



PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

— July 8, 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

West End Waterfront Masterplan – Project Approach

One of the most popular series of parks and public spaces in Vancouver is the English Bay and Sunset Beach Park shoreline areas. To anticipate growth and increased demand, while also preserving and enhancing the qualities that make this waterfront area so spectacular, a comprehensive masterplan to provide a consistent planning and design approach is required. The Board approved the key themes and scope of work that will inform the [West End Waterfront Masterplan](#), which will include considerations related to park uses, accessibility, safety, operations, ecological conditions, climate change resilience, seawall conflicts, and traffic congestion. This project will be co-led by the Park Board and the City of Vancouver Engineering Department, and will include collaboration with the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.

Playground Renewals – 2019 Contract Awards

Playground renewals are an ongoing priority of the Park Board. Staff are currently working on detailed designs and tenders for seven (7) playground renewals, with construction scheduled to start this summer or early fall. In order to avoid construction delays over the summer due to the procurement process timing, the Board authorized staff to negotiate and enter into contracts with vendors who submit qualified bids for these upcoming [playground renewal projects](#).

CHAIR'S REPORT

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

- July 7: Symphony at Sunset - a free open-air concert presented by the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra in partnership with the Park Board.

GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE REPORT

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

- Second Beach Pool Solar Thermal Project: Energy collected will pre-heat pool water to reduce natural gas use.
- Council Agenda Items: [A City-wide Plan for Vancouver: Report back on General Planning and Engagement Process](#), and [2020-2024 Budget Outlook](#)

NEXT MEETINGS

The next Committee and Board meetings are scheduled for July 22, 2019. A Special Meeting was called for Tuesday, July 30, for the Board to receive a presentation from the VanSplash Advisory Group. As there will be no staff recommendations, this meeting will not be open for speaker registration. The Special Meeting that was called for July 17 for the Board to consider the final recommendations for VanPlay is being rescheduled -- a new date will be announced once confirmed. These meetings will be held at 2099 Beach Avenue.