



## PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

— May 25, 2020 —

*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

#### Reconciliation Update

The Board received an update on the [Reconciliation achievements for 2019/20](#), which included an overview of the roadmap developed for organizing and implementing the Board's Reconciliation goals. As well, the Board approved recommendations to develop a Decolonization Strategy, which will include comprehensive policy outcomes to complement VanPlay, the Parks & Recreation Services Masterplan, and to guide the Park Board's ongoing Reconciliation work.

#### BC Hydro Request for Rights-Of-Way in Nelson Park – Impacts and Engagement Results

The Board received an [update on BC Hydro's request for rights-of-way](#) for distribution and transmission cables through Nelson Park and an easement for access to the school site and substation, via Bute Street. The presentation outlined the BC Hydro and Vancouver School Board multi-year plan for the Lord Roberts Annex Site, the engagement process undertaken by Park Board staff, the findings of the impact study, and the next steps. Staff will continue discussions with BC Hydro around minimizing short & long term impacts of the project and will report back with recommendations for Board decision.

#### COVID-19 Pandemic – Parks & Recreation Reopening & Recovery Update

Staff provided an update on the [COVID-19 parks & recreation reopening and recovery strategy](#), which included the proposed four phase re-opening roadmap along with an overview of the municipal & interdepartmental coordination efforts and various industry guidelines that needed to be considered (with many still in development). All decisions and operations are considered using the Province of BC's risk-based decision making, looking to reduce the number of contacts people have, and the contact intensity using both physical modifications and behavior modifications. VanDusen Botanical Gardens, golf courses, dog off-leash areas and tennis were re-opened in Phase 1, with Phase 2 re-opening plans including outdoor recreation facilities & amenities (casual play only), pitch & putts, parking lots, and road reallocation in Stanley Park.

### GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE REPORT

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

- [Retirement of Malcolm Bromley](#), General Manager, on May 29, 2020, after 40+ years of service in parks & recreation. Mr. Bromley led the organization through many significant and ground breaking initiatives during his 10 year tenure at the Park Board, including the development of several progressive Board approved strategies such as:
  - [Local Food Action Plan](#) (2013);
  - [Urban Forest Strategy](#) (2014);
  - [Building a Path to Parks and Recreation for All](#) (2014);
  - [Bird Strategy](#) (2015);
  - [Biodiversity Strategy](#) (2016);
  - [People, Parks and Dogs Strategy](#) (2017);
  - [Park Board Concession Strategy](#) (2019); and
  - [VanPlay – Parks & Recreation Services Masterplan](#) (2018/2019).



- Upcoming Council Business (related to or impacting parks & recreation):
  - Presentation on [COVID-19 Pandemic Impacts: Financial Mitigation and Restoration of City Service Plan](#)
  - Report on [Sewage and Rainwater Management Plan for Vancouver](#)
  - Member Motions on:
    - [Allowing Responsible Alcohol Consumption in Vancouver Parks and Beaches](#)
    - [Designating Public Space for Responsible Consumption of Alcohol](#)
  - Presentation on the [City's COVID-19 Recovery Program Overview](#) & Core Guiding Questions
  - Report on [Quarterly Capital Budget Adjustments and Closeouts.](#)

## **NEXT MEETINGS**

The next Committee and Regular Board meetings are scheduled for June 8, 2020 and can be watched [online](#).