BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MAY 4, 2026

A Board Committee meeting of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation was held on Monday, May 4, 2026 at 6:39 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 Jas Virdi
ABSENT:	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 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 – April 27, 2026

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Digby

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were received via email or the Contact Park Board Commissioners web form between April 27, 2026 and 3:00 pm on May 4, 2026 regarding:

- Tree Inspection Policy: one opposed.

STAFF REPORTS

1. Tree Inspection Policy

The Director, Park Operations, provided a presentation regarding the proposed Tree Inspection Policy.

Staff responded to questions related to:

- The rationale for the adoption of the proposed risk-based assessment approach
- Actions taken to maintain the health of urban trees.

The Board Committee heard from eight speakers, of whom two spoke in favour and six spoke in opposition to the staff recommendation. The speakers responded to questions from the Commissioners.

MOVED by Commissioner Digby
SECONDED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky

> THAT the Board Committee recommend that the Board receives this report and adopts the new Tree Inspection Policy, as outlined in this report and attached as Appendix D.

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

The Board Committee meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

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Steve Jackson
General Manager

Commissioner Laura Christensen
Chair

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MAY 4, 2026

A Regular meeting of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation was held on Monday, May 4, 2026, at 7:08 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 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.*

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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 – Monday, April 27, 2026

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Christensen

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

- Chair Digby attended meetings of the Vancouver Planning Commission and the Dunbar and Kerrisdale Community Centre Associations (CCAs), in his role as Park Board liaison
- Commissioner Jensen attended the DragonBoat BC Burmwater Spring Sprint
- Commissioner Jensen visited English Bay Beach
- Chair Digby met with Charlie Cuzzetto, national and international FIFA volunteer soccer volunteer
- Commissioner Jensen attended the BC Parks and Recreation Association (BCPRA) Symposium
- Commissioner Digby welcomed runners at the start of the BMO 8km race in Stanley Park.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were received via email or the Contact Park Board Commissioners web form between April 27, 2026 and 3:00 pm on May 4, 2026 regarding:

- Member's Motions – Urgent Review of Beach Parking Fees, Affordability, and Accessibility at Jericho, Locarno, and Spanish Banks and Member's Motion – Reducing Parking Fees at Spanish Banks for 2026: One in support.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Report of the Board Committee – May 4, 2026

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

1. Tree Inspection Policy

MOVED by Commissioner Jensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Christensen

THAT the Board approve the recommendations and actions taken by the Board Committee at its meeting of May 4, 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 public engagement on a new Stanley Park transit route
- Advancement of the Park Trails Accessibility pilot project to improve access and overall visitor experience for people with disabilities
- Council agenda items related to, or impacting, parks and recreation:
  - Council received a report on May 5, 2026 titled "2026 Financing Growth Update: Bill 16 Compliance Update to Density Bonus Provisions and Inclusionary Zoning", which would bring forward the Downtown Official Development Plan and zoning by-law amendment to a public hearing in compliant with new legislative rules
  - Council to receive a report on May 5, 2026 titled "City of Vancouver Commemoration Framework", which outlines a standardized approach to receiving and approving commemoration applications for City of Vancouver owned and operated spaces and assets
  - Council to consider a motion on May 5, 2026 titled "Quarterly Capital Budget Adjustments - May 2026", which would approve an increase of $27M to the 2023-2026 Capital Plan, and $63M to the Multi-Year Capital Project Budgets
  - Council to consider a motion on May 6, 2026 titled "Supporting Community Stewardship for Eco-Corridors and Neighbourhood Greenspaces", which would approve a stewardship grant focused on eco-corridors, waterways, shorelines, and neighbourhood greenspaces
  - Council to consider a motion on May 6, 2026 titled "Keeping the Session Rolling", which would direct staff to include an allocation of $500,000 for the renewal of the Hastings Park skateboard facility in the 2027-2030 Capital Plan

- Council to consider a motion on May 6, 2026 titled "Proactively Protecting Residents from Dangerous Heat", which would approve funding to ensure sufficient resources are available to support vital cooling infrastructure throughout the summer months of 2026
- Council to receive a report on May 7, 2026 titled "Audit of Community Grants", which would receive for information the Auditor General performance audit of Community Grants

– Board briefing memos and emails from April 27 to May 4, 2026.

The General Manager responded to questions regarding:

– Whether the Commemoration Framework being presented to Council is intended to be a joint framework with the Park Board

– Whether the renewal of the Hastings Park skateboard facility aligns with the Park Board's Skateboard Policy.

