



Park Board Liaison Report March 2018

The following information is intended to provide a brief overview of the Board's governance work at the regular Committee and Board and meetings held in March 2018. The one public meeting scheduled for this month was March 12. The complete and official minutes can be found on the [Park Board website](#).

MARCH 12, 2018

CHAIR'S REPORT

Park Board Chair Mackinnon highlighted the participation of Park Board Commissioners at the following community events:

- Feb 21: Olympic celebration event at the Vancouver Curling Club at Hillcrest Centre
- Feb 26 & 27: VanPlay Deep Dive workshops focused on sport services at the Roundhouse Community Centre and Vancouver City Hall
- Feb 27: First "On Water" public consultation session on the non-motorized boating strategy held at the Creekside Community Centre
- Feb 28: Recognition of Pink Shirt Day, an international anti-bullying awareness day
- Mar 01: Launch of the Backyard Bird Garden at VanDusen Botanical Garden
- Mar 01: Opening of the City of Vancouver's new Zero Waste Centre
- Mar 01: VanPlay Deep Dive workshop with trans, gender diverse and Two-Spirit service providers and residents
- Mar 04: Annual Head up the Creek rowing regatta
- Mar 08: Unveiling of the Helena Gutteridge Plaza on International Women's Day
- Mar 08: Public consultation on an interim skate plaza to replace the existing Downtown Skateboard Park, which will be removed as part of the Northeast False Creek project
- Mar 10: Final On Water public consultation session at the Jericho Sailing Centre.

STAFF REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

Langara Golf Course Drainage Improvement Project - Construction Contract

The Board approved the construction contract with NMP Golf Construction Inc. for [drainage improvements at Langara golf course](#), known as the most unplayable golf courses in the winter months in the Lower Mainland. The golf course itself is a diverse natural area and is certified by the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary program. The property is host to over 100 species of birds and healthy communities of small animals including coyotes, skunks, racoons, and rabbits. This project will be funded from the Golf Reserve.

Still Creek Community Garden Relocation to Slocan Park

The Board approved the [relocation of the Still Creek Community Garden to Slocan Park](#) as the current site was chosen for Temporary Modular Housing (TMH) as part of the commitment by the City and the Province of BC to build 600 units of TMH across the city. As such, the relocation will be fully funded by the City of Vancouver. The Board also granted the Collingwood Neighbourhood House Society a 5 year licence to operate the new garden in Slocan Park.



Seaside Greenway at Kitsilano Beach Park – Proposed Concept

The Board received a presentation from staff on the [proposed conceptual alignment of a new separated cycling path through Kitsilano Beach Park](#). Throughout Kitsilano Beach Park there are ongoing conflicts between cyclists, pedestrians, motor vehicles and other modes of active transportation. Commissioners referred the report back to staff to provide more detailed information on the proposed route.

Marpole Community Centre Needs Assessment Study – Overview & Phase 1 Results

As the Marpole Community Centre is one of the oldest community centres in the city, it has been identified as a high priority item to be replaced. A [needs assessment study](#) was initiated in the fall of 2017 to identify recreation needs based on current building function, current service levels, community engagement and best practices. Through a series of public engagement events, focus groups, surveys, and staff workshops, consultants and staff identified recreation programming needs, physical challenges with the current space, and user values that will inform the plan for the new community centre. Next steps are to take this information, develop a functional programming plan and test fit that will inform the future design.

GM'S REPORT

The General Manager provided his report to the Board highlighting current Park Board projects and initiatives. The full [GM's report](#) is available on the Park Board website.

MOTIONS

Safety at Concerts and Major Events

The Board approved a motion that directs staff to work with interested groups to institute a policy to require safety measures for women and other at risk groups be included in event plans for music festivals and concerts.

Marine Jurisdictional Plan

The Board approved for staff to work with the various levels of government, Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations, marine organizations, and other user groups to create a Park Board Marine Jurisdictional Plan.

NEXT MONTH'S MEETINGS

In the month of April, the Park Board will be meeting on April 16 and April 30, at 2099 Beach Avenue.