



## PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

— July 22, 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

#### **Bloedel Conservatory 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration - Program & Funding**

The Bloedel Conservatory will celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on December 6, 2019. To commemorate this important milestone, Park Board staff will deliver a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration program consisting of three core activities: a public awareness and recognition campaign; a tropical-themed evening gala event; and an extended edition of Holiday Heights, the Conservatory's winter lighting event. Staff will also explore the feasibility of allocating up to \$150,000 from the operating budget to provide a portable for the Vancouver Botanical Garden Association to provide public education at Bloedel in concert with the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

#### **Westward Street Party - Special Event**

The Board approved an application from the Yaletown BIA to host a family-friendly viewing area in Yaletown Park as part of the [Westward Street Party event](#) being held on September 13 & 14, 2019. This free outdoor concert event is intended to expand the reach of the Westward Music Festival, a four-day music event held at several admission-based venues across the city, by removing economic barriers and bringing the vibrancy of this event to the Yaletown community.

### GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE REPORT

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

- **Stanley Park Brewing Restaurant** – The renovated restaurant will open its doors to the public on July 29, 2019; a Good Neighbor Agreement is now in place which sets out the expectations of the City and Park Board for Stanley Park Brewing to be responsible in dealing with any issues and creating a positive relationship with the community;
- **Vancouver Pride Parade** – Park Board Commissioners and staff will once again participate in the annual Vancouver Pride Parade on Sunday, August 4, in support of the LGBTQ2+ community; the Park Board's pollinator garden float celebrates diversity & biodiversity;
- **Council Business** – 2019 Greenest City Action Plan Implementation Update; Quarterly Capital Budget Adjustment and Closeouts; Outdoor Lighting Strategy.

### BOARD MOTIONS

#### **Urban Forestry & Climate Emergency Action Plan**

The Board [approved a motion](#) directing staff to collaborate with Metro Vancouver and other regional members on the findings of the report titled [Urban Forest Climate Adaption Framework for Metro Vancouver](#) and to develop a plan to investigate and mitigate climate change impacts to Vancouver's urban forest.



### **Rare and Heritage Trees in Parks**

The Board [approved a motion](#) for staff to initiate a conversation with representatives of the UBC Botanical Garden for consideration as a founding participant in a UBC-initiated program for the preservation of rare and heritage living plant collections.

### **Artistic Enhancement to Dedicated Park Benches**

The Board [approved a motion](#) directing staff to investigate the possibility of accommodating artistic enhancements to dedicated park benches. These enhancements should not include paint or other coatings that would be applied to the natural wood. Staff are to report back with recommendations by end of 2019.

### **Accelerating Sewer Separation & Overflow Mitigation to Improve Water Quality**

The Board [approved a motion](#) calling on the City of Vancouver to prioritize water & sewer infrastructure improvements within the next 10 years, such as combined sewer overflows, in order to improve water quality in Burrard Inlet, False Creek, the Fraser River and other waterways. The motion also proposed expanding the 'Pump Don't Dump' service to boats in and around Heritage Harbour and other relevant locations; called for an accelerated transition to more sustainable green infrastructure for water management; and requested that signage be posted at all combined sewer outflow locations. Staff will keep the Board informed on water quality improvements and report back with any quick start interventions to avoid beach closures.

### **NEXT MEETINGS**

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 next Committee and Regular Board meetings are scheduled for September 16, 2019. All meetings will be held at 2099 Beach Avenue.

