BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 2, 2026

A Committee meeting of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation was held on Monday, February 2, 2026 at 6:40 pm in the Boardroom at the Park Board Office, and via videoconference.

PRESENT:	Commissioner Laura Christensen, Chair Commissioner Scott Jensen, Vice-Chair Commissioner Brennan Bastyovanszky Commissioner Tom Digby Commissioner Marie-Claire Howard Commissioner Jas Virdi
ABSENT:	Commissioner Angela Haer
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. We meet on this land respectfully and with honour to each other, the land, and the communities we serve. I would like you to join me in actions of reconciliation in our deliberations and the decisions we make.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Board Committee Meeting – January 19, 2026

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Digby

THAT the Minutes of the Board Committee meeting on January 19, 2026, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Digby noted that February is Black History Month and the birthday of Joe Fortes, the first lifeguard at English Bay, is celebrated on February 9.

Chair Christensen extended best wishes to those who observe Lunar New Year, which will be celebrated on February 17, 2026.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were received via email or the Contact Park Board Commissioners web form between January 26, 2026 and 12:00 pm on February 2, 2026 regarding.

- Special Events Calendar 2026 – Major Events:
  - One opposed
- Unsolicited Proposal Process – 2025 Intake:
  - 75 in support
  - 2 in opposition.

STAFF REPORTS

1. Special Event Calendar 2026 – Major Events

The Director, Business Services, introduced the item. The Operations Manager, Filming and Special Events, provided a presentation on the proposed 2026 Special Events Calendar.

Staff responded to questions related to:

- The current situation with respect to the 2026 African Descent Festival
- The Special Events that are expected to be impacted by the cost of vehicle mitigation measures that are required by the VPD following the Lapu Lapu Festival tragedy
- Whether Council approval of one day of fireworks to replace the 2026 Symphony of Fire would be included in the 2026 Special Event Calendar.

The Board Committee heard from two speakers, one of whom requested an apology for past Park Board decisions that discriminated against Black people and the second who expressed concern about the parking lot available for the Riley Park Farmers' Market. The speakers responded to questions from the Board Committee.

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Virdi

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

> THAT the Vancouver Board approve the Special Events Calendar 2026 – Major Events as outlined in this report and attached as Appendix A.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. General Manager (GM) Delegated Authority – FIFA World Cup 26 – Related Events and Activations

The Director, Business Services, introduced the item. The Associate Director, Business Development, provided a presentation on the recommendation that the Board delegate authority to the General Manager (GM) to approved events and activations related to and impacted by the FIFA World Cup 2026 event, between March 1 and August 31, 2026.

Staff responded to questions related to:

- Expectations regarding the distribution of FIFA-related events and activations throughout the City
- The approval process for proposed FIFA-related events and activations to be held at a community centre
- Staff will provide a written report back to the Board on every event where the delegated authority has been exercised.

Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Virdi

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

> THAT the Vancouver Park Board delegate authority to the General Manager to approve, on a time limited basis between March 1, 2026 and August 31, 2026, events and activations related to and impacted by the FIFA World Cup 2026 event.

Amendment to the Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky
SECONDED by Commissioner Jensen

THAT the Main Motion be amended by adding Item B:

> B. And further that any activation involving commercial use of park space or community centers that have a significant impact on user groups, or significant park closures, be reported on to the board prior to activation.

CARRIED
In favour: Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Christensen, Digby, Jensen
Opposed: Commissioners Howard, Virdi

Question on the Main Motion, as Amended

> A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board delegate authority to the General Manager to approve, on a time limited basis between March 1, 2026 and August 31, 2026, events and activations related to and impacted by the FIFA World Cup 2026 event;

B. AND FURTHER THAT any activation involving commercial use of park space or community centers that have a significant impact on user groups, or significant park closures, be reported on to the board prior to activation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
In favour: Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Christensen, Digby, Jensen, Virdi
Abstained: Commissioner Howard

3. Recreation Management System – Contract Award

The Director, Director, Strategic Operations and Board Relations, introduced the item and the Chief Procurement Officer, Supply Chain Management, who is available to respond to questions.

Staff responded to questions related to:

- The procurement process for the next three year contract
- The evaluation process utilized for the responses to the request for proposal (RFP) was provided via a confidential briefing provided to the Park Board
- Whether the cost of transitioning from the current proprietary database to a standardized database is included in the cost
- Whether any Canadian-based proponents submitted proposals
- Confirmation that the user experience of the system was considered in the development of the recommendation
- Suggestion that the Board be provided with the opportunity to provide input into the factors to be prioritized in the evaluation of the proposals.

