



PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

— May 27, 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

Volleyball BC Vancouver Open Event - Licensed Area Expansion

The Board approved a [request from Volleyball BC](#), organizers of the Vancouver Open beach volleyball tournament, to increase the capacity of the event's licensed area at Kitsilano Beach from 500 guests to 650 guests. The all-age's event attracts over 20,000 spectators annually and is free to attend. Activities include a youth volleyball tournament, prize giveaways, interactive crowd activities, food and beverages, and some of the best beach volleyball action in North America.

Expanding Downtown Eastside Greenspace and Waterfront Access

This item was referred from the Regular Board meeting on May 13, 2019, to hear from speakers. After hearing from 19 speakers, the Board unanimously approved the [amended motion](#) requesting that the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority to identify further opportunities to make investments in the local Downtown Eastside community with a particular focus on parks, recreation, and Reconciliation, and that the Park Board explore the initiation of a working group in partnership with the City of Vancouver and community stakeholders with a goal to transition the development and construction of an indigenous-focussed healing, wellness, and/or cultural centre out of the theoretical and into action and reality

CHAIR'S REPORT

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

- May 16: Vice Chair Demers unveiled new Ranger Station at 2nd Beach in Stanley Park.

GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE REPORT

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

- Slocan Park/Still Creek Community Garden – the new garden will include 45 standard and 8 accessible planting boxes;
- Slocan Park Sport Field Upgrades – new drainage and irrigation systems for expanded sport field use;
- BC Hydro Project at Nelson Park – consultants have been hired to lead the impact assessment and public engagement on the rights-of-way request from BC Hydro.
- Upcoming Council Items (*that involve or interest the Park Board*)
 - May 28: [Proposed Amendments to City Sponsorship Policy Review; Regulating Clothing Donation Bins; 2019 Downtown Eastside \(DTES\) Capital Grant Program Allocation.](#)
 - May 29: [Women's Equity and Trans, Gender Variant and Two-Spirit Inclusion](#)

NEXT MEETINGS

The next Committee and Board meetings are scheduled for June 10, 2019, and will be held at 2099 Beach Avenue.