



PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS — July 17, 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](#).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Community Centre Childcare Use of Park Space Policy

The Board approved the [Community Centre Childcare Use of Park Space Policy](#) report recommendation. This policy addresses exclusive use of park space by childcare operators to support new or expanded group childcare programs in existing community centres.

STAFF REPORTS / PRESENTATIONS

Think Big Revenue Strategy – Report Back

The Board approved the [Think Big Revenue Strategy Report Back](#) recommendations. This report endorses the Think Big Action Plan and supports further action on the preliminary revenue-generating opportunities. The Board's interest in revenue generation is driven by a desire to address the growing maintenance and renewal needs of parks and recreation assets and sustain service delivery while reducing the burden on taxpayers. Staff analysis highlighted various revenue-generating opportunities, such as increasing fees & charges, enhancing hospitality services, and leveraging sponsorship, donation, and advertising opportunities. Staff will continue to work on other components highlighted in the Think Big Action Plan, with an update to the board in Q2 2024.

Greater Vancouver Water District's Stanley Park Water Supply Tunnel Project

The Board approved the [Greater Vancouver Water District's Stanley Park Water Supply Tunnel Project](#) report recommendations. The report authorizes staff to negotiate and execute the land use agreements for the Greater Vancouver Water District's Stanley Park Water Tunnel Project. The project will entail the construction of a tunnel spanning 1.4 km under Stanley Park and the installation of a new water main, which will link the water main that carries water from North Vancouver across Burrard Inlet and the water main that carries water into Vancouver, Richmond, and other neighbouring municipalities and First Nations communities.

The new water main will replace the existing water main, which was built in the 1930s and is nearing the end of its service life. The existing water main has begun to experience major leaks, including a leak near Lost Lagoon in Stanley Park in 2016 and a second in May 2023 near Pipeline Road. Construction is expected to begin in 2024 and end in 2029.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Jensen [highlighted recent events](#) attended by Commissioners:

- The Vancouver Open – Commissioner Bastovanszky attended The Vancouver Open with Volleyball BC organizers David and Adrian;
- Vancouver Folk Music Festival – Commissioner Christensen attended the annual Vancouver Folk Music Festival at Jericho Beach Park.



GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- Stanley Park Tennis Court Upgrades – the six outdoor tennis courts at Stanley Park have received significant upgrades totalling \$100,000.
- Park Board Concessions Summer Update 2023 – In June, the Park Board launched the VanEats mobile app at seven concessions stands to streamline the order process and reduce wait times through pre-ordering and pre-paying.
- Imagine West End Waterfront: Round 2 Engagement Complete – From April 20 to June 1, the second round of engagement shared three draft design approaches, and the project's vision, principles, and goals with the public.
- Park Board Integrity Commissioner Appointed – Lisa Southern has been appointed as the inaugural Integrity Commissioner for the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next Committee and Board meetings are scheduled for September 11, 2023.

