



## PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

— September 14 & 15, 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

#### **Montgomery Park Grass Field Renewal - Construction Contract**

The Board approved awarding a construction contract to TKG Irrigation Ltd. for the [renewal of grass fields in Montgomery Park](#). The upgrades include installation of new irrigation and drainage systems, as well as replacing baseball diamonds and backstops, to expand the available playfield area. The new field will feature four baseball diamonds and can accommodate a variety of field sports like soccer, rugby, and ultimate. The design of the field was completed through consultation with the Vancouver Field Sports Federation and local residents. The project hopes to be complete and have fields reopened next summer.

#### **West End Waterfront Parks & Beach Avenue Master Plan - Consultant Contract**

The Board approved awarding a consultant contract to Christopher Phillips Inc, Greg Smallenberg Ltd. and Jeffrey Staates Ltd. (PFS Studio), who will work to provide a 30 year vision for the [West End Waterfront Parks & Beach Avenue](#), identifying a phased approach for key improvements for the four existing parks and adjacent street network. The master plan will be a joint Park Board and Engineering Services initiative to support an integrated planning and design approach for the connected parks and streets along the waterfront. There will be consultation with Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations and a robust public engagement process.

#### **2019-2022 Capital Plan (Parks & Recreation) - Midterm Update**

As part of the COVID-19 Pandemic Response & Recovery, the Board approved the [2019-2022 Capital Plan Mid-term Update & Recalibration](#), which proposed \$48 million in adjustments to the 4 year plan (reducing from \$403.9 million to \$355.9 million). Extensive work has been undertaken to recalibrate the capital plan to reflect the current fiscal reality while maintaining the Park Board's infrastructure and amenities in a state of good repair, as well as advancing Park Board priorities on climate emergency response, equity, and resilience.

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

Staff presented the latest [COVID-19 reopening and recovery update](#), which included an overview of the services reopening in alignment with BC's Phase 3 restart plan. Indoor pools, fitness centres and arenas have begun a phased re-opening with new safety protocols and operations developed for each facility. The feasibility of holding some of the Park Board special annual events is still under review, with Festival of Lights and Bright Nights in Stanley Park being prioritized. As seawall pedestrian traffic and overall park visitation begins to decline with the fall season, staff are preparing to remove the traffic management measures that were temporarily implemented in Stanley Park to support safe social distancing.

### GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

The Acting Deputy GM presented an overview of topics included in the [GM's Report](#):

- Shauna Wilton, Acting General Manager – acknowledgement of Shauna's significant contributions to the Park Board during her 6 years with the organization, most recently serving as Deputy GM for 4 years before assuming the Acting GM role in June. Shauna



also held the position of Acting Director of Recreation and provided key leadership on a number of projects including: the Community Centre Association Joint Operating Agreement renewal, the Concession Strategy, the Parks & Recreation Foundation, and Living Wage implementation. Shauna resigned from the Park Board in early September to spend more time with her family.

- Donnie Rosa, General Manager – welcoming Donnie back to the Park Board Senior Leadership Team as General Manager starting on September 28. Donnie originally joined the Park Board in 2016 as Director of Recreation Services. In 2019, she left to take on the role of General Manager of Parks, Recreation and Culture at the City of Coquitlam. Donnie has over 25 years of experience in parks and recreation and a keen understanding of the Park Board’s priorities, work and challenges.
- Items of interest to the Park Board on upcoming Council meeting agendas included:
  - A report on [Funding Applications for Green Rainwater Infrastructure Asset Management and Rain City Strategy Nomination for UBCM’s Community Excellence](#)
  - A motion on [Temporary Disaster Relief Shelter\(s\) for People who are Experiencing Homelessness in Vancouver](#)
  - Report on [2019-2022 Capital Plan Recalibration](#)

## BY-LAWS

### **Parks Control By-laws - Temporary Shelters in Parks**

The Park Board officially adopted the proposed [by-law amendments regarding temporary shelters in parks](#). The [draft by-law amendments](#) were presented and approved at a Special Board meeting held on July 13, 2020, with the First, Second, and Third readings completed at the Regular Board meeting held on July 27, 2020. Enactment of these amendments to the Parks Control By-laws ensures that its provisions do not infringe upon the constitutional rights of park users, and that it specifically protects the rights of those seeking overnight shelter in parks when they have no other suitable housing or shelter options available to them.

## BOARD MOTIONS

### **Request for Non-Park Site for the Strathcona Park Encampment**

The motion was withdrawn as a [motion on notice was passed by Council on September 14, 2020](#) addresses the issue.

### **Suspending Daily Removal of Temporary Shelters During the COVID-19 Pandemic**

With the understanding that staff will continue to consider health and safety needs related to the COVID-19 pandemic in the application and enforcement of any park by-laws, the [motion to suspend the daily removal of temporary shelters](#) was deferred for future consideration if needed.

## NEXT MEETINGS

The next Committee and Board meetings are scheduled for October 5, 2020, and will be held at will be held via video conference.