



PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

— November 23, 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

Daylighting Canyon Creek at Spanish Banks - Report Back

The Board approved planning and scoping work for the daylighting - restoration of an originally open-air watercourse, which was at some point diverted below ground, back into an above-ground channel - of [Canyon Creek at Spanish Banks Beach Park](#). Staff will now work on conducting public and Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations engagement, as well as preparing preliminary concept and implementation plans.

2030 Winter Olympics Bid Considerations

The Board [deferred the motion](#) until City Council has made a decision on its motion "Beyond 2010: Consideration for the City of Vancouver to Participate in a Future Olympic Winter Games Bid", which was referred to staff to provide a preliminary report back to Council in Q1 2021.

VanSplash Implementation Update

The Board received the [first annual update on the implementation of VanSplash](#), Vancouver's Aquatics Strategy approved in October 2019. The presentation included project status updates on various aquatic related projects, and also outlined the upcoming steps in the Capital Planning process.

Mobility in Stanley Park - Survey Results, Data Analysis & Next Steps

The Board received a presentation on [Mobility in Stanley Park](#), which included some background on transportation related planning processes previously completed and already underway, along with results from the 2020 public survey and data analysis on the temporary traffic management plan implemented as part of the Vancouver Park Board's COVID-19 pandemic response. This information will help inform future planning processes in Stanley Park.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- **VanPlay Recognition** – VanPlay was recognized by the American Society of Landscape Architects at the Colorado Chapter Annual Awards event.
- **World Urban Parks Congress** – staff presented VanPlay with a focus on the plan's approach to imbedding equity in an organization's decision-making process; the congress was hosted by the Municipality of Tirana, Albania.
- **Still Creek Salmon** – stream keepers reported five chum salmon observed in Still Creek near the Vancouver Film Studios.
- **Jones Park Renewal** – playground upgrades, a looped path with exercise equipment, picnic tables, and event space were integrated into the newly re-opened park.



- **“East” Park Pollinator Meadow** – “East” Park (working name) temporary pollinator meadow opened in early November; provides enhanced biodiversity and green space in the False Creek community.
- **Riley Park Farmers Market** – 2021 market operations to begin earlier in the year (January vs. May), to accommodate growing market demand and better enable physical distancing at the adjacent Riley Park Winter Farmers Market.
- **Temporary Expanded Patio Program** – extended through October 31, 2021, to align with [provincial liquor regulations](#). (previously set to expire on October 31, 2020);
- **Britannia Renewal Project** – City of Vancouver has awarded the contract for the next phase of the Britannia Renewal project.
- Council Agenda Items (*related to or impacting parks & recreation*)
 - Report on [Contract Award for Consulting Services for Marpole-Oakridge Community Centre](#) seeking approval to contract with Diamond and Schmitt Architects, Inc. as the Consultant for the design and development of the new Marpole Community Centre, childcare, and outdoor pool.
 - Report on [Coal Harbour School, Childcare and Affordable Housing Project](#) seeking Council approval for the project as well as to delegate authority to the General Manager of Real Estate and Facilities Management to prepare, negotiate, approve, execute and/or register all legal agreements and documents, including a master operating agreement with all of project stakeholders, including the Park Board.

NEXT MEETINGS

A Special Board meeting on the 2021 Budgets will be held on Monday November 30, 2020. The next Committee and Regular Board meetings are scheduled for December 7, 2020. All meetings will be held via video conference.

