



BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 13, 2026

A Board Committee meeting of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation was held on Monday, April 13, 2026 at 6:32 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 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

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Motions to Suspend the Rules

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Digby

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Board Committee Meeting – March 30, 2026

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen

SECONDED by Commissioner Digby

THAT the Minutes of the Board Committee meeting on March 30, 2026, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Viridi announced that Vaisakhi will be celebrated on April 14, 2026.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were received via email or the [Contact Park Board Commissioners](#) web form between April 7, 2026 and 3:00 pm on April 13, 2026 regarding:

- Burrard Slopes Park – Concept Plan:
 - Two in support
 - Seven opposed
 - One other
 - One petition with 617 signatures in support of a skatepark
- South Vancouver Park Amenities – Concept Plan:
 - One in support.

STAFF REPORTS

1. Electric Commuter Ferry Service Adjacent Harbour Green Park

The Director, Park Planning and Development, introduced the topic. The Associate Director Archaeology, Infrastructure and Environment, provided a presentation on the proposed reconfiguration of Harbour Green Dock to accommodate a commercial electric commuter ferry service.

Staff responded to questions related to:

- The responsibility for conducting public consultation with neighbouring residents
- Concern regarding the impact of the operation of a commuter ferry and increased activation of Harbour Green Park

- Request that a review of the service be provided to the Board following the initial year of operation of the commuter ferry
- Whether existing user groups will be impacted by the increased marine traffic.

The Board Committee heard from six speakers, of which four spoke in favour, one spoke in opposition and one provided other comments regarding the staff recommendation. The speakers responded to questions from the Board Committee.

Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen

SECONDED by Commissioner Haer

THAT the Board Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board endorse the concept of changes to Harbour Green Dock to enable a commercial electric foot passenger ferry service to operate at the site while continuing to provide a public amenity for recreational watercraft moorage and a public viewing platform;
- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board indicate their support for City staff to negotiate, to the satisfaction of the City Engineer and the City's Director of Legal Services, and in consultation with the Park Board's General Manager, and enter into an agreement with CIRQL Ferries Incorporated to deliver the services and amenities described above, subject to the agreement being within the parameters outlined in this report; and
- C. FURTHER THAT, subject to the execution of the agreement described in Recommendation B, the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to prepare a Memorandum of Understanding with City departments confirming that ownership, operation, and maintenance responsibilities for Harbour Green Dock and supporting infrastructure shall henceforth be held by Engineering Services, reflecting the transportation-primary focus of the amenity and the City's water lot tenure.

Amendment to the Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Digby

SECONDED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky

THAT Items D and E be added to the Main Motion:

- D. FURTHER THAT staff request negotiations for an appropriate revenue share with City Engineering to share with Park Board the revenue the City receives from the service, ideally 50% of any City proceeds (after costs); and
- E. FURTHER THAT the City be encouraged to conduct extensive public consultation before initiating the service offering.

Commissioner Jensen requested the motion be considered as distinct propositions.

Question on Item D

THAT the Board Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT staff request negotiations for an appropriate revenue share with City Engineering to share with Park Board the revenue the City receives from the service, ideally 50% of any City proceeds (after costs).

CARRIED

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

Opposed: Howard, Viridi

Question on Item E

THAT the Board Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT the City be encouraged to conduct extensive public consultation before initiating the service offering.

DEFEATED

In favour: Commissioners Christensen, Digby, Viridi

Opposed: Commissioner Bastyovanszky, Jensen, Haer, Howard

Question on the Main Motion, as Amended

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- D. FURTHER THAT staff request negotiations for an appropriate revenue share with City Engineering to share with Park Board the revenue the City receives from the service, ideally 50% of any City proceeds (after costs).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Burrard Slopes Park – Concept Plan

The Director, Park Planning and Development, introduced the topic. The Landscape Architect II, Park Development, provided a presentation on the proposed concept plan for Burrard Slopes Park.

Staff responded to questions related to:

- The demographics of the residents in the neighbouring area
- The anticipated cost of the washroom
- Concern that the proposed skatepark will not be covered.

