



PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

— December 17, 2018 —

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

Stanley Park Seawall Restoration - Phase 2 - Contract Award

The Board authorized staff to negotiate a contract with Polycrete Restorations Ltd. to complete Phase 2 of the [Stanley Park and English Bay seawall repair and rehabilitation project](#) at an estimated cost of \$1.9M. The priority of this two phase major restoration work has been to restore the integrity of the seawall structure, increase resilience (to weather & climate change), and preserve the historic fabric of the seawall. Construction is set to begin in March 2019, with substantial completion targeted for December 2019.

Pandora Park New Dog Off-Leash Area

The Board approved the addition of a [new dog off-leash area in Pandora Park](#) as part of the park's overall renewal plan. This new fenced off-leash area supports the [People, Parks and Dogs Strategy](#), which identified Grandview-Woodlands as an underserved neighbourhood, and has received demonstrated support from surrounding neighbourhood residents. Construction is targeted for 2019.

Track & Field Strategy - Overview & Next Steps

Staff provided an [overview of the Track and Field Strategy](#) that included information on the progress, research, public engagement results from Rounds 1 & 2, and next steps. The objective is to develop a long-range strategy for accessible, diverse, and high quality track and field facilities, amenities, and services in Vancouver. Final recommendations, with a 10 year implementation plan that includes locating a competitive training facility, will be developed in Round 3. The proposed strategy is expected to go to the Board for decision in summer 2019.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Mackinnon highlighted the following [Park Board events attended by Commissioners](#):

- Dec 14: Holiday Heights at Bloedel - Opening Night & Media Event

GM'S OFFICE REPORT

The Deputy General Manager presented an overview of the recent and upcoming activities included in the [report from the GM's Office](#):

- Holiday Heights at Bloedel – a winter wonderland event at the highest point in the city with festive lights, music, and tropical plants & birds; runs Dec 14 – Jan 6;
- Free First Skate – the Park Board's recreation team supported the Immigrant Services Society of BC by offering newly arrived Canadian immigrants a free skating experience at Rogers Arena on Dec 14;
- 2019 Capital & Operating Budget – Council received the staff presentation and heard from speakers at a Special Council Meeting on Dec 11, and is scheduled to vote on the recommendations on Dec 18;
- 2018 Holiday Closure – the Park Board Administration office will be closed from Dec 25 – Jan 1, inclusive.



BOARD MOTIONS

Alcohol Consumption at Vancouver Parks & Beaches

The Board approved a motion directing staff to conduct a feasibility study for a pilot project that would allow the public to consume their own alcoholic beverages at select parks and beaches. Staff are to report back by the end of 2019 with the study's findings, including potential pilot sites, consultation results and findings from the Concession Strategy alcohol pilot, along with any potential legal, logistical, societal, enforcement, and financial considerations.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next Committee and Board meetings are scheduled for January 14, 2019, and will be held at 2099 Beach Avenue.

