



PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS — November 27, 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

Auditor General – Report Back

The Board approved the [Auditor General – Report Back](#) recommendations, which are intended to assist the Park Board with its revenue management processes, including fee-setting and the overall funding structure within which the Park Board operates. The recommendations include revenue related objectives and framework, such as the Park Board proactively engaging with City Council as it develops current and future strategies, defining and documenting service delivery objectives, implementing a comprehensive fee-setting framework, and incorporating into the fee-setting framework an evaluation of full costs for each service area to strengthen the correlation between fees charges and the underlying costs of service.

The recommendations also included aspects of revenue performance management, namely the Park Board defining performance metrics for all revenue-generating areas to enable monitoring and tracking of progress towards service delivery, and reporting on actual revenues versus expenditures to track the achievement of revenue objectives by service area.

The Great Outdoors Comedy Festival – Special Event

The Board approved the addition of the [Great Outdoors Comedy Festival](#) to the annual Calendar of Major Special Events starting in 2024, following the success of the 2023 Great Outdoors Comedy Festival held at Brockton Point in Stanley Park, which was enjoyed by approximately 15,000 attendees and received a predominantly positive response from attendees, artists, suppliers, and other relevant parties.

LOVELOUD Festival – Special Event

The Board approved an application to host the [LOVELOUD Festival](#) at Brockton Cricket Fields in Stanley Park. The Board also approved an application for a Special Event Permit from the BC Liquor & Cannabis Regulation Branch to serve alcohol at the event. This festival will showcase diverse and inclusive musical performances that celebrate and support 2SLGBTQ+ youth.

Killarney Track & Field Upgrades – Concept Plan

The Board approved the [Killarney Park Tracking & Field Concept Plan](#) directing staff to proceed with Option A in the approved design, which would include the use of natural grass as infield material. The concept plan features a new 8 lane 400m running track with LED lighting, jumping and throwing amenities, on-site storage, a rain garden, and new pedestrian pathways with bench seating, tree plantings, and site fencing to improve overall site accessibility.

Stanley Park Bike Lane & Mobility Study - Update

The Board received an update on the [Stanley Park Bike Lane & Mobility Study](#). The presentation outlined the progress made to remove the 2021 Temporary Bike Lane, and a review of the 2024 Bike Lane Considerations including capital funding and timeline requirements, and other key considerations like conflicting major projects in Stanley Park, staff resources, and the timing of the Mobility Study.



The Board also received an update on the Stanley Park Mobility Study, which evaluates how the park is accessed, and explores the demand for alternative modes of accessing the park outside of private vehicles. Staff have planned upcoming engagement opportunities like community surveys with MST, workshops with relevant organizations, and public engagement surveys and open houses. A Mobility Study Report expected to be brought to the Board for decision in April 2024.

CHAIR'S REPORT

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

- South Korean Delegation Visit – Commissioners welcomed a delegation from Sejong City in South Korea
- BCOHRC Mural Launch – Chair Jensen and Commissioner Christensen attended the BC Office of the Human Rights Commissioner Mural Launch at Britannia Community Centre.
- Stanley Park Train Donor Recognition – Commissioners, City Councillors, and Mayor Sim attended the Donor Recognition Event for the Stanley Park Train.
- Marpole Community Centre Groundbreaking Ceremony – Commissioners and City Councillors attended the Marpole Community Centre Groundbreaking Ceremony.
- National Indigenous Veterans Day – Chair Jensen presented a wreath at the National Indigenous Veterans Day Ceremony at Victory Square Park
- Remembrance Day – Victory Square – Chair Jensen presented a wreath at the Remembrance Day Ceremony at Victory Square Park
- Remembrance Day – Royal Vancouver Yacht Club – Commissioner Bastyovanszky presented a wreath at the Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club.
- Remembrance Day – Japanese Canadian War Memorial – Commissioner Digby presented a wreath at the Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Japanese Canadian War Memorial in Stanley Park.
- Remembrance Day – Grandview Park – Commissioner Viridi presented a wreath at the Remembrance Day Ceremony at Grandview Park
- Remembrance Day – Billy Bishop Legion – Commissioner Bastyovanszky attended a Remembrance Day gathering at Billy Bishop Legion in Kitsilano
- Lumiere Festival – Chair Jensen and Commissioner Digby attended the opening night of the Lumiere Festival, which celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2023.
- Canyon Lights at Capilano Suspension Bridge – Chair Jensen and Commissioner Bastyovanszky attended the opening night of Canyon Lights at Capilano Suspension Bridge Park.
- Oakridge Civic Centre Tour – Commissioners attended a tour of the Civic Centre at Oakridge development.
- Imagine West End Waterfront Open Houses – Chair Jensen and Commissioner Digby attended one of the Imagine West End Waterfront Open Houses.



- 90th Anniversary of the Holodomor – Commissioners and Councillors attended an event recognizing the 90th anniversary of the Holodomor.
- VanDusen Festival of Lights Opening Night – Commissioners attended the opening night of the Festival of Lights at VanDusen Botanical Gardens.
- Trout Lake Bake Knit & Quilt Sale & Pottery Club Sale – Commissioner Christensen attended the Trout Lake Seniors Bake, Knit & Quilt Sale, as well as the Trout Lake Pottery Club Sale.
- Public Engagement at Khalsa Diwan Society – Commissioner Viridi attended a public engagement event at Khalsa Diwan Society in support of the Sunset Neighbourhood Outdoor Amenities project.
- Culture Shift Tour – Chair Jensen and Commissioner Bastyovanszky met with Brock McGillis to discuss the Culture Shift Tour, which encourages the game of hockey to take important strides to be a welcoming place.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- VanDusen Botanical Garden Accolades – VanDusen was recognized as one of Canada's Top 10 Gardens Worth Travelling For in 2024" by the Canadian Garden Council, and also one of the "Worlds Most Spectacular Holiday Light Displays" by Conde Nast Traveler for the Festival of Lights display.

BOARD MOTIONS

Advancing Britannia Renewal

The Board [approved a motion with amendments](#) upholding its commitment to advancing Britannia Renewal Planning and the commitment to working with the City of Vancouver, the Vancouver School Board, Vancouver Public Library, and Britannia Community Services Centre Society to achieve Britannia Renewal goals. This motion also directs staff to report back with a revised high-level plan for Britannia Renewal, in parallel with the corresponding City of Vancouver report now underway, to include the amount of funding allocated for Britannia Renewal in previous Capital Plans.

ELECTIONS FOR 2024 TERM

The Board elected Commissioner Bastyovanszky as its Board Chair for the 2024 Term, and Commissioner Jensen was elected Board Vice-Chair. Commissioners Christensen and Jensen were elected as Committee Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively.



NEXT MEETINGS

A Special Board Meeting is being held on November 28, 2023, to consider the 2024 Fees & Charges and 2024 Operating Budget. The next Committee and Board meetings are scheduled for December 11, 2023.

