



PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS — February 7, 2022 —

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

BC Hydro Request for Rights-of-Way in Nelson Park

The Board authorized the execution of multiple [Nelson Park land use agreements with BC Hydro](#) granting rights-of-way in support of Hydro's West End Substation Project to replace the aging Dal Grauer substation. The new substation will be constructed beneath the Vancouver School Board's Lord Roberts Annex adjacent to Nelson Park. The land use agreements are required to grant BC Hydro rights-of-way for access ramps, electrical transmission and distribution corridors, and surface restrictions across the park.

The substation project will result in short-term loss of access to portions of Nelson Park, along with permanent limitations on future redesign options, however the compensation received through the agreements could provide opportunities to improve park services and access within the park deficient West End. Other benefits of the project include providing resilient power infrastructure for Vancouver residents and businesses and funding to support the growth of schools in the West End and downtown area.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Mackinnon presented the [Chair's Report](#):

- **Invictus Games Foundation Welcome & Host City Presentation** – On January 28, Commissioners joined City Councillors, Mayor Stewart, and other stakeholders at an event held at Canada Place to present Vancouver as the 2025 Invictus Games host city. This international sporting event for wounded, injured and sick servicemen and women, both serving and veterans, uses the power of sport to inspire recovery, support rehabilitation, and generate a wider understanding and respect of all those who serve their country.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

The General Manager and Leadership Team [presented](#) an overview of the [GM's Report](#):

- **West End Calisthenics Park in Barclay Heritage Square** – the park was opened in January. This project was funded through the West End Participatory Budgeting process known as WEChoo\$e and features a variety of equipment.
- **Main & 7th New Park – Design Process** – a Request for Proposals for consultant services for development of the new park will be issued in Feb 2022; proposed designs will incorporate public feedback from the 2021 engagement phase.
- **Kitsilano Beach Park Seaside Greenway Project** – final round of engagement on proposed to review the proposed cycle path route will begin mid-February. Final recommendations are expected to be presented to the Board for decision in the spring.
- **Council Agenda Items**
 - Motion titled [Aligning Vancouver's 2023-2026 Capital Plan with Increased Climate Emergency Action](#), with recommendations seeking to ensure the needed capital funding is in place in the 2022-2026 Capital Plan to complete new climate emergency projects.



BOARD MOTIONS

Alcohol in Parks Pilot - Extension & Next Steps

The Board approved the motion directing staff to design and implement a second [Alcohol in Parks Pilot for 2022](#), with considerations given to lessons learned from the 2021 pilot. The motion also directs staff to report back with recommendations for next steps beyond the 2022 pilot.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next Committee and Board meetings are scheduled for February 28, 2022.