Member Departed

Commissioner Howard departed the meeting at 8:16 pm.

The Board Committee heard from three speakers who spoke in favour of the staff recommendation. The speakers responded to questions from the Board Committee.

Change in Chair

The Chair relinquished, and the Vice-Chair assumed, the chair at 8:30 pm.

The Board Committee heard from two speakers who spoke in favour of the staff recommendation. The speakers responded to questions from the Board Committee.

Member Rejoined

Commissioner Howard rejoined the meeting at 8:33 pm.

The Board Committee heard from six speakers, of which three spoke in favour and three spoke in opposition to the staff recommendation. The speakers responded to questions from the Board Committee.

Change in Chair

The Vice-Chair relinquished, and the Chair reassumed, the chair at 8:52 pm.

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

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Digby

THAT the Board Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the proposed concept plan for Burrard Slopes Park as described and shown in this report.

CARRIED

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

Opposed: Commissioner Howard

Recess

The meeting recessed at 8:57 pm and reconvened at 9:01 pm.

3. South Vancouver Park Amenities – Concept Plan

The Director, Park Planning and Development, introduced the item. The Project Manager II, Park Development, provided a presentation on the proposed concept plan for the Moberly Park and Ross Park amenities.

Staff responded to questions related to:

- Suggestion that the Moberly Park field be constructed to the Category 1 standard, to allow it to be used to train international level field hockey players
- Request for the incremental cost to add sport-related facility and seniors' gathering space at Ross Park:
 - The need to obtain additional funding for any changes to the Ross Park concept plan.

Motion to Extend

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Haer

THAT the meeting be extended until the business of the Board Committee meeting is concluded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board Committee heard from 13 speakers, of which 12 spoke in favour of the staff recommendation with additional amenities, and one provided other comments. The speakers responded to questions from the Board Committee.

Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Virdi

SECONDED by Commissioner Haer

THAT the Board Committee recommend to the Board:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the proposed concept plan for the Moberly Park amenities including a new synthetic turf field, a new fieldhouse and a new walking loop as described in this report; and
- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the proposed concept plan for the Ross Park amenities including a new spray pad, a new washroom building and playground renewal as described in this report.

Amendment to the Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Virdi

SECONDED by Commissioner Jensen

THAT Item C be added to the Main Motion:

- C. THAT the turf field shall be designed and constructed in full compliance with the certification standards of the International Hockey Federation (FIH), incorporating either an approved category 1 or category 2 dry or water-based surface, to ensure eligibility for hosting international-level competitions and tournaments.

The Chair ruled the amendment is redundant and is therefore, out of order.

Amendment to the Main Motion

MOVED by Commissioner Virdi

SECONDED by Commissioner Jensen

THAT Item C be added to the Main Motion:

- C. THAT the proposed development should incorporate the provision for a future dedicated seniors' recreational room, to be implemented when funding becomes available, and situated adjacent to the washroom facilities at Ross Park, without impacting the current design timeline. This approach will preserve the existing amenity while enabling the creation of a safe, enclosed, and weather-protected environment to support year-round social activities.

CARRIED

In favour: Commissioners Bastovanszky, Christensen, Haer, Howard, Jensen, Virdi

Abstained: Commissioner Digby

Question on the Main Motion, as Amended

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Commissioner Digby requested that the motion be considered as distinct propositions.

Question on Item A

THAT the Board Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the proposed concept plan for the Moberly Park amenities including a new synthetic turf field, a new fieldhouse and a new walking loop as described in this report.

CARRIED

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

Opposed: Commissioner Digby

Question on Item B

THAT the Board Committee recommend to the Board:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the proposed concept plan for the Ross Park amenities including a new spray pad, a new washroom building and playground renewal as described in this report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Question on Item C

THAT the Board Committee recommend to the Board:

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CARRIED

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

Abstained: Commissioner Digby

The Board Committee meeting adjourned at 10:32 pm.

