



PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

— May 31 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

Parks Control By-law – Amendment Regarding Liquor Consumption in Parks

The Board enacted an [amendment to the Parks Control By-law](#) regarding Liquor Consumption in Parks. The By-law will implement the Vancouver Park Board resolution made on [July 27, 2020, to temporarily designate the park sites](#) listed in the by-law as places where liquor may be consumed during the Liquor Consumption in Parks Pilot Program. Launch of the pilot is subject to the Province of BC amending the Liquor Control and Licensing Act (Bill 8, Section 60).

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

The General Manager had the Senior Leadership Team provide an overview of the projects and updates in their business areas for the [GM Report](#) (link to [video clip of presentation](#)):

- **Staff Highlights - Aquatics** – Recreation staff highlighted the importance of Vancouver Park Board Lifeguards who collectively perform an average of 170 water related rescues each year across our beaches and pools – indoor and outdoor.
- **New International Lifesaving Society (ILS) Standards for Vancouver** – Park Board will be launching new uniforms for outdoor lifeguards with the globally recognized ILS colours of yellow and red.
- **Community Centre Associations (CCAs) & COVID 19 – A Year of Adaptation** – the Community Centre Associations (CCAs) sent a Community Needs Survey to members across the city for their feedback on what were their highest priorities and needs. The CCA's have been rolling out initiatives and adaptations at the different centres.
- **Strathcona Park – Neighbourhood Engagement** – Staff have heard from resident groups, CCAs, Indigenous peoples, stewardship groups and youth. Working with partners, staff are taking steps to reach seniors and families in social housing. Staff have heard about the importance of green space during the pandemic, interest in the park serving local communities, the value of the community gardens, a desire for a vision for the park and that we should work with nature, not against it.
- **Alcohol in Parks Pilot Update** – staff are ready to launch the Alcohol in Parks Pilot, which will run until October 2021, between the hours of 11:00am and 9:00pm daily. This pilot will allow members of the public to consume their own alcoholic beverages at designated drinking sites within 22 parks around the city.
- **Community Centre Strategy Update** – The goal of the Community Centre Strategy is to establish principles and processes for community centre renovations, additions, and renewals, based on service needs and VanPlay objectives.
- **Park Environmental Stewardship Update** – Updates on the Hastings Park Eagle Nest Platform, the Local Food Action Plan, Parks Canada Summer Environmental Education in Vancouver, and the Sea2City Design Challenge were provided.
- **Stanley Park Train Update** – After a lengthy closure, the iconic Stanley Park Train reopened for May long weekend with COVID-19 protocols in place to ensure a safe experience for visitors and staff. The train will be open weekends until the end of June, at



which time it will transition to Wednesday to Sunday operations for the balance of the summer.

- **Staff Retirement – Jenny Jung, Supervisor of Special Events and Filming** – after almost 40 years of service with the Park Board, Jenny retired on May 14, 2021. She started her career in 1983 as a Cashier at the Stanley Park Train, and progressively worked her way through the organization.

BOARD MOTIONS

Iconic Vancouver Park Water Feature Renewals

This motion was withdrawn by the mover as staff advised work on a Board update is already underway.

Maintain Transit Accessibility During COVID-19 and Beyond

The Board approved a motion directing the Chair to inform TransLink that the Board of Parks and Recreation recommends TransLink consult with seniors and disability groups, neighbourhood houses, community centres, women's groups, and the unions of workers who depend on buses before cutting the number of bus stops, or any other transit related services, and further that the Board does not support fare increases.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next Committee and Board meetings are scheduled for June 21, 2021.

