



BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 14, 2025

A Committee meeting of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation was held on Monday, April 14, 2025, at 6:35 pm, in the Boardroom at the Park Board Office, and via videoconference.

PRESENT:

Commissioner Scott Jensen, Chair
Commissioner Brennan Bastyovanszky*
Commissioner Laura Christensen
Commissioner Tom Digby, Vice-Chair
Commissioner Angela Haer
Commissioner Marie-Claire Howard
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

The Chair acknowledged that the meeting is taking place on the traditional territory of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Board Committee Meeting – March 31, 2025

MOVED by Commissioner Christensen

SECONDED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky

THAT the Minutes of the Board Committee meeting on March 31, 2025, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications related to the Park Board Parking Strategy were received via email or the [Contact Park Board Commissioners](#) web form between April 7, 2025 and 3:00 pm on April 14, 2025:

- One in support
- 56 opposed.

STAFF REPORTS

1. Auditor General – Update and Comprehensive Fee Setting Framework

The Director of Strategic Operations and Board Relations introduced the item. The Project Manager II, Strategic Operations, along with Brian Johnston, Consultant, provided a presentation regarding the status of actions responding to the Office of the Auditor General (OAG) recommendations regarding the implementation of a comprehensive fee setting framework.

Following the presentation, staff responded to questions related to:

- Municipalities that utilize the comprehensive fee setting framework
- The Park Board and City of Vancouver resources required to complete the full costing of all Park Board service offerings
- Expected timing for completion of the costing.

Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky
SECONDED by Commissioner Christensen

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Park Board receive for information an update on actions responding recommendations of the Office of the Auditor General provided through its 2023 report, Audit of Park Board Revenue Management.
- B. THAT the Park Board approve the Comprehensive Fee-setting Framework, following recommendation of the Auditor General, to strengthen fee-setting processes for parks and recreation services and better align public investment to delivery of public good for all individuals and communities in Vancouver.

Amendment to the Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Digby
SECONDED by Commissioner Jensen

THAT Item C be added to the motion, as follows:

- C. THAT the Park Board hereby affirms its historical practice of using high revenue services to subsidize important public goods elsewhere in the Park Board system.

DEFEATED

In favour: Commissioner Digby

Opposed: Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Christensen, Haer, Howard, Jensen, Viridi

Question on the Main Motion

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Park Board receive for information an update on actions responding recommendations of the Office of the Auditor General provided through its 2023 report, Audit of Park Board Revenue Management.
- B. THAT the Park Board approve the Comprehensive Fee-setting Framework, following recommendation of the Auditor General, to strengthen fee-setting processes for parks and recreation services and better align public investment to delivery of public good for all individuals and communities in Vancouver.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Park Board Parking Strategy

The Director of Business Services introduced the item. The Project Manager II, Strategic Operations, provided a presentation on the proposed parking strategy and expanded paid parking pilot project.

Following the presentation, staff responded to questions related to:

- Concerns regarding the equity of paid parking
- Stakeholder engagement undertaken to date
- Concern regarding the negative impact of the introduction of paid parking at community centres to neighbouring residential streets
- The timing of the pilot project will be coordinated with the City of Vancouver's introduction of the residential permit parking program on streets in the neighbourhood of community centres
- Mitigation measures available to address concerns expressed by user groups regarding the barrier to access created by the introduction of paid parking.

Recess

The meeting recessed at 8:46 pm and reconvened at 8:53 pm.

The Board heard from six speakers, of which one spoke in support of the recommendation and five spoke in opposition to the recommendation.

Motion to Extend

MOVED by Commissioner Christensen

SECONDED by Commissioner Jensen

THAT the meeting be extended to the conclusion of the April 14, 2025 Board meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Christensen

SECONDED by Commissioner Digby

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the Park Board Parking Strategy to improve user experience and access, achieve financial sustainability, and support operations and management of parking infrastructure.
- B. THAT the Park Board direct staff to pilot the implementation of paid parking expansion in 2025 for the sites selected through the Strategy, as described in this report, and delegate the setting of fees to the Park Board General Manager for the initial pilot with subsequent adjustments and phases brought to the Board through the annual Fees and Charges Update.

Amendment to the Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Christensen

SECONDED by Commissioner Jensen

THAT the Main Motion be replaced with the following:

- A. THAT the Park Board refer the Park Board Parking Strategy back to staff until the following items have been addressed:
 - i. THAT the Park Board direct staff to begin consultation with partners for the pilot implementation process, for the Summer and Fall pilot sites selected through the Strategy, as described in this report, and report back to the Board with an implementation plan that addresses concerns regarding equity, barriers to service, consistency, and impacts to programming; and
 - ii. THAT the Park Board direct staff to report back on options to retain parking revenue within Park Board to directly fund either capital or operating expenses, and options to link parking revenues directly to the type of asset they are generated from.

