



PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

— June 8, 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

East Fraser Lands North and Middle Kinross Parks - Construction Contract

In order to avoid potential project delays, the Board provided advance approval to award the contract to construct [two new parks in East Fraser Lands](#) to the successful vendor identified through the upcoming public procurement process (contingent upon the bids not exceeding the approved project budget). Staff are currently finalizing detailed designs for these parks, with construction scheduled to start this summer. The final tenders and pricing to construct both parks will likely be received during the Board's summer break.

Artistic Enhancement to Dedicated Park Benches - Report Back

Staff reported back on the Board approved motion titled [Artistic Enhancement to Dedicated Park Benches](#) directing staff to investigate options to accommodate artistic enhancements that do not include paint or other coatings to be applied to the natural wood of dedicated park benches. In recognition of the colonial audit work underway, which will also inform the development of a new commemoration policy, the Board approved the recommendation to adhere to existing policy regarding [park bench dedications](#) in the meantime. The intent of the new policy will be to ensure that the decision-making process for commemoration is equitable, transparent, and reflects the Park Board's commitment to Reconciliation.

Reconciliation Update

The Board received a presentation on the [Reconciliation related and/or affected projects and actions undertaken in 2019/2020](#), along with an overview of the roadmap developed for organizing and implementing the Board's Reconciliation goals. The Board previously approved the [recommendation 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.

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

Staff presented 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). Facilities reopened since the last update on May 25 include: 13 synthetic turf fields, 9 skate parks, 42 basketball and multiport courts, 2 lacrosse boxes, 11 outdoor fitness areas, 2 disc golf courses, 5 cricket pitches, 65 volleyball courts, 4 roller hockey rinks, 2 bike parks, 3 pitch & putt courses, and 166 playgrounds, including 8 shared with the Vancouver School Board.

BOARD MOTIONS

Responsible Consumption of Alcohol at Select Parks and Beaches - a Temporary Measure to Help during a COVID-19 Pandemic Summer

The motion was withdrawn by the mover who was satisfied with the updates provided by staff that ensured the pilot would be moving forward as soon as possible, subject to the Province of



BC clarifying the Park Board's authority to pass bylaws within the context of the Liquor Control and Licensing Act.

Exploring Options to Reduce Motor Vehicle Traffic in Stanley Park

The Board directed staff to [explore the long term feasibility of reducing motor vehicle traffic in Stanley Park](#) including, but not restricted to, reducing roadways to single lanes while maintaining access to the park. Staff will conduct widespread consultation and also look into green transportation options.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next regular Board meetings are scheduled for June 22, 2020.

