



Park Board Liaison Report May 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 May 2018. The meeting scheduled for this month was May 14. The complete and official minutes can be found on the [Park Board website](#).

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CHAIR'S REPORT

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

- Apr 21: Earth Day and 30th birthday celebrations at the Stanley Park Ecology Society
- Apr 22: City of Vancouver's official apology to Chinese Canadians at the special Council meeting at the Chinese Cultural Centre
- Apr 22: Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival's Sakura Night Gala at the Stanley Park Pavilion
- Apr 28: Opening day at the Vancouver Lawn Bowling Club in Queen Elizabeth Park
- Apr 28: Opening ceremonies and 65th anniversary of Hastings Community Little League
- Apr 28: Annual Rotary Hoop-a-thon at Strathcona Community Centre
- Apr 28: Opening day of the Riley Park farmers market
- Apr 28: Intertidal walk at Jericho Beach
- May 03: Celebration of planting 100,000 trees, a significant milestone towards the goal of 150,000 trees by 2020
- May 06: Inaugural Vancouver International Little League Classic at Hillcrest Park
- May 06: BMO Vancouver International Marathon
- May 11: Oakridge Park open house at Oakridge Centre
- May 12: Annual spring tree sale at Hillcrest Centre.

STAFF REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

Environmental Stewardship Update

The Board received a presentation outlining the strategies, successes, and opportunities of the [Environmental Stewardship and Education](#) activities in 2017 and 2018. Staff work with external partners such as Stanley Park Ecology Society and the Environmental Youth Alliance to provide workshops and training. There are opportunities for individuals to adopt sites in parks, visiting on their own time to remove invasive plants and weeds and planting when appropriate. One of the more popular stewardship initiatives is the Tree Sale that has supported adding nearly 13,000 trees to Vancouver's urban forest canopy.

On Water - Non-motorized Watercraft Strategy Overview & Next Steps

The Board received an overview and progress update on the [On Water - Non-motorized Watercraft Strategy](#). The strategy aims to provide an understanding of the public's use of and access to non-motorized water recreation, shape future non-motorized recreation and facilities, and include a 10 year implementation plan. Phase 2 public engagement was successful with



942 survey responses and 100 residents attending 3 open houses. Staff are moving forward with Phase 3 engagement where they will share phase 2 engagement results and seek feedback on revised directions and draft strategies and actions.

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.

NEXT MONTH'S MEETINGS

In the month of June, the Park Board will be meeting on June 4 and June 18, at 2099 Beach Avenue.