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Steve Jackson
General Manager

Commissioner Laura Christensen
Chair



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 13, 2026

A Regular meeting of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation was held on Monday, April 13, 2026, at 10:39 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 Angela Haer
Commissioner Marie-Claire Howard
Commissioner Scott Jensen
Commissioner Jas Virdi

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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;
- (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, 2026

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen

SECONDED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting of March 31, 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 March 31, 2026:

- In his role as Park Board liaison, Chair Digby attended meetings with the Association President's Group, the Vancouver City Planning Commission, Britannia Community Centre Association and members of the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden Society
- Chair Digby attending the opening of the Trout Lake Little League season
- Chair Digby learned to play pickleball at the Jericho courts
- Chair Digby attended a tour of the West Point Grey Lawn Bowling club at Trimble Park
- Chair Digby communicated the Board's Think 50 Metre motion requesting funding from all local federal Members of Parliament (MPs)
- Commissioners Haer and Viridi visited the site for the new turf field at Moberly Park
- Commissioner Jensen visited Jonathan Rogers Park community garden and the Granville Park East and West to enjoy the new dog park and playground
- Commissioners Bastyovanszky and Jensen visited Nat Bailey Stadium and Ross Park
- Commissioner Haer attended Lunar New Year celebrations
- Commissioner Haer attended the Italian Canadian Sports Federation and Columbus FC Gala and Awards Night
- Commissioner Haer attended a memorial for Dr. Setty Pendakur, an urban planner, educator, and civic leader whose work helped shape Vancouver and contributed meaningfully to communities across Canada and internationally

- Commissioner Viridi attended the media announcement of the Equip Sport Free sports equipment lending stations
- Commissioner Haer attended a recent memorial for Harold Johnson, a pillar of the community who showed up day after day, supporting seniors, checking in on local businesses, and helping ensure that people felt safe and connected
- Commissioner Haer attended the Community Dinner of Remembrance to stand with the Filipino community following the tragic events of Lapu-Lapu Day
- Commissioner Viridi attended memorial mass at St. Andrews Church, held for victims of the Lapu-Lapu Day tragedy Commissioner Haer
- Commissioner Haer attended Mayor Sim's 2026 State of the City address
- Chair Digby attended the Sakura Days Japan Fair at VanDusen Botanical Garden
- Commissioners attended Vaisakhi, the Vaisakhi Parade and celebrations along the route.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Report of the Board Committee – April 13, 2026

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

1. Electric Commuter Ferry Service Adjacent to Harbour Green Park
2. Burrard Slopes Park – Concept Plan
3. South Vancouver Park Amenities – Concept Plan.

MOVED by Commissioner Christensen

SECONDED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Board Committee at its meeting of April 13, 2026, as contained in items 1 through 3.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

STAFF REPORTS

1. VanPlay Implementation – 2025 Update

The Director, Park Planning and Development, introduced the item. The Planner III, Planning & Po, reviewed a presentation providing an update on implementation of VanPlay and responded to questions from Commissioners.

2. General Manager's Report

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

- Public engagement on the draft concept plan for Jonathan Rogers Park improvements
- Annual Senior Scooter Rodeo
- Council agenda items related to, or impacting, parks and recreation:
 - Council received a report on April 14, 2026, titled "[2026 Cultural Grants \(Balance of Operating, Cultural Spaces\)](#)", which would approve a total of \$5.5M in grants to 85 cultural organizations
 - Council to receive a report on April 14, 2026, titled "[Vancouver Community Sport Event Grants – Spring 2026 Intake](#)", which would approve a total of 19 new Vancouver Community Sport Event Grant applications totalling \$89,000
 - Council to consider a motion on April 14, 2026, titled "[Coastal Flood Management Policy](#)", which would adopt the policy and articulate the City's role and support in planning, implementation, and management of structural and non-structural coastal flood management measures.

ENQUIRIES

Commissioner Virdi enquired regarding the presence of drug paraphernalia in Jones Park.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 11:07 pm.

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Steve Jackson
General Manager

Tom Digby
Chair