



PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

— October 22 & 28, 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

Scotiabank Vancouver Half Marathon & 5K - Special Event

The Board approved the application to change the route for the [Scotiabank Vancouver Half Marathon and 5K run](#) taking place on June 28, 2020. The Half Marathon starts at UBC, winds its way through the westside of Vancouver, and finishes near Second Beach in Stanley Park; the 5K event takes place entirely within Stanley Park. For 2020, the organizers will modify the route and time of the 5K event to improve participant safety and accessibility.

Golf in Vancouver Parks - Overview

In response to a request for information on the Park Board's golf operations prior to the Board considering a related motion on notice, staff provided an [overview of golf in Vancouver Parks](#). The presentation included utilization metrics, environmental & sustainability considerations, turf & water management practices, community engagement & programming, planning & investment, and VanPlay recommendations.

VanSplash – Vancouver Aquatics Strategy Report Back

At a Special Board meeting held on October 28, 2019, the Board approved the updated "[VanSplash: Vancouver Aquatics Strategy](#)", which had been revised to reflect insights from the VanSplash Advisory Group. The strategy includes recommendations to enhance and renew existing pools and aquatic amenities, grow the capacity of the system and provide continuous service delivery.

In response to additional community feedback, the [Board introduced further revisions](#), including recommendations to provide an outdoor pool at Mount Pleasant Park, to investigate potential sites for naturally-filtered outdoor pools, and to develop a plan to increase the sustainability and operational efficiency of aquatics facilities that are not recommended for renewal. The message "Vancouver Needs More Pools" and the vision of "building communities of aquatics users for a lifetime" were heard loud and clear.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Mackinnon highlighted the following [events in his report](#):

- Oct 04: Gerry Massing room dedication at Dunbar Community Centre - Gerry, a volunteer for more than 20 years at both Kerrisdale & Dunbar CCA's passed away in 2018.
- Oct 16: Glow in the Garden, VanDusen Botanical Gardens – the Halloween event runs every evening until October 27.
- Oct 18: Tiki Night at Bloedel – an event organized by the Vancouver Botanical Gardens Association to launch Bloedel Conservatory's 50th anniversary celebrations.



GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE REPORT

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

- Council Business (items of interest to the Park Board):
 - [Vancouver Community Sports Hosting Grant – Fall 2019 Intake](#)
 - [Social Policy Grants for Neighborhood and Non-Profit Capacity Building, Food Security and Social Innovation](#)
 - A motion titled [“A Collaborative and New Approach to Oppenheimer Park and Other Public Spaces”](#)Topic Title only – no summary required for Board projects

NEXT MEETINGS

The next Committee and Board meetings will be held on November 4, 2019 at 2099 Beach Avenue.