



PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

— April 12, 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 Jody Taylor (1973-2016)

March 31, 2021, marked the [5th anniversary of the passing of Park Board arborist](#) Jody Taylor as a result of a fatal workplace accident. Jody was a loving father with a passion for music and photography. Since Jody's passing, the Urban Forestry team has been committed to increasing safety awareness. They have created a safety advisory committee to ensure specific training for urban forestry is provided and that safety standards remain current.

Neighbourhood Matching Fund Review – 2019 & 2020 Projects

Staff provided an [overview of the 2019 and 2020 Neighbourhood Matching Fund \(NMF\) projects](#) along with the impacts on the program due to the pandemic. They also announced the appointments of Naz Gurbuz and Joseph Bardsley as new members of the NMF Community Advisory Committee. The NMF supports neighbourhood-based, not-for-profit groups in making creative enhancements to local public land and spaces through arts, local food, and environmental stewardship projects. Between March and September 2020, facility closures, staff lay-offs, and Provincial Health Office guidelines around gatherings paused most projects. By fall 2020, work was able to continue on NMF funded projects. Of the seventeen (17) projects underway in 2019-2020, five (5) were completed and twelve (12) were still in progress. In February 2021, the eleven (11) new projects selected through the fall 2020 project adjudication process were announced. The spring call for [NMF project](#) applications is currently underway, following COVID-adapted guidelines, and closes on April 30, 2021.

Park Board Procedure By-law

The Board enacted an updated [Park Board Procedure By-law](#) that replaces the by-law enacted January 2019. The changes reflect current practices, address gaps, and clarify procedures.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics - Vancouver Coastal Health hosted pop-up COVID-19 vaccination clinics at Creekside, Sunset and West End Community Centres from March 15 to April 9; a larger COVID-19 vaccination clinic is running at the Kerrisdale Seniors Centre from March 22 to August 31.
- FortisBC Gas Main Replacement at Riverfront Park on East Kent Avenue - The objective of the project is to protect this critical transmission line against future earthquakes.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next Committee and Board meetings are scheduled for April 26, 2021 and will be held via video conference.

