



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 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
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

Commissioner Laura Christensen
Chair



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 26, 2026

A Regular meeting of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation was held on Monday, October 26, 2026, at 6:45 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 Scott Jensen
Commissioner Jas Virdi

ABSENT: Commissioner Marie-Claire Howard

GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE: Steve Jackson, General Manager
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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;
- (j) information that is prohibited, or information that if it were presented in a document would be prohibited, from disclosure under section 21 [disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party] of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act;

- (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 27, 2026

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen

SECONDED by Commissioner Christensen

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting of July 27, 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 27, 2026:

- Commissioners and staff attended the Vancouver Pride Parade
- Chair Digby and Commissioner Howard attended the Park Board at the recognition ceremony for Jim Clive and Howard Kelsey at Kitsilano Beach
- Chair Digby attended the Champlain Heights Community Centre weekend childcare program
- Commissioner Christensen attended the Fair at the PNE
- Commissioner Christensen visited the new Batch location at Trout Lake
- Commissioner Christensen attended the Astra Lumina VIP event in Stanley Park
- Commissioner Jensen attended the opening ceremony of the resurfaced basketball court at Grays Park
- Commissioner Jensen visited several parks.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Report of the Board Committee – October 26, 2026

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

1. Park Board Procurement Policy - Administrative Updates

MOVED by Commissioner Christensen

SECONDED by Commissioner Haer

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Board Committee at its meeting of October 26, 2026, as contained in item 1.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

STAFF REPORTS

1. General Manager's Report

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

- Launch of automatic waitlist for community centre programs
- Upgrade of the Grays Park basketball court delivered through the Unsolicited Proposal Process
- Robson Park sport court upgrade and opening of the newly refurbished Rebecca Marino Courts
- Board briefing memos and emails from July 27 to October 26, 2026.

Staff responded to questions regarding:

- Communications plan for the launch of the automated waitlist management tool for swim lessons
- Status of the demolition of the Vancouver Aquatic Centre.

MEMBERS' MOTIONS

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

The Chair reported that the motion was withdrawn by the Mover.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Urgent Motion to Assess Hazards

Commissioner Haer presented an urgent motion.

The Chair ruled that the motion is not an urgent matter and will not be considered at the current meeting.

2. Urgent Motion to Restore Free Public Beach Parking at Jericho Beach, Locarno Beach and Spanish Banks

Commissioner Haer presented an urgent motion.

The Chair ruled that the motion is not an urgent matter and will not be considered at the current meeting.

Challenge of the Chair

MOVED by Commissioner Haer

THAT the ruling of the Chair be sustained.

CARRIED

In favour: Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Christensen, Digby, Jensen

Opposed: Commissioner Haer

Abstain: Commissioner Virdi

3. November 16, 2026 Special Budget Meeting

The Chair announced that the Special Budget meeting, scheduled for November 16, 2026, has been cancelled and will be rescheduled to a future date.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 7:14 pm.

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Steve Jackson
General Manager

Tom Digby
Chair