1. Board Committee Meeting – July 27, 2026**

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen

SECONDED by Commissioner Digby

THAT the Minutes of the Board Committee meeting on July 27, 2026, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Haer offered warm congratulations to Commissioner Digby on his re-election to the Vancouver Park Board.

Commissioner Digby noted that National Indigenous Veterans Day and Remembrance Day will be observed on November 8 and 11, 2026, respectively.

## COMMUNICATIONS

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

## STAFF REPORTS

### 1. Park Board Procurement Policy – Administrative Updates

The Director, Strategic Operations and Board Relations, reviewed a presentation providing a summary of the recommended amendments to the Park Board Procurement Policy

Staff responded to questions regarding:

- Whether the proposed amendments will sacrifice value for the benefit of administrative speed
- Whether the decision on the policy amendments should be deferred to a meeting of the new Commissioners.

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen

SECONDED by Commissioner Viridi

THAT the Board Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Board of Parks and Recreation approve amendments to the Park Board Procurement Policy as described in this report and as shown in Appendix C, including an increase to the Permitted Sole Source threshold from \$10,000 to \$25,000 and the removal of the Bid Committee approval requirement from the procurement approval process; and
- B. THAT the revised Park Board Procurement Policy replace the existing Park Board Procurement Policy approved October 6, 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

*Abstained: Commissioner Howard*

The Board Committee meeting adjourned at 6:43 pm.

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Steve Jackson  
General Manager

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Commissioner Laura Christensen  
Chair