



PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS — October 30, 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

Kerrisdale Park – Point Grey Secondary School Track and Field Upgrades – Contract Award

The Board approved the [Kerrisdale Park – Point Grey Secondary School Track and Field Upgrades – Contract Award](#) report recommendations authorizing staff to negotiate to the satisfaction of the Park Board's General Manager and City's Chief Purchasing Officer and enter into a contract with Ocean Marker Sport Surfaces Ltd. To install rubberized track surfacing for the Kerrisdale – Point Grey Track and Field Upgrades.

Golf Services Plan - Framework

The Board approved the [Golf Services Plan – Framework](#) report recommendations directing staff to proceed with the development of a Golf Services plan. This report also directs staff to resume capital and maintenance golf improvement projects that draw from the Golf Course Capital Reserve Fund in accordance with City of Vancouver and Park Board spending policies.

West End Waterfront Master Plan - Update

The Board received an update on the final [draft concept plan West End Waterfront Master Plan](#) ahead of the final round of engagement. The draft concept plan addressed a number of concerns identified in the prior rounds of public engagement, including sea level rise, facilities, amenities, transit, and vehicle traffic. The final concept plan is expected to be presented to the Board and City Council for decision in Spring 2024.

CHAIR'S REPORT

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

- Halloween Haunted House at Barclay Manor – Commissioner Bastyovanszky met with Claudine from the West End Seniors Network ahead of their annual Halloween Haunted House event at Barclay Manor
- HI Vancouver Downtown Grand Reopening – Commissioner Viridi attended the HI Vancouver Downtown grand reopening. Hi Vancouver welcomes travellers from all over the world to their gateway hostel in the centre of the City.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- Vanier Park Boat Launch – Following repairs undertaken as a result of the 2021 and 2022 storm events, the west float and ramp of the Vanier Park Boat Launch were re-opened on October 23, 2023
- Burrard Slopes Park Pop-Up Event – Pop up engagement was held at 6th and Fir Park on October 7, and attracted over 100 participants.
- Jericho Park Natural Area Reclamation – Staff removed downed trees, treated and removed invasive species, and seeded the reclaimed areas with native turf/meadow seeding.



- Seaforth Peace Park & Burrard Bridge – Wildflower Meadow Plantings – A highly visible and well used intersection, this area was improved with aesthetic plantings to include pollinator habitat.
- McCleery Golf Course Pond Dredging – The dredging process is essential for the effective functioning of the golf course’s water system. This also offers additional advantages by creating open water spaces that benefit wildlife, including swallows and other bird species.
- Sunset Nursery and Bloedel Conservatory – Staff advised that the poinsettia crop is in its best condition ever at this stage in the season, and that Sunset Nursery is successfully meeting its production targets for fall bedding, ensuring an adequate supply for our network. Staff also highlighted Uncle Fester, the Corpse Flower, currently in leaf at Bloedel Conservatory.

BOARD MOTIONS

An Inclusive Children's Water Park at Ross Park - Bridging the Gap in an Underserved Neighbourhood

The Board approved a motion with amendments directing staff to begin the engagement and design process for [an inclusive spray park at Ross Park](#), with thoughtful design to ensure accessibility for those of all abilities, including those with physical, sensory, and cognitive challenges. The Board also directed staff to work with City Staff to allocate funding from the Growing Communities Fund grant provided by Vancouver City Council, and to report back to both the Board and City Council regarding the scope, cost, and delivery timelines for the Ross Park Spray Park project, ideally to be constructed by Summer 2026.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next Committee and Board meetings are scheduled for November 27, 2023 and a Special Budget meeting is scheduled for November 28, 2023.