Amendment to the Amendment

MOVED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky

SECONDED by Commissioner Digby

THAT Item B be replaced and Item C be added, as follows:

- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board directs staff to report back on the golf courses and VanDusen Botanical Garden after the full cost recovery models for both are completed and brought forward to the Board.

- C. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to bring a proposed Parking Fee policy and implementation plan back to the Board for review and decision prior to execution.

Chair Jensen requested that motion be considered as distinct propositions.

Question on Item B

THAT Item B be replaced, as follows:

- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board directs staff to report back on the golf courses and VanDusen Botanical Garden after the full cost recovery models for both are completed and brought forward to the Board.

CARRIED

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

Opposed: Commissioners Christensen, Howard

Question on Item C

THAT Item C be added, as follows:

- C. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to bring a proposed Parking Fee policy and implementation plan back to the Board for review and decision prior to execution.

CARRIED

In favour: Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Digby, Haer, Virdi

Opposed: Commissioners Christensen, Howard, Jensen

Question on the Amendment, as Amended

- A. THAT the Park Board refer the Park Board Parking Strategy back to staff until the following items have been addressed:
 - i. THAT the Park Board direct staff to begin consultation with partners for the pilot implementation process, for the Summer and Fall pilot sites selected through the Strategy, as described in this report, and report back to the Board with an implementation plan that addresses concerns regarding equity, barriers to service, consistency, and impacts to programming; and
 - ii. THAT the Park Board direct staff to report back on options to retain parking revenue within Park Board to directly fund either capital or operating expenses, and options to link parking revenues directly to the type of asset they are generated from.
- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board directs staff to report back on the golf courses and VanDusen Botanical Garden after the full cost recovery models for both are completed and brought forward to the Board.

- C. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to bring a proposed Parking Fee policy and implementation plan back to the Board for review and decision prior to execution.

Commissioner Christensen requested that motion be considered as distinct propositions.

Question on Item A

That Item A be replaced, as follows:

- A. THAT the Park Board refer the Park Board Parking Strategy back to staff until the following items have been addressed:
 - i. THAT the Park Board direct staff to begin consultation with partners for the pilot implementation process, for the Summer and Fall pilot sites selected through the Strategy, as described in this report, and report back to the Board with an implementation plan that addresses concerns regarding equity, barriers to service, consistency, and impacts to programming; and
 - ii. THAT the Park Board direct staff to report back on options to retain parking revenue within Park Board to directly fund either capital or operating expenses, and options to link parking revenues directly to the type of asset they are generated from.

CARRIED

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

Opposed: Commissioner Howard

Question on Item B

THAT Item B be replaced, as follows:

- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board directs staff to report back on the golf courses and VanDusen Botanical Garden after the full cost recovery models for both are completed and brought forward to the Board.

CARRIED

In favour: Commissioners Digby, Haer, Jensen, Viridi

Opposed: Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Christensen, Howard

Question on Item C

THAT Item C be added, as follows:

- C. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to bring a proposed Parking Fee policy and implementation plan back to the Board for review and decision prior to execution.

DEFEATED

In favour: Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Haer, Viridi

Opposed: Commissioners Christensen, Digby, Howard, Jensen

Question on the Main Motion, as Amended

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Park Board refer the Park Board Parking Strategy back to staff until the following items have been addressed:
 - i. THAT the Park Board direct staff to begin consultation with partners for the pilot implementation process, for the Summer and Fall pilot sites selected through the Strategy, as described in this report, and report back to the Board with an implementation plan that addresses concerns regarding equity, barriers to service, consistency, and impacts to programming; and
 - ii. THAT the Park Board direct staff to report back on options to retain parking revenue within Park Board to directly fund either capital or operating expenses, and options to link parking revenues directly to the type of asset they are generated from.
- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board directs staff to report back on the golf courses and VanDusen Botanical Garden after the full cost recovery models for both are completed and brought forward to the Board.

CARRIED

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

Opposed: Commissioner Howard

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

The Director of Park Planning and Development reviewed the staff recommendation and invited questions.

Staff responded to a question regarding the components and the total estimated cost of the Killarney Park venue specific training site, which will be funded through a hotel tax special levy.

