



PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS — April 22, 2024 —

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

Summertime Rib & Music Festival - Special Event

The Board approved the [Summertime Rib & Music Festival – Special Event](#), which will run from June 21 to June 23, 2024, at Jonathan Rogers Park. This event is intended to capture the spirit of summer camp and will feature a range of community-based, family-friendly activities. Summertime Rib and Music Festival will be free to attend, open to the public, and include food trucks, summer games, live bands, and local craft vendors, with a focus on community building and placemaking.

Water Bike Rental Service at Vanier Park - Contract Award

The Board approved the [Water Bike Rental Service at Vanier Park Contract Award](#), which authorizes staff to negotiate and enter into a contract with BC Water Bikes Ltd, for a water bike rental service at Vanier Park. A water bike rental service was previously established at Vanier Park in 2017, which proved popular and aligned with several key Park Board strategies. With the expiration of the prevailing license agreement in December 2023, Park Board procurement policy required this service to be put to competitive bid, with a RFEI issued in February 2024 for the continued provision of this water bike rental service.

The service has been well received since its introduction and thousands of Vancouverites and visitors to the city have taken advantage of the opportunity to enjoy this fun and active experience.

Mural and Sport Court Activation - Sunset Beach Park - Report Back

The Board [approved part A and C](#) of the [Mural and Sport Court Activation – Sunset Beach Park – Report Back](#), which directed staff to advance with a new art mural at Sunset Beach Park as proposed by the “Art x Sport” Group without impacting to the existing mural’s contract.

Additionally, the Board directed staff not to pursue additional food and beverage opportunities at Sunset Beach at this time, as there are not sufficient utility services at this location and it would conflict with approved special events.

The Board did not approve part B, which would have supported Option i as described on page 5 of the report with respect to an additional pop-up sport court at Sunset Beach Park.

Imagine West End Waterfront Parks, Beaches and Transportation Vision

The Board approved the [Imagine West End Waterfront Parks, Beaches, and Transportation Vision](#) with amendments, directing that the implementation of Phase 1 be referred back to staff for further [information and follow-up](#).

Imagine West End Waterfront is a long-term vision for the area’s parks, beaches, and transportation network. It aims to address the pressures facing the West End waterfront, which include climate change, ever-increasing visitation, and the need to provide services for a West End population that will continue to grow dramatically over the next 30 years.



Stanley Park Mobility Study – Update

The Board received an update on the [Stanley Park Mobility Study](#). The presentation outlined the results of the evaluation process in preparation for the final round of public engagement in Spring 2024, including the mobility study process, potential mobility options, and future planning work.

The Board subsequently approved a [motion](#) directing staff to report back, in the context of the current Stanley Park Mobility Study, an assessment on a one-way counterclockwise lane along Stanley Park Drive dedicated exclusive for active transport and micro-mobility using lane separators, along the design route proposed as Option A.

Staff were also directed to include in the assessment alternative vehicle parking at appropriate locations for seniors, those with mobility challenges, and for Indigenous access to harvest areas and other culturally significant areas, as well as potential impacts on businesses in Stanley Park, including potential designs for tour bus parking at Prospect Point.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Bastyovanszky [highlighted recent events](#) attended by commissioners:

- Vancouver Canadians Opening Day – Commissioners attended the Opening Night of Vancouver Canadians 2024 Baseball Season;
- Sakura Days Japan Fair – Commissioner Christensen was a featured speaker at the Opening Ceremony of the Sakura Days Japan Fair;
- Vaisakhi Celebration – Commissioners Haer and Viridi participated in the annual Vaisakhi Festival and Parade in South Vancouver;
- Mount Pleasant CCA Board Meeting – Commissioner Christensen attended the Mount Pleasant CCA board meeting, where she swore in newly elected and re-elected Board members;
- Hastings CCA Annual General Meeting – Commissioner Christensen attended the Hastings CCA Annual General Meeting, where she swore in the Board of Directors;
- Vancouver Food Policy Council – Commissioner Jensen attended the Vancouver Food Policy Council Working Session.
- Sunset CCA Annual General Meeting – Commissioner Jensen attended the Sunset CCA Annual General Meeting;
- Dorrance Dance's SOUNDspace – Commissioner Jensen attended a performance of Dorrance Dance's production, SOUNDspace.
- Trout Lake Little League – Commissioner Jensen attended the Trout Lake Little League Opening Ceremony.
- Park Board Liaison – Commissioner Digby met with several Community Centre Associations and organizations, and participated in various discussions with the leadership of CCAs and liaison groups.



GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

The General Manager presented an overview of the GM's Report:

- South Kinross Park – Staff are pleased to announce that the construction of South Kinross Park is complete, and the new park is scheduled to be open to the public the first week of May
- Council Agenda Items
 - Council to receive a report on April 23, 2024 titled “Noise Control By-law Review – Phase One”, which would approve, in principle, amendment to the Noise Control By-law, which would modernize the content of the By-law and remove outdated provisions, better align with other City by-laws, and enhance internal processes for reviewing and approving Noise Exception Permits.
 - Council to receive a report on April 23, 2024 titled “Funding Application to Disaster Risk Reduction Climate Adaptation Program”, which would approve a funding application in the amount of \$4.9M submitted to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities’ Disaster Risk Reduction-Climate Adaptation program, for three projects that would reduce risks from future disasters due to natural hazards and the effects of climate change.
 - Council to discuss a motion on April 24, 2024 titled “Kicking Off Community Benefits for the 2026 FIFA World Cup”, which would direct City staff to work with hosting partners including the Province, PavCo and the Vancouver International Airport to explore community benefit opportunities associated with planning and delivery of the 2026 FIFA World Cup, including social and local procurement, employment, and the creation of a community benefits plan or community benefits agreement.

BOARD MOTIONS

Improving and Expanding Disc Golf at Vancouver Parks

The Board approved a motion directing staff to report back in Q3 2024 on the scope, budget, and schedule required to develop a plan for the expansion of disc golf in Vancouver. The plan would include inventory of the current disc golf courses, engagement with the local disc golf community, recommended improvements to existing courses, and identify opportunities for disc golf events and activations, such as pop-ups and tournaments at Park Board facilities.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next Committee and Board meetings are scheduled for May 6, 2024.

