



PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

— April 11, 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

Special Events Calendar 2022 – Major Events

The Board approved the [Special Events Calendar 2022](#) on consent. The calendar includes 89 major special events hosted at parks and Park Board facilities, such as VanDusen Botanical Garden and Stanley Park.

Seaside Greenway Proposal at Kitsilano Beach Park – Report Back

The Board [approved recommendations](#) directing staff to begin work on a detailed plan and implementation plan for the [Seaside Greenway at Kitsilano Beach Park](#), with an amendment to have the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee conduct an onsite assessment in advance. The interim greenway will include improvements that address transportation related conflicts between people walking, rolling, cycling, and driving in the area.

Extreme Weather Impacts & Damages – Update

Staff presented an [update on the recovery progress](#) following the king tide and storm in January 2022. Logs and debris have been removed from beaches and adjacent seawall, while repairs on the Stanley Park seawall are ongoing. Staff have conducted preliminary inspections on Kitsilano Pool to determine the extent of the damages and required repairs; a significant engineering review is required prior to opening.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Mackinnon presented the [Chair's Report](#), which highlights recent events attended by Commissioners:

- **The Big Picnic at David Lam Park** – Commissioners Barker, Giesbrecht, and Irwin were joined by GM Rosa at the Big Picnic on April 2. As part of the Cherry Blossom Festival, this event recognized Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh artists in the Haiku installation.
- **Sakura Days Japan Fair at VanDusen Garden** – Chair Mackinnon spoke on behalf of the Board at this event April 9, and was joined by Commissioners Barker, Coupar, Giesbrecht and Irwin. The Sakura Days Japan Fair celebrates all things Japan, including food, traditional tea ceremony, taiko drumming performances, and more.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- **New Director of Urban Relationships – Betty Lepps** – joins the Board of Parks & Recreation from BC Housing, where she was the Regional Director of Supportive Housing/Shelters. She brings a plethora of experience in policy development and leadership to our team, combined with a compassionate approach to working with community. Welcome, Betty!
- **Leisure Access Program – Playland Pass Discounts** – will now be included as a benefit the Leisure Access Pass, giving participants 50% off from June 4 to August 19.



- **Oppenheimer Park – Fieldhouse and Playground Reopening** – is expected to occur by the end of April 2022, after being closed for restoration.
- **Jericho Beach Rabbits** – the Park Board Communications Team will be sharing a few reminders over social media to not release, touch, or feed the rabbits at Jericho Beach.
- **Upcoming Council Agenda Items:**
 - Council to receive a report on [Wildlife Feeding Regulation](#) recommending Council to approve in principle a new Wildlife Feeding Regulation By-law to prohibit people from feeding or attempting to feed wildlife from providing, leaving or placing attractants on any property in a manner that attracts or could attract wildlife.

BOARD MOTIONS

Bloedel Conservatory Visitor Centre - Feasibility & Funding

The Board approved accepting an offer from the Vancouver Botanical Gardens Association that would help fund a feasibility study for a new Visitor Centre at the Bloedel Conservatory, and directed staff to report back with the study findings and recommendations for next steps.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next Committee and Board meetings are scheduled for April 25, 2022.

