



## PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

— June 24, 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

#### **Vanier Park Pump Track Expansion**

The Board approved the [construction of a bicycle pump track facility adjacent](#) to the existing Vanier Park bicycle dirt jumps, which will include the installation of a structural pole, construction of a nesting platform, and relocation of the existing bald eagles nest to the central-west area of Vanier Park forest. The relocation is intended to support the eagles during nesting season while also minimizing impacts to the public's use of the pump track.

#### **Slocan Park Field Upgrades - Contract Award**

The Board approved the contract award to Wilco Civil Inc. for much needed [upgrades to the grass fields in Slocan Park](#). The design of each field includes excavation, grading, new layout, irrigation and drainage systems, connections to utilities, and sport specific infrastructure like fencing and goal posts. The upgrades will result in an increase of playing hours from approximately 550 hours to 800 hours, which will help address growing sport field demands. Staff will also continue to engage with park stakeholders to minimize impacts to other park uses.

#### **Pandora Park Renewal and New Dog Off-Leash Area - Contract Award**

The Board approved on consent the contract award to Canadian Landscape and Civil Services Ltd for the [Pandora Park renewal](#). The final Pandora Park Concept Plan includes a new fenced dog off-leash area, two renewed tennis courts, a new basketball court, passive open space, a new drinking fountain, seating, and picnic areas.

### GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE REPORT

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

- Park Washrooms – Third Beach washroom in Stanley Park has reopened, Lumberman's Arch in Stanley Park is scheduled to reopen in mid-July
- Slocan Park Community Garden – the Still Creek Community Garden, formerly located at 29th Ave and Kaslo, has been relocated to Slocan Park
- Council Agenda Items – [Accountability for Climate Change](#), [Expanding Downtown Eastside Greenspace](#) and [Waterfront Access](#), [City of Reconciliation Update](#).

### BOARD MOTIONS

#### **Gas and Diesel Generator Pollution Elimination Strategy**

The Board directed staff to work with operations staff, contracted partners, and all others within the system to develop a strategy to transition the Vancouver Parks and Recreation system to one that is [free of gas and diesel powered generators](#). The strategy should take into consideration potential exceptions necessary for safety and emergency concerns.



### **Beach Express Bus**

The Board approved a motion to request City Council to work with TransLink to explore the feasibility of providing express or [direct bus service to Vancouver's western beaches](#) (Jericho, Locarno, and Spanish banks) during the summer months (July and August).

### **NEXT MEETINGS**

The next Committee and Board meetings are scheduled for July 8, and will be held at 2099 Beach Avenue. A Special Meeting was also called for July 17 for the Board to consider the final recommendations for VanPlay – Vancouver's Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

