



PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS — September 11, 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

Jericho Beach Park Pier – Next Steps

The Board approved the [Jericho Beach Park Pier - Next Steps](#) report recommendations [with amendments](#) directing staff to proceed with a like-for-like repair of the Jericho Beach Park Pier. Staff were also directed to prepare to receive donations to address the remaining costs associated with replacing the pier after insurance reimbursement and other sources. Should donations not fully cover the balance, the remainder will be covered by the Park Board Capital Plan.

CHAIR'S REPORT

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

- Celebration of Light Barge Tour – Commissioners were invited to attend behind the scenes barge tours for the Honda Celebration of Light. The barge tours were an opportunity to see the fireworks set up and to meet the teams who make the displays possible.
- African Descent Festival – Commissioner Bastyovanszky attended the African Descent Festival at English Bay Beach. This festival is a celebration of African music, arts and culture in Vancouver.
- Signing with the Ancestors – Commissioner Digby attended Signing with the Ancestors in Stanley Park. This event told the story of Stanley Park's history and honoured the ancestors who lived in the park for thousands of years.
- Victoria Drive BIA Summer Festival – Chair Jensen and Commissioner Bastyovanszky attended the Victoria Drive BIA's Summer Festival, which connects the community through cultural performances, information booths, games and prizes.
- Pride Run + Walk – Chair Jensen, Commissioner Bastyovanszky and Commissioner Christensen attended the 2023 Pride Run + Walk, hosted by the Vancouver Frontrunners.
- Little Yellow School House Relocation – Chair Jensen attended the relocation of the Little Yellow School House building. The house was relocated from Hendry Hudson Elementary to Xwmélch'tstn Reserve in North Vancouver.
- Pride Parade – Commissioners attended the 2023 Pride Parade alongside Park Board staff and volunteers. They joined the Vancouver Pride Society, 2SLGBTQIA+ communities, queer serving organizations and allies in marching.
- Pride Night Fish + Sips at the Vancouver Aquarium – Chair Jensen and Commissioner Bastyovanszky attended Pride Night Fish + Sips at the Vancouver Aquarium, which invited guests to celebrate the diversity of the Animal Kingdom.
- Vancouver Canadians Pride Night – Commissioner Bastyovanszky attended the Vancouver Canadians Pride Night Game, and was honored to throw the first pitch.
- West End Community Centre Bandstand – Commissioner Bastyovanszky attended Music at the Bandstand, which is a series of concerts at the Haywood Bandstand in Alexandra Park, hosted by the West End Community Centre.



- Diner En Blanc – Commissioners attended Diner en Blanc in Coopers Park. This event is a celebration of culture with a French flair.
- 2023 Maui Jim Charity Golf Tournament Kick-off – Chair Jensen and Commissioner Bastiovanszky attended the Maui Jim Charity Golf Tournament Kick-off at Fraserview Golf Course.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- Sport Field Improvement Work – Staff highlighted a number of significant field renovation projects that have been completed recently, including renovations at Douglas Park, Tisdall Park, and Hillcrest Park Little League Baseball Diamond
- Kerrisdale Park – Point Grey School Track & Field Upgrades – Following the approval of the [Track and Field Strategy](#), staff advised a competitive procurement process is currently underway to obtain qualified contractors to perform the facility upgrades to the existing track and field facility at Kerrisdale Park – Point Grey Secondary School.
- Stanley Park Forest Management – Throughout the summer, staff have been working to reduce hazards and mitigate the wildfire risk in Stanley Park. This includes the removal of 212 hazardous trees, and the use of water cannons and flusher trucks to wet forest areas and reduce ignition likelihood. Ranger patrols have also been increased to educate park patrons on wildfire risk and to monitor hazards.
- Drone Activation at Creekside Park – Staff announced that Vancouver's first ever drone show will be taking place at Creekside Park on September 15, 2023.
- Council Agenda Items – Council to receive a report titled "[Contract Award for Architectural Consulting for Redevelopment of the Vancouver Aquatic Centre](#)", which would authorize City staff to enter into a contract for architectural consulting for the redevelopment of the Vancouver Aquatic Centre. Council will also receive a report titled "[Approach to Identifying Opportunities for Increased Revenues for the 2024 Budget](#)" for information on an update of the City's assumptions with respect to generation of non-tax revenues in the 2023 Budget. These assumptions will inform the 2023 Draft Budget and include options to incorporate short-term revenue opportunities from the Park Board [Think Big Strategy](#).

NEXT MEETINGS

The next Committee and Board meetings are scheduled for September 25, 2023.

