



PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

— April 15, 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

Harbour Green Dock - Proposed Change of Use, Management, & Maintenance

The Board approved a joint public engagement process with Engineering Services. Based on the results of the engagement, staff will report back on the feasibility of commuter ferry operations at the dock and [transfer of the dock to Engineering for maintenance and management](#). In the interim, the dock will be removed and stored until a final decision is made on the future of the structure.

Playing Field Upgrades – Synthetic Turf & Lighting

The Board approved [adding lights to the existing synthetic turf playing fields](#) at Hillcrest Park and Kitsilano Secondary. The Board supported a new synthetic turf playing field with lights at Sir Winston Churchill Secondary. Staff will explore more organic sustainable substrate options and storm water filtration and report back to the Board for final approval.

Emissions Free Landscape Equipment Renewal Strategy

The Board deferred this item to a future meeting.

CHAIR'S REPORT

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

- Apr 07: VanPlay "Big Moves" Community Dialogue, at CityLab Studios to discuss concepts resulting from two years of conversation with staff, stakeholders and the community.
- Apr 12: Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden Info Session - an information session that was held to share plans regarding the design and installation of gates at the entrance of both Pender and Carrall streets to address safety concerns after hours.

GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE REPORT

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

- False Creek Flats Arterial Route – The Panel recommends National-Charles for the False Creek Flats Arterial Route. The [final report detailing the Community Panel's journey and their recommendations](#) can be viewed online.
- New Plants – Echium Pininana "Snow Tower" – Native to La Palma in the Canary Islands the "Snow Tower" is now in full bloom at Bloedel Conservatory.
- Bike Training – Four Park Rangers completed the Law Enforcement Bike Association Training which covers all aspects of using your bike on patrol, through all types of areas and conditions.
- Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival – The annual Cherry Blossom Festival kicked off on April 4 and runs until May 5.



BOARD MOTIONS

Golf in our Parks - A Deep Dive Analysis

The Board referred the discussion of this motion to a future meeting to give Commissioners the opportunity to review past reports on this topic.

Safety Concerns Regarding Increased Crowds at 2019 420 Event at Sunset Beach

The Board directed staff to hold a meeting of senior staff of all relevant agencies to review safety issues around this expanded unpermitted commercial event. Staff also sent a request to the [420 Organizers asking them to cancel the Cypress Hill performance](#) in an effort to control crowd size.

NEXT MEETINGS

There will be a Special Board meeting on Tuesday, April 30, 2019, to receive for information the False Creek Flats Arterial - Community Panel Presentation.

The next Committee and Board meetings are scheduled for May 13, and will be held at 2099 Beach Avenue.

