



PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

— March 11, 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

Support for Women Deliver 2019 Conference

The Board approved supporting the strategic initiatives related to the City of Vancouver's participation in the [Women Deliver 2019 Conference](#), the world's largest conference on gender equality and the health, rights, and well-being of girls and women. The Park Board's participation includes reviving the "Remarkable Women" series, participating in the "Show & Shine" event, exploring live streaming & community dialogue opportunities, and supporting the new "Honouring Community Sport Champions" program.

Environmental Stewardship Update - Flourishing Parks & Communities

The Board received an overview of [Environmental Stewardship in parks](#), which is guided by the Rewilding Vancouver Action Plan, Biodiversity Strategy, and Urban Forest Strategy. Park stewardship projects focus on bird & wildlife habitat, streams & wetlands, pollination corridors, indigenous plant sites, marine areas, dog parks, and eco art. Staff provide educational resources, supplies, funding & expertise for community advocates and volunteer stewards, and work with partner organizations such as the Stanley Park Ecology Society to provide environmental education & training, and the Musqueam Aquatic Habitat Restoration to restore & protect stream habitats. Priorities in 2019 include acknowledging unceded traditional territories & the impacts of colonialism, as well as ensuring there is space for Indigenous voices, cultural practice, and stewardship.

BC Hydro Rights-of-Way Request in Nelson Park

The Board received a presentation that provided background information on [BC Hydro's West End substation](#) project planned for the Vancouver School Board's Lord Roberts Annex site, along with details on their rights-of-way request to install infrastructure related to the new substation under Nelson Park. Park Board staff will lead a study and public engagement process to identify potential impacts on the park and mitigation opportunities before bringing recommendations for the Board's consideration later in 2019.

GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE REPORT

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

- **Burrard Marina Upgrades** – remaining sections of the new floats have been built and the contractor has scheduled installation, completion is expected by end of March;
- **Cedar Cottage Park** – park updates include renewing the playground to meet current standards for playground safety, replacing the tennis courts with a smaller sport court, pathways and more green space, and adding a new rain water feature.
- **Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Gardens Courtyard** – LED string lights and decorative door wraps were installed in February; public engagement about gate closures is targeted for April;
- **Heron Colony** – Pacific Great Blue Herons have returned to their colony outside the Park Board Office in Stanley Park; the live [Heron Cam](#) will once again be activated.



- **Stanley Park Brewing Restaurant** – Landscaping and exterior work is expected to be completed in March, with occupancy expected for May 2019.
- **Community Sports Hosting Grants - Spring Intake** – Council is scheduled to review eight new Community Sport Hosting Grants applications, totalling \$29,033, on Mar 12.

BOARD MOTIONS

Assessment of Pest Control Policies

The Board directed staff to [review pest control management strategies for wildlife and rodents](#), including how and where rodenticide/lethal control and relocation methods are used. Staff will also assess the viability of including BC SPCA AnimalKind wildlife and rodent control standards.

Oppenheimer Park Warming Shelter & Support Services

The Board directed staff to [work with the City to temporarily implement a warming station](#) and 24 hour washroom facilities in Oppenheimer Park. Staff will also explore options for campers to secure their possessions.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next Committee and Board meetings are scheduled for April 1, 2019, and will be held at 2099 Beach Avenue.