MOVED by Commissioner Virdi

SECONDED by Commissioner Haer

THAT the 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 to Construction Management Agreement PS20240847-VBPR-RFP - FIFA World Cup 26 Vancouver VSTS with Canadian Turner Construction Company, Ltd. (the “Agreement”). The Change Orders carry an estimated, cumulative value of \$11,000,000.00 plus applicable taxes, to be funded through the FIFA World Cup 26 Vancouver Venue Specific Training Sites (VSTS) Capital Budget and are not expected to extend the overall term of the contract;

- 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. 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 Bastyovanszky

The Committee meeting adjourned at 10:19 pm.

* * * * *

Steve Jackson
General Manager

Commissioner Scott Jensen
Chair



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 14, 2025

A Regular meeting of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation was held on Monday, April 14, 2025, at 10:29 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

The Chair acknowledged that the meeting is taking place on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations. The meeting is being held on the land respectfully and with the knowledge that there must be continued acknowledgement of the history of injustice toward Indigenous peoples. The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation is committed to supporting truth and reconciliation, and to use this opportunity to amplify local First Nations voices and culture through our work in community.

IN CAMERA MEETING

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Digby

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:

- (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 – March 31, 2025

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen

SECONDED by Commissioner Digby

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting of March 31, 2025, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair highlighted the participation of Commissioners at Park Board events since the previous Board meeting on March 31, 2025:

- Commissioner Jensen participated in the Medicine Game lacrosse tournament at Rogers Arena
- Commissioner Jensen visited Batch at Kitsilano to celebrate the start of Spring
- Commissioner Jensen visited the newly daylit First Creek at Tatlow and Volunteer Parks
- Chair Christensen and Commissioner Jensen attended the Childcare Council of Vancouver meeting
- Commissioner Jensen attended the Vancouver Food Policy Council meeting in his role as liaison
- Commissioner Digby attended meetings with Britannia Community Services Society and Dunbar Community Centre Association (CCA) in his role as liaison
- Commissioner Digby spoke at the Squamish Nation tree planting ceremony
- Chair Christensen and Commissioners Haer and Jensen and attended the Sakura Days Japan Fair at VanDusen Botanical Garden.

COMMUNICATIONS

One piece of correspondence with respect to the Member's Motion titled "Think Aquatics" was received via email or the [Contact Park Board Commissioners](#) web form between April 7, 2025 and 3:00 pm on April 14, 2025.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Report of the Board Committee – April 14, 2025

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

1. Auditor General – Update and Comprehensive Fee Setting Framework
2. Park Board Parking Strategy
3. FIFA World Cup 26 Vancouver – Killarney Park Venue Specific Training Site – Site Works Contract Amendment Award.

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen

SECONDED by Commissioner Digby

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Board Committee at its meeting of April 14, 2025, as contained in items 1 through 3.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

STAFF REPORTS

1. General Manager's Report

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

- Planned improvements to CRAB Park with completion of construction targeted in fall 2025
- Council agenda items related to, or impacting, parks and recreation:
 - Council to receive a report on April 15, 2025, titled "[Vancouver Community Sport Event Grants – Spring 2025 Intake](#)"
 - Council to receive a report on April 15, 2025, titled "[2025 Cultural Grants](#)"
 - Council to receive a report on April 15, 2025, titled "[Mobile Pump-out Service Provision and Aquatic Environments Action Plan Progress Update](#)"
 - Council to receive a report on April 15, 2025, titled "[2025 Local By-election Results](#)"
 - Council to receive a report on April 15, 2025, titled "[Jericho Lands Official Development Plan](#)"
 - Council to receive a report on April 16, 2025, titled "[Annual Procurement Report 2024](#)"
 - Council to receive a report on April 16, 2025, titled "[Effective Water Use in the City of Vancouver](#)"
- Board briefing memos and emails issued from March 31 to April 14, 2025.

MEMBERS' MOTIONS

1. Think Aquatics

Commissioner Virdi introduced the motion and responded to questions from the Board.

Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Virdi

SECONDED by Commissioner Haer

WHEREAS:

