



PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

— January 28, 2019 —

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

Airforce Garden of Remembrance - Relocation Plan

The Board approved the [relocation of the Air Force Garden of Remembrance](#) in Stanley Park to Queen Elizabeth Park. Relocation will address the growing number requests for new plaques, as well as the concerns around visibility, providing greater accessibility, improving functionality during events, enhancing tranquility, and reducing noise within the garden space. Next steps include creating a scope and timeline for the project, site investigations, confirmation of potential siting options staff and key stakeholders, and funding options.

2018 Special Events Report Back

The Board received a presentation on the [six new and modified special events](#) that occurred in 2018. Events reviewed included the Vancouver Mural Festival, Vancouver Open, KitsFest, Dîner en Blanc, Vancouver Folk Music Festival, and the African Descent Festival.

Marpole Community Centre Renewal - Update

The Board received a presentation on the [Marpole Community Centre Renewal process](#), upcoming Oak Park schematic master planning and engagement, and expected building design and construction schedule.

Park Board Procedure By-law

The Board [enacted its new Procedure By-law](#). The new by-law was updated to reflect current practices, provide clarity on meeting procedures, support efficient processes, and improve the organization and readability of the document.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

The General Manager presented an overview of the following topics that were included in his GM's Report:

- Memorial South Park – the new senior's fitness area located near the fieldhouse and recreational track is under construction.
- Playground Renewals – eleven locations are being upgraded over the next two years: Ash, Winona, Beaconsfield, Jones, Kaslo, Granville, Champlain Heights, Charleson, and Granville parks, along with Trout Lake and Thunderbird Community Centre preschools.
- Fieldhouse Activation Program 2019 – several new artists, food/garden enthusiasts and athletes have been offered fieldhouse residencies to activate parks across the city.
- Spanish Banks Tree Vandalism – eight trees at Spanish Banks were intentionally vandalized with their tops and several limbs removed. The trees are part of a grove of conifers at the foot of Tolmie Street. Staff are working with VPD to investigate.
- Vanier Park Turf Vandalism – a vehicle damaged a large grassy area near the boat launch and toward the Maritime Museum on the night of January 20.
- Women Deliver Conference 2019 – Council approved a report on ["City Participation in Women Deliver Conference 2019"](#); the conference will be held in Vancouver June 3 to 6,



2019; it is the world's largest conference on gender equality and the health, rights, and well-being of girls and women in the 21st century.

BOARD MOTIONS

Support of #AllOnBoard Campaign for No Transit Fares for Youth

The Board endorsed the [#AllOnBoard campaign](#), which is seeking affordable and accessible transit in Metro Vancouver. The motion requested a letter be sent to TransLink's Board of Directors, the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation; the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing; and the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction asking TransLink to work with the provincial government to finalize and secure funding, and to develop a plan that will provide free public transit for minors (aged 0-18) and reduced price transit based on a sliding scale using the Market Basket Measure for all low-income people regardless of their demographic profile.

Renewal Strategy for Landscape Equipment - Towards an Emission-Free Reality

The Board directed staff to develop a transition plan to [replace and retrofit gas-powered landscape maintenance equipment with emission-free equivalents](#). The transition plan should include financial considerations, including purchase, usage, maintenance and end-of-life replacement costs, as well as ways to quantify/qualify non-financial benefits such as carbon emission reduction, disposal of refuse oil, and other parts.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next Committee and Board meetings are scheduled for February 11, 2019, and will be held at 2099 Beach Avenue.