The Board Committee heard from one speaker who spoke in opposition to the staff recommendation.

Recess
The meeting recessed at 7:59 pm and reconvened at 8:05 pm.

The Board Committee heard from one speaker who spoke in opposition to the staff recommendation. The speaker responded to questions from the Board Committee.

Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Christensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Jensen

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

A. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation (“Park Board”) authorize staff to negotiate an agreement for the Provision of a Recreation Management System for Vancouver Park Board with The Active Network, Ltd. for an estimated total contract value of $1,080,000 plus applicable taxes over the initial three (3)-year term and the three (3) additional two (2)-year possible unilateral extension terms (the “Agreement”), for an estimated total nine (9) year contract value of $3,744,000 plus applicable taxes, which will be funded from the Park Board Operating Budget;

B. THAT the City's Director of Legal Services, Chief Procurement Officer 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.

Amendment to the Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Digby
SECONDED by Commissioner Jensen

THAT the Main Motion be replaced with the following:

A. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Park Board refer the report entitled Recreation Management System - Contract Award back to staff with direction to return with a revised and more detailed report that includes, at a minimum:

1. A score ranking of competing bids;
2. An assessment of the strengths and weaknesses of the selected bid,
3. A comparison of which communities in the Lower Mainland use the product of the competing bids, including the selected bid,
4. Details of which party(s) would be responsible in event of a cost overruns or product design failures, and
5. An assessment of whether a vendor with a proprietary database may be preferred over a vendor with an open source format database; and

B. FURTHER THAT the revised report be brought forward to the Board as promptly as possible so approval can be accelerated.

Amendment to the Amendment

MOVED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky
SECONDED by Commissioner Jensen

THAT the amendment be amended by adding Items 6 to 9, inclusive, to Item A:

6. Feedback from both internal staff and the public collected and incorporated into the RFP development process;
7. How usability and user experience for frontline staff and end users were evaluated within the RFP, including the use of customer testimonials, case studies, demonstrations, or other qualitative and quantitative evidence, and how this information was weighted in scoring;
8. How "future-proofing" was defined and assessed in the RFP, including system adaptability, integration flexibility, scalability, and technology roadmap considerations; and

9. How the Board's direction to prioritize Canadian vendors, where feasible and compliant with procurement policy, was reflected in the RFP design and evaluation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
In favour: Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Digby, Jensen, Virdi
Abstained: Commissioners Christensen, Howard

Amendment to the Amendment

MOVED by Commissioner Virdi
SECONDED by Commissioner Jensen

That Item A9 be amended as follows:

9. To implement Think Local and to prioritize Canadian vendors, where feasible and compliant with procurement policy, was reflected in the RFP design and evaluation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
In favour: Commissioners Christensen, Digby, Howard, Jensen, Virdi
Opposed: Commissioner Bastyovanszky

Question on the Main Motion, as Amended

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4. Details of which party(s) would be responsible in event of a cost overruns or product design failures, and
5. An assessment of whether a vendor with a proprietary database may be preferred over a vendor with an open source format database;
6. Feedback from both internal staff and the public collected and incorporated into the RFP development process;
7. How usability and user experience for frontline staff and end users were evaluated within the RFP, including the use of customer testimonials, case studies, demonstrations, or other qualitative and quantitative evidence, and how this information was weighted in scoring;
8. How "future-proofing" was defined and assessed in the RFP, including system adaptability, integration flexibility, scalability, and technology roadmap considerations; and

9. To implement Think Local and to prioritize Canadian vendors, where feasible and compliant with procurement policy, was reflected in the RFP design and evaluation; and

B. FURTHER THAT the revised report be brought forward to the Board as promptly as possible so approval can be accelerated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
In favour: Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Digby, Howard, Jensen, Virdi
Abstained: Commissioner Christensen

Change in Chair
The Chair relinquished, and the Vice-Chair assumed, the chair at 8:35 pm.

4. Unsolicited Proposal Process – 2025 Intake

The Director, Strategic Operations and Board Relations, introduced the item. The Project Manager II, Strategic Initiatives, provided a presentation on the 2025 intake of the unsolicited proposal process.

Change in Chair
The Vice-Chair relinquished, and the Chair assumed, the chair at 8:47 pm.

