



## PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

— December 7 & 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

#### Urban Forest Strategy Update

In recognition of improvements to previously reported canopy coverage metrics resulting from changes in technology and measurement timing, the Vancouver Park Board approved the [updated Urban Forest Strategy](#), with a new city-wide target of 30% tree canopy cover by 2050. The Board also asked staff to report back on the effect on the tree supply with the recent loss of the Park Board tree farm and explore what steps would be required to [replace the lost capacity](#).

#### Vancouver Bird Strategy Update and Implementation

The Board endorsed the [updated Vancouver Bird Strategy](#). Recommendations include updating the Bird Friendly Landscape Operational Guidelines to ensure they reflect the most effective bird friendly management practices in parks and other public open spaces. This work will be done in consultation with Park Operations staff and the Vancouver Bird Advisory Committee, with the proposed updates brought back to the Board for approval.

#### Park Board Procedure By-law Updates

The Board received a presentation outlining [proposed changes to the Park Board Procedure By-law](#) to reflect current practices, address gaps, and clarify procedures. The Board replaced Recommendation D, which was seeking approval to revise the criteria for calling Special meetings, to instead request that staff report back with options for Commissioners to have their motions considered and addressed by the public. The Board then [referred all four report recommendations to staff](#) to ensure that the proposed Procedure By-law and any recommendations included in the report back support each other before the Board considers any changes.

### CHAIR'S ANNUAL REPORT – “2020 Year in Review”

The Board Chair presented the [annual Chair's Report](#), which provided an overview of Park Board projects and accomplishments over the past year. Highlights included the pandemic response, reopening and recovery, and park and playground renewals.

### GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- RayCam Community Centre Playground Renewal – work is ongoing and expected to be complete in Q4 2020.
- Charleson Park Playground Update – work is completed and includes a larger playground a wider array of features
- Vancouver Park Board Youth Stuff Newsletter – first newsletter was released in November 2020 to over 200 subscribers.
- Retirement of Alan Duncan – Alan, Landscape Architect, is retiring after 16 years with the Park Board.



- Council Agenda Items of interest to the Park Board include:
  - o Report on [2021 Capital and Operating Budget](#)
    - [Memorandum](#) dated December 1, 2020 from the General Manager, Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation
  - o Report on [Vancouver Bird Strategy Update and Implementation](#) recommending: adoption of the December 2020 updates; review and report back on the Bird Friendly Design Guidelines; and review and report back on the Bird Friendly Landscape Operational Guidelines.

## MEMBER MOTIONS

### Vancouver Aquatics Strategy & Blue Flag

The Board considered a [member motion](#) recommending that Park Board staff complete one Blue Flag beach application by January 13, 2021, and establish a beach management committee to meet twice annually. The Board [referred the motion](#) to staff to provide more information regarding the financial implications and the work required, including consultation with the First Nations. Additional questions were raised regarding funding sources, the relationship between Swim Drink Fish and Blue Flag, clarity on certification criteria, and collaboration with operations staff.

## NEXT MEETINGS

The next Committee and Board meetings are scheduled for January 18, 2021, and will be held via video conference.

