



PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

— September 26 & 30, 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

Oppenheimer Park – Special Meeting

At a Special Board meeting held on September 26, 2019 regarding Oppenheimer Park, the [Board passed a motion](#) committing to the goal of voluntary decampment of Oppenheimer Park in conjunction with the provision of greater access to safe and dignified temporary housing as a measure to help bridge the gap to long-term housing solutions. The Board also acknowledged its support for the Mayor and City Council's continued efforts to find housing for those camping in Oppenheimer and other public spaces, and expressed its interest in collaborating on the development of peer-driven programs and opportunities to support this community in need.

Track and Field Strategy

The Board approved a [Track and Field Strategy](#), which will guide the planning, programming, operations, and maintenance of track and field facilities in Vancouver. The [Board also approved](#) building a new recreation, training and competition facility at Vancouver Technical Secondary School (Category A), as well as prioritizing upgrades to the facilities at Kerrisdale Park/Point Grey Secondary School (Category B) and Templeton Park (Category C).

Park Board Meeting Dates – 2020 Schedule

The Board approved the [Committee and Regular Board meeting dates for 2020](#), including the 6:30pm start time introduced in 2018, as well as the Tuesday evening meeting reserves.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Mackinnon highlighted the following events in his [Chair's Report](#):

- Sep 19: Feasting for Change, Roundhouse Community Centre – the exhibition highlights diverse cultures, art, and histories, as well as celebrates and fosters community practices and stories connected to food;
- Sep 21: Tree Sale, Hillcrest Community Centre – 1800 trees were sold at the semi-annual tree sale.

GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE REPORT

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

- Stanley Park Ghost Train – runs every evening from October 11 to 31;
- VanDusen Glow in the Garden – October 17 to 27 from 5:00 to 9:00pm;
- Council Business (*items of interest to the Park Board*):
 - [False Creek Flats Grade-Separated Road Alignment](#)
 - [Broadway Plan – Phase 1 Engagement and Proposed Guiding Principles](#)



- [Emergency Action to Support Vancouver's Homeless People, Including those in Oppenheimer Park](#)
- [Back to Basics: Prioritizing Public Realm Maintenance and Cleanliness in Vancouver](#)
- [Expediting an Elementary School for the Olympic Village Community – the City's Role](#)
- [A Collaborative and New Approach to Oppenheimer Park and Other Public Spaces](#)

OTHER BUSINESS

2019 Park Board Meeting Schedule Adjustment - Federal Election

The Board approved revising its [2019 meeting schedule](#) to shift the October 21 meetings to October 22 to ensure staff and Commissioners are free to vote in the Federal election.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next Committee and Board meetings will be held on October 28, 2019. There have also been two Special Meetings scheduled - the first on October 9, 2019 for the Board to consider the final two VanPlay reports (Vancouver Parks & Recreation Services Master Plan) and the second on October 28, 2019 for the Board to consider the revised VanSplash: Vancouver Aquatics Strategy. These meetings will be held at 2099 Beach Avenue.