



PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

— July 10, 2023 —

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

Parks Procurement Efficiency Program - Construction

The Board approved the Parks Procurement Efficiency Program – Construction (PPEP-C) report recommendations. The new program authorizes staff to negotiate and enter into a memoranda of understanding with select Landscapers and Civil Contractors to provide construction services on an as-needed basis, for a term of three-years. The estimated total program value is \$55M, plus applicable taxes over the initial three-year term, to be funded through capital and operating budgets.

Washrooms and Fieldhouse Update

The Board received a [presentation](#) from staff with an update on the Parks Washroom Strategy implementation and introduced and sought feedback on the draft Fieldhouse Strategy & Management Plan. The purpose of the Washroom Strategy is to provide safe, clean, and accessible washroom facilities to enhance the park experience for all. Current improvements include building renovations, accessibility upgrades, expanding the building worker staff team, and providing seasonal portable toilets. The Fieldhouse Strategy & Management Plan seeks to develop an overarching strategy for the use, renewal, maintenance, and operations of fieldhouses. Staff expect to report back to the board in late 2023 with the draft Fieldhouse Strategy & Management Plan for Board decision

Neighbourhood Matching Fund – 2022-2023

The Board received a presentation on the [Neighbourhood Matching Fund \(NMF\) 2022-2023](#), which provided background on the project, an overview of the 2022 NMF projects and a look forward at NMF 2023. The Neighbourhood Matching Fund matches community raised funds and materials, rather than acting as a traditional granting program. In 2022, nine projects funded in 2020-2021 were completed, and 15 new projects were supported. In June 2023, the NMF Committee met for the Spring 2023 adjudication, and six new NMF projects received funding support totalling \$58,000. The next Neighbourhood Matching Fund call for projects is scheduled for October 2023.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Vice-Chair Bastyovanszky [highlighted recent events](#) attended by Commissioners:

- Trinity Street Block Parties – Chair Jensen attended a Pancake Breakfast to kick off the 2023 Trinity Street Block Parties;
- International Day of Yoga – Chair Jensen attended the International Day of Yoga event at David Lam Park, hosted by the Consul General of India in Vancouver;
- Kitsilano Showboat Season Kick-off – Chair Jensen attended the Kitsilano Showboat Season Kick-off, marking their 88th season of operation;
- Chair Jensen and Commissioner Bastyovanszky attended Woodland Wacipi at Woodland Park. This event launched on National Indigenous People's Day and invites the community to learn and participate in Indigenous Cultural traditions and practices;



- Canada Day – Commissioners attended various events in the City to Celebrate Canada Day, including the Canada Day Celebration at Sunset Park and Canada Together at Canada Place;
- Symphony at Sunset – Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Christensen and Digby attended Symphony at Sunset, an open-air concert featuring performances by Vancouver Symphony Orchestra (VSO) Director, Maestro Otto Tausk;
- Stanley Park Open – Commissioner Bastyovanszky attended the Stanley Park Open and International Tennis Federation World Juniors in Stanley Park;
- S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Walk with the Dragon – Commissioner Bastyovanszky attended the S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Walk with the Dragon event at Lumbermen’s Arch in Stanley Park;

GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

The Leadership Team presented an overview of the GM’s Report:

- VanDusen Fleurs De Villes – From June 9-18, VanDusen hosted a world-renowned floral show by Fleurs de Villes, which welcomed over 8000 visitors to attend the exhibit;
- Art in the Park at Andy Livingstone – Staff advised that Art in the Park at Andy Livingstone launched on June 28. Art in the Park will be held twice a week on Wednesday and Sunday afternoons from 2-6pm. This project will run until September 20, 2023;
- Sport Field Strategy Update – Phase 3 Engagement – The Board received an update on the Phase 3 Engagement of the Sport Field Strategy;
- Council Agenda Items – Council to receive a report on July 12 from the Park Board General Manager and Chief Procurement Office regarding the Pre-Qualification of Landscape and Civil Contractors. This report recommends Council authorize staff to implement the Parks Procurement Efficiency Program – Construction, which will pre-qualify certain landscape and civil contractors with some constraints;
- Council to receive a report on July 12 regarding the Hastings Park – PNE Master Plan Program: Amphitheatre Renewal Update. Report recommendations include Council approving the updated budget for the amphitheatre at Hastings Park;

BOARD MOTIONS

Assessment and Mitigation of Forest Fire Risk in Stanley Park

The Board approved a member’s motion with amendments directing staff to develop an updated fire risk mitigation plan with measures to address and/or remove dead trees and other materials that might constitute a wildlife fuel risk, including estimated costs and implementation timelines for any recommended actions. Staff were also directed to engage with MST to ensure that Indigenous perspectives on wildfire risk in Stanley Park are incorporated in the mitigation plan and any associated recommendations.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next Committee and Board meetings are scheduled for July 17, 2023.