Staff responded to questions related to Park Board staff's anticipated participation in the construction of the Tennis and Pickleball Centre.

The Board Committee heard from four speakers, of whom three spoke in support of the staff recommendation and one provided another comment. The speakers responded to questions from the Board Committee.

Suspension of the Rules

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Digby

THAT the rules be suspended to hear from an unregistered speaker.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board Committee heard from one speaker who spoke in opposition to the unsolicited proposal process and the staff recommendation.

MOVED by Commissioner Virdi
SECONDED by Commissioner Jensen

THAT the Committee recommend to the Board:

A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board receive the information related to the 'Think Home Run' motion from October 6, 2025, and endorse the Jericho Little League's (JLL) Batting Cage Upgrade Unsolicited Proposal;

B. FURTHER THAT the Board direct staff to facilitate the planning phase of the project, and report back once JLL fulfills all Park Board and City of Vancouver requirements and secures full project funding;

C. THAT the Vancouver Park Board endorse the joint unsolicited proposal between Vancouver Tennis Society and Vancouver Pickleball Association, to develop the Tennis and Pickleball Centre; and

D. FURTHER THAT the Board direct staff to complete an in-house feasibility study with the scope of work outlined in this report, and report back to the Board with the outcome of the feasibility study in Q2 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

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Steve Jackson	Commissioner Laura Christensen
General Manager	Chair

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 2, 2026

A Regular meeting of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation was held on Monday, February 2, 2026, at 9:39 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 Scott Jensen Commissioner Jas Virdi
ABSENT:	Commissioner Angela Haer Commissioner Marie-Claire Howard
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, ancestral and unceded territory of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations. The Chair encouraged Commissioners to reflect on the meaning of the word "unceded".

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 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:
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> (c) labour relations or other employee relations;
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> (g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the city;
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> (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

Motion to Extend

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky

THAT the meeting be extended to the conclusion of the February 2, 2026 Board meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Regular Board Meeting – January 19, 2026

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting of January 19, 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 January 19, 2026:

- Chair Digby attended meetings with the Champlain Heights and Kerrisdale Community Centre Associations as Park Board Liaison, and the open meeting of the PNE Board with members of the Hastings Conservancy
- Commissioner Virdi attended the 77th Republic Day of India reception
- Commissioner Virdi met with Member of Parliament (MP) Taleeb Noormohamed, Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA) Sunit Dhir and School Board Trustee Preeti Faridkot to discuss funding for a pool in southeast Vancouver and a crosswalk at Sunset for the new seniors' centre
- Commissioner Digby visited numerous parks, including Burrard Slopes Park, Charleson Park, the new park under construction at Main Street and 7th Avenue and Sutcliff Park at Granville Island
- Commissioner Bastyovanszky met with Deputy Mayor Jess Miller of Sydney, Australia.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Report of the Board Committee – February 2, 2026

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

1. Special Events Calendar 2026 – Major Events
2. GM Delegated Authority – FIFA World Cup 26 – Related Events and Activations
3. Recreation Management System – Contract Award
4. Unsolicited Proposal Process – 2025 Intake.

MOVED by Commissioner Christensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Jensen

> THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Board Committee at its meeting of February 2, 2026, as contained in items 1 to 4.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

STAFF REPORTS

1. General Manager's Report

The Board received the General Manager's Report.

NOTICE OF MEMBERS' MOTIONS

1. 2030–2038 Barclay Street Rezoning Impacts on Stanley Park

Commissioner Bastyovanszky submitted a Notice of Motion on the above-noted matter. The motion below may be placed on the Board meeting agenda of February 23, 2026, as a Member's Motion.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Vancouver Park Board request a formal briefing at a Committee meeting on the proposed rezoning and hotel redevelopment at 2030–2038 Barclay Street;

2. THAT City of Vancouver staff from Planning, Engineering, and relevant departments be requested to present on the potential impact on:
   - traffic flow affecting Stanley Park access points;

- emergency access and egress;
- the environment and heritage trees along the park boundary;
- pedestrian and cycling safety; and
- park-adjacent infrastructure;

3. THAT staff report back on the scope of Park Board jurisdiction, consultation authority, and potential safeguards available when major developments occur immediately adjacent to park lands; and

4. THAT the Park Board requests that City Council receive the report from Park Board on the impact to Stanley Park prior to review the proposed redevelopment.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 9:48 pm.

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Steve Jackson General Manager	Tom Digby Chair