



PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

— February 22, 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

Gourmet Cirque Cabaret Event (Bacio Rosso)

The Board approved the new location for the [Gourmet Cabaret Cirque event](#) at the Burrard Civic Marina land storage area. Staff reported back on the inaugural event (Bacio Rosso) held between November 1, 2018 and March 10, 2019, which established a new marquee initiative in Vancouver. The event enhanced the vibrancy of the city and generated benefits for Vancouverites and a wide range of partners/stakeholders. Due to uncertainties created by the COVID-19 pandemic, the exact event dates will be determined later in 2021.

Queen Elizabeth Park Little Mountain Reservoir Maintenance

The Board received a presentation on the [Little Mountain Reservoir rehabilitation project](#) that will be taking place this summer in the parking lot near Bloedel Conservatory in Queen Elizabeth Park. Maintenance of the reservoir is the responsibility of Metro Vancouver. Due to COVID-19, fewer visitors are expected in the park this coming summer, creating an opportunity for Metro Vancouver to implement a full closure and complete the required work within a condensed time frame to decrease user impacts.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- **Stanley Park Ecology Society** – SPES Board will vote on a new Joint Operating Agreement with the Park Board at its March AGM.
- **Geese Management** – In response to the growing Canada goose population and related impacts to parks, staff are preparing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a specialist consultant to characterize the population and study future options.
- **Council Agenda Items** of interest to the Park board include:
 - A [Quarterly Capital Budget Adjustments and Closeouts report](#) requesting Council approval of an increase of \$8.1 million to the 2019-2022 Capital Plan and \$12.4 million increase to Multi-Year Capital Projects Budgets (funded from additional external funding, 2019-2022 Capital Plan and budget reallocations). Expenditures in 2021 relating to the increases to Multi-Year Capital Projects Budgets will be managed within the current overall Citywide 2021 Annual Expenditure Budget of \$770.7 million.
 - A [Commemorating COVID-19 motion](#) to empower the Mayor and the City Manager to prepare commemorations for the one-year anniversary of the COVID-19 pandemic in the City of Vancouver, in line with what the Province of BC and other Canadian cities are undertaking.
 - An [Enhanced Enforcement of Amplification Devices report](#) where City staff reviewed City by-laws and enforcement options regarding use of sound amplification devices in public spaces. Staff recommend strengthening regulation by prohibiting the unauthorized use of device that can amplify voice and musical instruments in public spaces, and enhancing enforcement options with two additional tools: a \$250 ticket offence for unauthorized use of sound amplification devices on public property, and authorization to seize such devices from public spaces.



BOARD MOTIONS

Bodyweight Exercising and General Fitness in Parks – 2021 Pandemic Communications Plan and VanPlay Target Adjustment

The Board directed staff to develop a communications plan for 2021 to [promote and facilitate the usage of Vancouver parks and installations for outdoor bodyweight exercising and general fitness](#), in light of COVID-19 restrictions impacting indoor and group fitness. Staff will also encourage the Vancouver School Board to participate. The Board also directed staff to evaluate the VanPlay target of one new outdoor fitness location per capital plan and report back to the Board with recommendations that include consideration of the inclusion of adapted equipment suitable for seniors or for those with a range of ability.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next Committee and Board meetings are scheduled for March 8, 2021 and will be held via video conference.

