



PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

— February 25, 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

Recreation Services - Youth Services Overview

The Board received a [presentation on Youth Services](#) that noted the work of the 17 Community Youth Workers across its centres. Youth Workers provide diverse services and support young people aged 8-18. The guiding principles for youth work include: accessibility, inclusion, youth as partners, collaboration, and prevention. Some of the unique youth initiatives include RISE, Youth Matters, Positive ticketing and Youth Week amongst many other engaging opportunities.

False Creek Flats Arterial - Park Board Considerations

The Board received a [presentation on the False Creek Flats Arterial](#) that outlined the current arterial requirements, community panel process, and potential impacts to Strathcona and Trillium Parks. This east-west arterial route needs to be grade-separated, reliable & efficient, and support all modes of transportation. The panel is expected to submit its final report to City Council and the Park Board in May 2019. Any proposed changes to permanent park boundaries will require Board support.

CHAIR'S REPORT

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

- February 15: National Flag of Canada Day, held atop Queen Elizabeth Park – Together with the Canadian Club of Vancouver, the Park Board raised the flag and hosted a celebration, which included free entry into Bloedel Conservatory.

GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE REPORT

The Deputy General Manager presented an overview of the following topics that were included in the [GMO's Report](#):

- Aquarium Appeal – The BC Court of Appeal ruled last week that amendments to a Park Board bylaw prohibiting the importation and display of cetaceans, including whales, dolphins and porpoises, in city parks applies to the Vancouver Aquarium.
- Council Agenda Items – On February 26, 2019, Council will be considering the following Motions on Notice that have relationship with the Park Board:
 - [Helping Campers in Oppenheimer Park](#)
 - [Future of the 420 Cannabis Protest](#)
 - [Shore to Core – Vancouver's Watershed Revival Plan](#)
 - [Declaring April 6 as Vancouver's Official Birthday](#)

NEXT MEETINGS

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