1. The original Sunset Community Centre, established in 1950 at East 51st Avenue and Prince Edward Street, included an outdoor pool that served the community for several decades;
2. In October 2005, the Vancouver Park Board approved the construction of a new Community Centre on Main Street to replace the existing Community Centre on 51st Avenue and Prince Edward Street, leading to the decommissioning of the original community centre and its outdoor pool in 2007, with the new Sunset Community Centre opening at 6810 Main Street on December 17, 2007, without an aquatic facility;
3. The Langara Family YMCA, which closed in early 2021 for renovations, is undergoing redevelopment that will include a new community facility with residential towers, but the new plan does not include a replacement aquatic center;
4. The Vancouver Park Board's VanSplash Aquatics Strategy, approved on October 28, 2019, emphasizes a city-wide approach to planning future aquatic facilities to ensure equitable access for all residents, with a key recommendation to supplement existing facilities with smaller, new outdoor aquatic experiences co-located with new aquatic and community centres to increase geographic density of outdoor aquatic amenities;
5. The VanSplash strategy identifies the need for a mix of pool sizes and experiences, ensuring that qualitative experiences of pool users are reflected in the design of all future pools, regardless of their size;
6. The VanSplash Aquatics Strategy emphasizes the importance of balancing aquatic facilities across the city, while the redevelopment of the Vancouver Aquatic Centre highlighted the need to support both competitive swimming and diving, along with recreational pools, to maintain broad community access to all forms of swimming;
7. The Sunset neighbourhood has been historically underserved in terms of aquatic facilities, especially after the removal of the original outdoor pool, highlighting the need for improved aquatic amenities in this equity zone;
8. Member of Parliament Taleeb Noormohamed has committed to seeking federal funding to support the installation of a pool at the Sunset Community Centre.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation initiate a comprehensive public engagement process to assess community interest, gather feedback, and explore the feasibility of installing an indoor or outdoor pool at the Sunset Community Centre;
- B. THAT this public engagement process include:
 - i. A review of the historical context regarding the removal of the original outdoor pool and any past commitments made concerning its replacement;
 - ii. Consideration of the current and future aquatic needs of the Sunset neighbourhood, especially in light of the Langara Family YMCA redevelopment plans that do not include a replacement aquatic centre;
 - iii. Collaboration with local residents, community groups, Sunset Community Centre, Langara College and other stakeholders to ensure diverse perspectives are considered in the planning process;
 - iv. Consideration of the broader aquatics community and the existing gaps in the park board's facility inventory, with particular attention to the implications of the Vancouver Aquatic Centre renewal decision. This engagement should assess the need for a 50-meter competition pool versus a leisure pool and other aquatic amenities, ensuring that public input helps balance community preferences with the city's requirements to meet both competitive swimming and broader recreational needs; and
 - v. Exploration of potential federal funding opportunities, in light of Minister Taleeb Noormohamed's commitment to support this initiative; and
- C. THAT the findings from this public engagement process be compiled into a report and presented to the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation for consideration and potential action regarding the installation of a pool at the Sunset Community Centre.

Motion to Refer

MOVED by Commissioner Virdi
SECONDED by Commissioner Haer

THAT the motion be referred to the Board Committee to hear from Speakers.

DEFEATED

In favour: Commissioners Haer, Howard, Virdi

Opposed: Commissioners Bastovanszky, Christensen, Digby, Jensen

Point of Order

Commissioner Virdi expressed the opinion that the requirement to take a vote on referring a motion to the Board Committee is discriminatory as a vote has not been required in the past.

The Chair noted the Commissioner's opinion and confirmed that it is necessary to vote on a motion to refer a matter to Committee to hear from speakers.

Question on the Main Motion

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation initiate a comprehensive public engagement process to assess community interest, gather feedback, and explore the feasibility of installing an indoor or outdoor pool at the Sunset Community Centre;
- B. THAT this public engagement process include:
 - i. A review of the historical context regarding the removal of the original outdoor pool and any past commitments made concerning its replacement;
 - ii. Consideration of the current and future aquatic needs of the Sunset neighbourhood, especially in light of the Langara Family YMCA redevelopment plans that do not include a replacement aquatic centre;
 - iii. Collaboration with local residents, community groups, Sunset Community Centre, Langara College and other stakeholders to ensure diverse perspectives are considered in the planning process;
 - iv. Consideration of the broader aquatics community and the existing gaps in the park board's facility inventory, with particular attention to the implications of the Vancouver Aquatic Centre renewal decision. This engagement should assess the need for a 50-meter competition pool versus a leisure pool and other aquatic amenities, ensuring that public input helps balance community preferences with the city's requirements to meet both competitive swimming and broader recreational needs; and
 - v. Exploration of potential federal funding opportunities, in light of Minister Taleeb Noormohamed's commitment to support this initiative; and
- C. THAT the findings from this public engagement process be compiled into a report and presented to the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation for consideration and potential action regarding the installation of a pool at the Sunset Community Centre.

DEFEATED

In favour: Commissioner Haer

Opposed: Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Christensen, Digby, Jensen

Absent: Commissioners Howard, Virdi

OTHER BUSINESS

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Haer

THAT the April 28, 2025 Board and Committee be cancelled to allow staff and Commissioners time to vote in the general federal election.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
Absent: Commissioners Howard, Virdi

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 11:08 pm.

* * * * *

Steve Jackson
General Manager

Commissioner Laura Christensen
Chair