MEMBERS' MOTIONS

1. Honouring Charlie Cuzzetto – Beaconsfield Park Community Legacy

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

Motion to Suspend the Rules

MOVED by Commissioner Haer
SECONDED by Commissioner Jensen

THAT the Vancouver Park Board suspends the rules to hear from Joe Cuzzetto.

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

MOVED by Commissioner Haer
SECONDED by Commissioner Virdi

WHEREAS:

1. Charlie Cuzzetto has made significant contributions to the Vancouver community through over four decades of service within the parks and recreation system and more than 50 years of volunteerism;

2. Mr. Cuzzetto has played a meaningful role in advancing community-driven improvements at Beaconsfield Park; and

3. He is currently facing significant health challenges, making it both timely and appropriate to recognize his contributions during his lifetime.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

A. The Vancouver Park Board formally acknowledge and honour the contributions of Charlie Cuzzetto to Beaconsfield Park and the broader Vancouver parks system;

B. Staff be directed to report back with options to commemorate Mr. Cuzzetto's legacy within the Beaconsfield Park project, including:

(i) Consideration of naming the new turf field at Beaconsfield Park in his honour, consistent with Park Board naming policies; and

(ii) Other appropriate recognition measures, including plaques, dedications, or naming of park features; and

C. Staff report back in a timely manner to enable the Board to consider and implement recognition without delay.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recess
The meeting recessed at 8:36 p.m. and reconvened at 8:47 p.m.

2. Urgent Review of Beach Parking Fees, Affordability, and Accessibility at Jericho, Locarno, and Spanish Banks

Point of Order
Commissioner Christensen requested the Chair rule on whether the Member's Motion out of order as the matter had previously been voted upon. The Chair advised that he would rule on the point of order after Member's Motion has been read aloud.

Challenge of the Chair

MOVED by Commissioner Christensen
SECONDED by Commissioner Jensen

THAT the Chair's ruling to allow the Member's Motion to be read aloud before taking a position on whether the motion is in order, be sustained.

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

The Chair ruled that the motion was out of order as Commissioner Haer had voted in opposition to the Spanish Banks Parking Motion of June 16, 2025 and/or the Park Board Parking Strategy on October 20, 2025.

Point of Order
Commissioner Virdi raised a point of order asking for clarification on how the Member's Motion was ruled out of order prior to introduction. The Chair advised that there was a procedural ruling that the motion was out of order as Commissioner Haer had voted in opposition to the Spanish

Banks Parking Motion of June 16, 2025 and/or the Park Board Parking Strategy on October 20, 2025.

Recess
The meeting recessed at 8:55 p.m. and reconvened at 8:58 p.m. without Commissioner Haer present.

Change in Chair
The Chair relinquished the chair to participate in the motion and Commissioner Jensen assumed the chair.

3. Reducing Parking Fees at Spanish Banks for 2026

The Chair ruled that the motion is out of order and the proper procedure would be to reconsider the motion, under Section 10(4). Commissioner Digby, having voted against the November 24, 2025 meeting to impose the parking rates and is therefore ineligible to bring forward a motion for reconsideration.

Change in Chair
Commissioner Jensen relinquished the chair and Commissioner Digby reassumed the Chair.

NOTICE OF MEMBERS MOTIONS

1. Recognition of Jim Clive and Howard Kelsey for Their Contributions to Sport and Community at Kitsilano Beach Park

Commissioner Jensen submitted a Notice of Motion on the above-noted matter. The motion below may be placed on the Board meeting agenda of May 24, 2026, as a Member's Motion.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

A. THAT The Vancouver Park Board formally acknowledge and honour the contributions of Jim Clive and Howard Kelsey to Kitsilano Beach Park and the broader Vancouver recreation system;

B. THAT staff be directed to report back with options to commemorate Jim Clive and Howard Kelsey legacy within the Kitsilano Beach Park project, including:

   i. Consideration of naming the beach volleyball court at Kitsilano Beach Park in Jim Clive's honour and a basketball court at Kitsilano Beach Park, consistent with Park Board naming policies;

   ii. Other appropriate recognition measures, including plaques, dedications, or naming of park features

C. Staff report back in a timely manner to enable the Board to consider and implement recognition without delay.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 9:08 pm.

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Steve Jackson
General Manager

Tom Digby
Chair