



## PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

— May 13, 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

#### **Recognition of Grace McCarthy – Commemorative Naming**

The Board unanimously approved the [commemorative naming of the plaza surrounding the Bloedel Conservatory in Queen Elizabeth Park](#) as “Grace McCarthy Plaza” in recognition of Ms. McCarthy’s contributions to the Park Board, the City of Vancouver, and the Province of British Columbia

#### **Special Event Guidelines – Proposed Update & Interim Direction**

The Board directed staff to [update the Park Board’s Special Event Guidelines](#) to address current issues and ensure alignment with Park Board values and principles, and to better support Vancouver’s event community. The Board also direct staff to maintain and support the existing commercial events and activities, but issued a moratorium on the introduction of any new commercial initiatives until after the Special Event Guidelines have been updated.

#### **Bike the Night - Special Event**

The Board approved the organizers of the [Bike the Night cycling event](#), to host the start/finish area of the ride at Sunset Beach Park on Saturday, September 7. This family-friendly Bike the Night cycling event is a City of Vancouver supported on-street, car-free ride which takes place at night on the City’s roads.

### CHAIR’S REPORT

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

- May 1: Memorial South Park outdoor fitness facility opening;
- May 11 & 12: Biannual Tree Sale pick up at Hillcrest; and
- May 11: Bird Week launce at The Nature House in Stanley Park.

### GENERAL MANAGER’S OFFICE REPORT

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

- Tree Sale – May 11 and 12 – 2,825 trees were sold at the spring sale
- Gordon Park / David Thompson Secondary Land Exchange – would result in a net benefit to Gordon Park.
- China Creek North Park – estimated completion is in July which is a month behind schedule as additional time was needed over the winter months to address removal of soil affected by Japanese beetles and contamination, construction of the Glen pump station will commence in June 2019
- Stanley Park Seawall and Pavement Repairs – work is well underway and expected to be completed by the end of summer
- Council Business - On May 14, 2019, Council will be considering the following Motions on Notice that have relationship with the Park Board:



1. [Formalize the False Creek to the Fraser River Blueways](#)
2. [Dealing with Doggie Doo Doo in Support of Vancouver's Zero Waste Goal and Cleaner Parks and Streets](#)
3. [Recovering Outstanding City of Vancouver Related Costs from 4/20 Vancouver 2019 held in Sunset Beach Park and Affirm Support for the Mandatory Event Permit Process for Large Events and Festivals in the City of Vancouver](#)
4. [Climate Emergency Response](#) which includes the carbon reduction strategy aimed at reducing carbon emissions and addressing the serious threat of climate change. The strategy focused on six big moves to reduce pollution from buildings and included 53 quick-start action plans that can be implemented right away.
5. [Single-use Item Reduction Strategy](#) – ban on foam cups and take-out containers will begin January 1, 2020 and ban on the use of plastic straws will begin April 2020.
6. [False Creek Community Panel Report](#) – report was received by Council.

## **BOARD MOTIONS**

### **Expanding Downtown Eastside Greenspace and Waterfront Access**

This item was [referred to the May 27, 2019](#), Committee meeting to hear from speakers.

## **NEXT MEETINGS**

The next Committee and Board meetings are scheduled for May 27, 2019, and will be held at 2099 Beach Avenue.

