

Directors Present: Adrienne Bale, Adrienne Denham, John Flipse, Brenda Kyle, Norm Leech, Christine McCallum, Nicki McGowan, Sean Miles, Jennifer Mitchell, Craig Ollenberger, Terumi Squibb, Naina Varshney

Others Present: Tom Digby (VPB)

Staff: Suzette Amaya, Cynthia Low, Marina Montiel (recording), Peter Odynsky, Jeremy Shier

Regrets: Collis Hunter, Sonia Blair (VSB), Maddie Lafleur (VSB), Julia McKnight (VPL), Jacky Hughes

Location: Info Centre Conference Room and Zoom

CHAIR: Sean Miles

CALL TO ORDER: 6:01 PM

TERRITORY HONORING: Sean Miles

1 ADDITIONS TO TOPICS S.Miles

MOTION TO ACCEPT AGENDA FOR:

April 8, 2026

1st: Craig Ollenberger

2nd: Nicki McGowan

Result: **Passed**

2 APPROVAL OF MINTUES S.Miles [Mar'26 Minutes](#)

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF:

March 11, 2026

1st: Norm Leech

2nd: Adrienne Bale

Result: **Passed**

3 PARTNER'S REPORTS

3.1 Vancouver Park Board T. Digby

Capital plan - any questions? The ice rink, pool and community facilities and a covered skateboard facility were included in the plan. This afternoon Mayor Ken Sim announced ABC is committed to putting \$400,000,000 into five community centres for renewal but did not mention Britannia or any swimming pools. Adrienne Denham spoke so well in favor of Britannia. We are still in the negotiation phase - engage the public where you can and motivate patrons to vocalize their concerns and speak on the value of our centre.

3.2 Vancouver Public Library J. McKnight No Report

3.3 Vancouver School Board S. Blair

No Report

4 NEW BUSINESS

4.1 2027-2030 Capital Plan C.Low [PB 27-30 Capital Plan](#)

Thank you, Adrienne Denham, for attending the Parks Board meeting and stayed through the 60 speakers. The motion was passed. There are a couple of caveats in the suggested collaboration with the Canucks. Navigating the political space will be important in the next few months. The vision needs to continue with the new council in the fall. Council still controls the purse strings. The Capital Plan will be approved in May or June. REFM put for the city capital plan, they endorsed the PB proposal. Craig Crawford will come to give us more info about the Canucks collaboration - do we want to create a campaign for members to contact council to pressure them to give out more info about these changes. The community centre and aquatics will happen but what about senior's centre and teen centre. We need to sustain these buildings for community purposes. Hopefully they can be rolled into the 2nd phase and plan for funding in the next capital plan in 2031. We have not heard back from the City - do we want to mobilize our community through social media in a positive way. Inform the community that PB has passed that motion and let councillors know that this is positive and want more info. Council needs to know that building 1 is a priority and needs to go ahead.

5 OLD BUSINESS

5.1 Gala Update C. Ollenberger

Off and running. The Sponsorship Package is together we have already met with Vancity and KPMG. Trying to identify donors to purchase tables. We need help from the board to provide donor lists or potential sponsors. We need your recommendations. Next month or two are to get those major sponsors. We are looking for donors connected to the community. The budget has been reviewed, and we could make \$100,000 if we could pool together and recommend local companies or businesses to purchase \$6000 tables.

6 ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

6.1 Executive Director C. Low [ED Report](#)

Focusing on foundation and governance. Met with Sheldon Young who was the Deputy Fire Commissioner at the City of Vancouver, He is connected to the City around facilities and the operation of all the fire halls in the city, including building permitting department. We need to renew those relationships. He is interested in joining the finance committee.

We are hoping to pass new bylaws for the foundation in September 2026. How does the hiring freeze affect us? The PB recreation team and seconded staff are under the freeze as PB is the employer. The Society can fill vacancies for society but cannot fill the two programming positions that are open. The freeze will be lifted in May and we can hire. We do have recommendations to make changes to the job description for the Arts and Culture Programmer to increase Indigenous component.

6.2 Manager of Administrative Services J. Shier [Admin Report](#)

Year End statement of 2025 - monthly statements to resume at the May board meeting. Looking at YE statements, started with much higher surplus than expected. Child Care program had 160K surplus. Removed costs to city budget and some programs performed very well.

The Mercer Report analyzes time bank liability - remeasurement of time bank valuations and change in benefit of obligation. In this report they had a remeasurement of 86K and what that does is reduce our net assets. Child Care programs received a credit, and the rest of the society received a charge of 120K. Why the jump? Previous reports they made some assumptions about employee reaching the age of 65 would retire but they have continued working and have stayed on our books.

- 6.3 Manager of Child Care J. Hughes [CC Report](#)
We do have two unions, CUPE15 and BCGEU. Jerney and Jacky are taking the lead on collective bargaining. We use a community organization to help us with the legal expertise working in the field of Child Care.
- 6.4 Manager of Organizational Change S. Amaya [MOC Report](#)
Suzette has been working with several Indigenous organizations, pulling everyone together for June 21 in addition to doing the programming for WCT, BEST and Right to Play. Building relationships with partners like Miska Creative who received the Giving Voice Grant in partnership with Britannia. The funding will go towards supporting Community in the Miska Creative Program onsite.
- 6.5 Community Recreation Coordinator P. Odynsky [Recreation Report](#)
Spring registration was strong - camps good through Spring break. Site cleanup with Bird is beginning soon. We hired an event support coordinator for the 50th Anniversary celebration on June 5th. We have another film shoot taking place in the rink over summer. SuccessFactors and one drive being rehailed.

- BREAK -

7 CONSENT ITEMS

- 7.1 Executive Committee [Executive Com Report](#)
7.2 Finance Committee [Finance Com Report](#)
7.3 Governance Committee [Governance Com Report](#)
7.4 GWFC [GWFC Report](#)
7.5 SEA Committee [SEA Report](#)

MOTION TO ACCEPT CONSENT ITEMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1st: Norm Leech
2nd: Craig Ollenberger
Result: **Passed**

8 IN-CAMERA

MOTION TO GO IN CAMERA

1st: Craig Ollenberger
2nd: Nicki McGowan
Result: **Passed**

MOTION TO GO OUT OF CAMERA

1st: Craig Ollenberger

2nd: Nicki McGowan
Result: **Passed**

9 POST IN CAMERA ITEMS

MOTION TO APPOINT KATE FITZPATRICK AND MICHELLE BRYANT TO THE BOARD.

1st: Craig Ollenberger
2nd: Christine McCallum
Result: **Passed**

**MOTION TO REMOVE JOHN FLIPSE FROM HIS APPOINTMENTS ON THE BOARD AND
RESTRICT ACCESS FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS UNTIL A 3RD PARTY
INVESTIGATION OF WHICH HE IS THE SUBJECT HAS CONCLUDED.**

1st: Naina Varshney
2nd: Craig Ollenberger
Result: **Passed**

10 ADJOURNMENT

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1st: Craig Ollenberger
2nd: Nicki McGowan
Result: **Passed**