



PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

— February 8, 2021 —

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

Special Events & Filming – 2020 Year in Review

The Board received for information the [Special Events and Filming - 2020 Year in Review](#) report which examines the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on operations within the Special Events and Filming Office. Public health directives aimed at limiting the spread of the virus, including physical distancing requirements, limits on public gathering sizes, and far-reaching travel restrictions, resulted in the cancellation of all but the smallest events in 2020. As a result, permit volumes declined 60% in 2020 compared to 2019 (720 permits vs 1,806 permits). Although permit volumes decreased significantly, the Park Board's Special Event and Filming Office delivered many social and economic benefits, including providing safe event spaces, connecting residents and communities, enabling at-risk programming, providing access to fresh and healthy food, and supporting the local and regional economy.

COVID-19 Pandemic – Parks & Recreation Update

Staff presented an update on the [COVID-19 Pandemic – Parks & Recreation Update](#), which included a progress overview of the reopening and recovery efforts completed in November and December 2020.

GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE REPORT

The Deputy General Manager presented an overview of topics included in the [GMO report](#):

- **Our Park Project** – to create an art project while focusing on anti-stigma, harm reduction and safe park spaces in Andy Livingstone Park.
- **Outdoor Checkerboards** – giant outdoor chess is returning to Stanley Park.
- **Recognition of Park Board “Partners”** – Muncie Booth, Head Professional at McCleery Golf Course, was recently awarded the inaugural PGA of Canada's Warren Crosbie Community Leader of the Year Award; David Cooper, a Vancouver photographer who has spent his career documenting live performance in Vancouver, was appointed to the Order of Canada for innovation in performance photography; Mark Haney, who was one of the first Fieldhouse Artists, was named an Artist Hero of 2020 by the Globe and Mail.
- **2021 Operating and Capital Budget Update** - City Council approved the Park Board's 2021 Operating and Capital Budget on December 8, 2020, including an additional investment of \$300,000 for Park Cleanliness and Safety.
- **Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Memorial Courtyard Gates** – four new gates were installed in late 2020 by JYW Architects, the original architects of the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden.
- **CRAB Park Improvements Project** - park improvements and washroom replacements are currently taking place in the park.
- **Council Agenda Items** of interest to the Park Board include
 - [Referral Report](#) on East Fraser Lands Official Development Plan and Public Amenity Financial Plan and Strategy: 10-Year Review and Update that includes recommendations to increase the required public amenities by adding 20 childcare spaces, two acres of park,



a park fieldhouse, transportation improvements, and 20% of the additional residential units to be for affordable housing.

BOARD MOTIONS

Park Board Staff to Maintain All Types of Parks

The Board [referred the motion back to staff](#) to provide information, including legal and financial implications, on the process to renegotiate the park maintenance contract for the new park at Oakridge Centre and to clarify the implications of Recommendation C.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next Committee and Board meetings are scheduled for February 22, 2021, and will be held via video conference.

