



PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

— March 29, 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

Remembering Daisy Chin (January 4, 1964 - March 18, 2021)

It is with a heavy of heart that we announce the [passing of Daisy Chin](#), Director of Recreation at the Vancouver Park Board. GM Rosa presented a [tribute and video in Daisy's honour](#). Daisy first started her parks and recreation journey in 1984 as a day camp volunteer at Trout Lake Community Centre. By 1990, she was working full-time with the Park Board as a programmer at the West End Community Centre. Over the years, Daisy's passion and experience continued to expand through various progressive roles throughout the organization before she became a Recreation Manager in 2013. In 2019, Daisy took on the role of Director of Recreation Services in an acting capacity, officially accepting the position in 2020. Daisy was celebrated for her ability to motivate staff and the community. She led with her heart and soul as she championed community, teamwork and leading with kindness. Daisy will be deeply missed by her Park Board family.

Fundraising & Development – 2020 Year in Review

The Board received a report for information providing an [overview of 2020 Park Board fundraising activities](#), which included the impacts of the pandemic on this service area. Under normal market conditions, the Fundraising & Development office generates approximately \$1 million in donation revenue annually. Not surprisingly, these activities were impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, with donations to the Park Board declining by 6% in 2020 compared to 2019 (\$986,630 vs. \$1,045,210). Expecting that 2021 will be another difficult year for fundraising, staff will continue to support residents and community groups in their philanthropic interests, look for ways to increase support in areas of greater need within the organization, and identify areas where donor interest may align with areas of need within the VanPlay Framework.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- **Sport Field Strategy Request for Proposals (RFP)** – an RFP will be issued for consulting services to support the development of a new Sports Field strategy to create a clear and sustainable path to deliver an optimal recreational and competitive outdoor sport field system;
- **Herring Habitat at Harbour Green Dock** – nets with herring eggs were successfully installed at Coal Harbour on March 14 to encourage herring spawning in False Creek;
- **Council Agenda Items** of interest to the Park board include:
 - A [Report Back on Council Motion "Beyond 2010: Consideration for the City of Vancouver to Participate in a Future Olympic Winter Games Bid"](#). The report summarizes the reformed approach for bidding to host the Olympic and Paralympic Games, and includes information from the Canadian Olympic Committee on appropriate timing to engage local governments and key stakeholders in the initial design concept phase of a future Winter Games Bid.

NEXT MEETINGS: The next Committee and Board meetings are scheduled for April 12, 2021, and will be held via video conference.