



## PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

— September 16, 2019 —

*The following information is intended to provide a brief overview of the Board's governance work at the Committee and Board meetings. The full agenda, meeting materials, video clips and official minutes can be found on the [Park Board website](#).*

### STAFF REPORTS / PRESENTATIONS

#### **Metro Vancouver Backup Power Facility - Sunset Beach Park**

The Park Board authorized Metro Vancouver to proceed with the detailed design and construction of a new [backup power facility](#) for their sewage pump station (Jervis Pump Station), located in Sunset Beach Park. These upgrades will build resilience and help prevent spills into English Bay. As part of the project, Metro will also be enhancing the surrounding landscaping and providing new features like benches and a water fountain. Construction of the facility is targeted to begin in the fall of 2020 and to be completed in mid-2021.

### CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Mackinnon highlighted the following [events in his report](#):

- Jul 22-24: **Greater & Greener Conference**, Denver Colorado – Chair gave a keynote address on the Park Board's Biodiversity Strategy and related initiatives
- Jul 27, 31 & Aug 3: **Honda Celebration of Light**, English Bay – Chair sat on judges panel; Team Canada announced as winner, competing against teams from India and Croatia.
- Aug 4: **Pride Parade & Festival**, West End/Sunset Beach – Commissioners, staff & CCA members marched in the parade & the Chair spoke at the festival.
- Aug 9-11: **KitsFest**, Kitsilano Beach – annual sports and healthy living beach festival that includes a bathtub race; Chair spoke at media launch;
- Aug 17: **Dude Chilling Sculpture Celebration**, Guelph Park – Commissioners Demers and Barker joined artist Michael Dennis in unveiling of the bronze replica of "The Dude";
- Aug 31: **Lovin' the Earth Climate Action Fair**, Riley Park – Commissioner Demers and the Chair spoke about Park Board efforts in fight against climate change;
- Sep 6: **Media Event on Oppenheimer Park** – Chair requested the formation of a multi-jurisdictional task force on homelessness and announced that the Board was not seeking an injunction to evict people from Oppenheimer Park
- Sep 8: **Battle of Britain Memorial**, Air Force Garden of Remembrance in Stanley Park – Chair spoke at a ceremony commemorating pilots who fought in this WWII battle.

### GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE REPORT

The Deputy General Manager presented an overview of the following topics that were included in the [GMO's Report](#):

- **Playground Upgrades** – Humm Park, Templeton Park and Ray Cam Community Centre playgrounds are including the ongoing playground renewal project; upgrades are complete at Humm Park, and underway at Templeton & Ray Cam.



- **Portable Bleachers** – Two new 180 person mobile bleachers, funded through the City’s Sport Hosting Program, will be available to rent for park events.
- **Gerry Massing Commemorative Room Naming** – The Dunbar CCA will be paying tribute to long-serving member and former President, Gerry Massing, by renaming the community youth room to the “Gerry Massing Room”. Gerry passed on Sep 10, 2018.
- **Creekside Community Recreation Advisory Committee** – As the first step in implementing a new CCA, an advisory committee has been formed; an introductory meeting was held on September 16, 2019.
- **Council Business** – Council recently approved the following items that involve the Park Board:
  - [Review of Remuneration of Members of Council and Park Board](#),
  - [Culture Shift: Blanketing the City in Arts and Culture](#),
  - [Support for the Vancouver Rowing Club and Coal Harbour as a Multi-use Waterway](#).

## BOARD MOTIONS

### Artificial Turf Assessment and Remediation

The Board [referred the amended motion to staff](#) so that it can be considered/included with the information requested previously via a [Board Enquiry](#). Staff expect to be able to report back to the Board in 2020.

### Park Board Support for the September 2019 Global Climate Strike

The Board [approved a motion](#) directing staff to contact [Sustainabiliteens Vancouver](#) to discuss ways in which the Park Board can support the youth-initiated non-violent [Global Climate Strike](#) event being held at City Hall on Friday, September 27 (1pm). Consideration will also be given for ways to support staff participation in this event.

## NEXT MEETINGS

The next Committee and Board meetings will be held on September 30, 2019, and a Special Meeting will be held on October 9, 2019 for the Board to receive the final reports for VanPlay – Vancouver Parks & Recreation Master Plan. These meetings will be held at 2099 Beach Avenue.

