

MEETING OF THE NORTH VANCOUVER RECREATION & CULTURE COMMISSION

Meeting date: February 24, 2026
Meeting time: 2:33 p.m.
Meeting location: Via Microsoft Teams

MEETING MINUTES

Commissioners in attendance: Councillor Lisa Muri – DNV (Chair)
Mayor Linda Buchanan – CNV (Vice Chair)
Councillor Holly Back – CNV (2:55 p.m.)
Herman Mah – DNV
Dr. Leanne McCarthy – CNV Chief Administrative Officer
Mike Fox – DNV Chief Administrative Officer
Heather Turner – NVRC Director, Recreation & Culture

Staff: Mike Hunter – NVRC Deputy Director
Jade Reed - Manager, Arts & Culture
Christine Walker – Manager, Recreation Services
Pilar Alba – NVRC Administrative Coordinator
Rhonda Schell – DNV Deputy Corporate Officer
Kaitlin Hebron – DNV Confidential Council Clerk

I. **Call to order – Indigenous acknowledgement**

Heather Turner, NVRC Director, Recreation & Culture, called the meeting to order at 2:33 p.m. and provided the following Indigenous acknowledgement:

- “On behalf of the Commissioners and those present, I express my gratitude to the Squamish Nation and Tsleil-Waututh Nation, and we appreciate the opportunity to learn, live and share experiences on these traditional and unceded territories. North Vancouver Recreation & Culture is committed to building relationships with First Nation communities, and this acknowledgement is one small step in honoring their culture, history and stewardship of the land.”

II. Election of Officers for 2026

a) Chair

Director Turner asked for nominations. Commissioner Buchanan nominated Commissioner Muri. Commissioner Muri accepted the nomination. Director Turner asked if there were further nominations. Having received none, Chair Muri was acclaimed as Chair for 2026.

b) Vice-Chair

Chair Muri asked for nominations. Chair Muri nominated Commissioner Buchanan. The Chair asked for further nominations. Having received none, Commissioner Buchanan was acclaimed as Vice-Chair for 2026.

III. Approval of the agenda

Moved by Commissioner MAH; **seconded** by Commissioner BUCHANAN

THAT the agenda for the February 24, 2026 Regular North Vancouver Recreation and Culture Commission Meeting is approved as circulated.

Carried**IV. Adoption of the minutes of the November 20, 2025 Regular Meeting**

Moved by Commissioner MAH; **seconded** by Commissioner BUCHANAN

THAT the minutes of the November 20, 2025 Regular Meeting be adopted.

Carried**V. Carry-over of 2025 Operating Funds to 2026 – Late Intake Record of Commission Resolution**

Moved by Commissioner MURI; **seconded** by Commissioner BUCHANAN

THAT the Record of Resolution of Carry-over of 2025 Operating Funds to 2026 approved by email vote is received for information.

Carried**VI. Gender Diversity Review of NVRC Washrooms and Changerooms**

The Commission discussed the assessment of all NVRC washrooms and changerroom facilities completed by TransFocus using a gender diversity lens. The discussion emphasized the need for consistent signage, clear communication about universal spaces, appropriate behaviour expectations, and proactive staff training and presence to support patrons and manage concerns.

The Commission acknowledged that standards and best practices are evolving, and while gendered spaces will remain, universal washrooms and changerooms will increasingly be incorporated, including a large universal changeroom at Harry Jerome Community Recreation Centre. The transition will require clear public education, recommended time guidelines for high-demand family and universal spaces, consistent cleaning and service levels, and an implementation plan that prioritizes improvements alongside accessibility recommendations.

Moved by Commissioner BUCHANAN; **seconded** by Commissioner BACK

THAT Gender Diversity Review of NVRC Washrooms and Changerooms is received for information.

Carried

VII. Director's Update

Commissioner Turner spoke to items outlined in her report.

VIII. Other business

The Commission wished Commissioner Buchanan a happy birthday.

IX. Next meeting

Upcoming 2026 NVRC Meeting Dates:

- Tuesday, April 7, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 16, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, September 22, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.

X. Adjournment

Moved by Commissioner BACK; **seconded** by Commissioner MAH

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

Carried

Approved by:



Lisa Muri
Chair

Recorded by:



Kaitlin Hebron
Confidential Council Clerk

Date: April 8, 2026