



CHAIR'S REPORT

Regular Park Board Meeting
Monday, September 11, 2023



Celebration of Light Barge Tour



Commissioners attended behind the scenes barge tours for the Honda Celebration of Light. These barge tours were an opportunity to see the fireworks set up and to meet the teams who make these displays possible.

African Descent Festival



Comr. Bastovanszky attended the African Descent Festival at English Bay Beach. This event is a celebration of African music, arts and culture in Metro Vancouver

Singing with the Ancestors



Commissioners Digby and Jensen attended Singing with the Ancestors in Stanley Park with Chief Janice George and Willie Lewis Jr. This event told the story of Stanley Park's history and honored the ancestors who lived in the park for thousands of years.

Victoria Drive BIA Summer Festival



Chair Jensen and Commissioner Bastovanszky, alongside City Councilors attended the Victoria Drive BIA's Summer Festival, which connects the community through cultural performances, information booths, games and prizes.

Pride Run & Walk



Photo by Mikey Enriquez – IG @heymikeyhey

Chair Jensen and Commissioners Bastovanszky and Christensen attended (and participated in) the 2023 Pride Run + Walk, hosted by the Vancouver Frontrunners

Little Yellow School House Relocation



Commissioners Bastiovanszky and Jensen attended the relocation of the Little Yellow School House building from Henry Hudson Elementary to Xwmé'ch'tstn Reserve in North Vancouver. This iconic landmark was slated to be demolished before the Squamish Nation partnered with the Park Board, City of Vancouver, and the VSB to have the school house repurposed as a Learning Nest.

Pride Parade



Commissioners and Park Board Staff, alongside City Councilors, School Trustees, and Mayor Sim attended the 2023 Vancouver Pride Parade. They joined Vancouver Pride Society, 2SLGBTQIA+ communities, queer serving organizations, and allies in marching for the first time along the new Parade route starting in the West End.

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Pride Night Fish + Sips at the Vancouver Aquarium



Chair Jensen and Commissioner Bastovanszky attended Pride Night Fish + Sips at the Vancouver Aquarium. This event invited guests to *shell-berate* Vancouver Pride and the beautiful diversity of the Animal Kingdom with drag performances by superstars from Canada's Drag Race.

Vancouver Canadians Pride Night



Commissioner Bastyovanszky attended the Vancouver Canadian's Pride Night Game at Nat Bailey Stadium, and was honored to throw the first pitch of the game.

West End Community Centre Bandstand



Commissioner Bastiovanszky attended Music at the Bandstand, hosted by the West End Community Centre. This event hosts a series of concerts at the Haywood Bandstand in Alexandra Park, featuring talented musicians playing jazz, folk music, blues, and more!

Diner en Blanc



Commissioners Bastovanszky Christensen Digby Howard Viridi and Jensen attended Diner en Blanc at Coopers Park alongside School Trustee Jung. This event is a celebration of culture with a distinct French Flair, featuring home cooked meals, drinks, art installations, and limitless creativity.

2023 Maui Jim Charity Golf Tournament Kick-off



Chair Jensen and Commissioner Bastjovanszky attended the Maui Jim Charity Golf Tournament Kick-off at Fraserview Golf Course. This tournament is all about having fun on and off the course while raising funds for charity.

