



PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS — June 21, 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

East Fraser Lands New Park – Concept Plan

The Board approved the [concept plan for a new park in the East Fraser Lands](#) (EFL) which is part of 10+ hectares of parks planned for the EFL neighbourhood. Staff completed public engagement on the park concept in summer 2020 and received favourable feedback from a total of 211 respondents. The concept for the new park features a new playground, lawn areas, pathways and large planting areas with a focus on habitat creation and stormwater management. The concept takes advantage of the steeply sloped site, where accessible paths provide universal accessibility through the park and help to separate the park into different “rooms” for active play and informal recreation and socializing. The detail design for the new park in East Fraser Lands will now commence and construction is currently targeted to begin in summer 2022.

Decolonization, Arts & Culture

The Board received an [update on the new Decolonization, Arts and Culture group](#), which consists of Arts and Culture Planning, Arts Culture and Engagement (ACE), and a Reconciliation Team. Their work is informed by the [Vancouver Park Board Arts Policy \(2003\)](#), which states the Park Board holds a vision of a city where the arts are an integral part of everyday life, the [Park Board 11 Reconciliation Strategies \(2016\)](#), which serves as a foundation for all the Park Board's arts and culture planning and informs the delivery of new public art, and [the Park Board Reconciliation Mission Vision & Values \(2018\)](#) that calls for all staff and elected leaders to decolonize the Park Board. This empowers staff to take a decolonized lens to all decision making and has shifted the Park Board's approach to public art in parks.

Parks Control By-law - Amendment Regarding Liquor Consumption in Parks – Schedule 2

The Board enacted an amendment to the [Parks Control By-law regarding Liquor Consumption in Parks – Schedule 2](#), which identifies the parks and areas within those parks that have been designated as places where liquor may be consumed during the Alcohol in Parks Pilot. The pilot site maps were updated to reflect recommended boundary changes that were identified during development and review of the pilot implementation plan. Updates included revisions to the site maps for the following seven (7) parks: Granville Park, Memorial South Park, New Brighton Park, Pandora Park, Robson Park, Vanier Park, and Volunteer Park.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Dumont highlighted the following event in [his report](#):

- June 16: First Nations Ceremony at Oppenheimer Park – Chair Dumont and General Manager Donnie Rosa attended a ceremony & connection event for restored carved house posts in Oppenheimer Park.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

The General Manager presented an overview of updates included in the GM's Report:

- **Blanketing the City Mural at Cathedral Square** – The mural was completed and the opening ceremony took place on June 21, Indigenous Peoples Day.



- **Sunset Beach Park Pop-up Plaza** – a portion of the parking lot at Sunset Beach Park has been re-purposed as a temporary pop-up plaza; this new park activation opened on June 13, and features a bright ground mural inspired by the sunset, picnic tables with umbrellas, ping-pong tables and food trucks.
- **Templeton Park Track Renewal - Construction Award** – this project will replace the existing track in Templeton Park with new rubberized surfacing and designated lane markings; the upgrades, funded through the approved 2019-2022 capital plan, will improve leisure and recreational opportunities for the community and promote participation in physical activity.
- **Water Conservation Action Plan Update** – the primary goal of the update is to develop action items that will align with VanPlay and the City’s latest bylaws and Green Operations commitments.
- **Arborist Appreciation Day (June 16)** – a short [video of our Park Board arborists at work](#), was made to acknowledge and thank all of our Park Board arborists for the amazing work they do maintaining our trees and forests to keep our city and parks safe and beautiful.
- **Council Agenda Items** of interest to the Park Board include:
 - A motion titled [Towards a Quieter and Emission-Free Landscape Maintenance Equipment Future in Vancouver](#) directing staff to report back with recommendations to meet the goal to phase out and transition personal and commercial use of gasoline-powered landscape maintenance equipment in the City of Vancouver by 2025, giving consideration to a timeframe that is workable for residents and landscape maintenance service providers alike, and respecting the Development, Buildings & Licensing moratorium on new work, this work not begin before January 2022.
 - A motion on [Pursuing Emission-Free Landscaping Equipment in the City of Vancouver](#) where Council, in order to provide a helpful forward-looking signal to the public, landscaping companies and other related businesses, affirm the goal of pursuing emissions-free landscaping equipment in the City of Vancouver by 2025. Council also directs staff to provide input into Metro Vancouver’s draft 2021 Clean Air Plan urging Metro Vancouver’s development of stringent emission regulations and requirements for landscaping equipment.
 - A motion titled [Vancouver Blueway Cleanup](#) where the City of Vancouver, in partnership with the Park Board, is advancing a Seabin pilot through the City’s Aquatic Environments Action Plan which included the False Creek Water Quality Improvement Initiative, the City (via REFM Environmental Service) and the Park Board to work collaboratively to install a Seabin in False Creek for the 2021 summer season.
 - A motion on [Reconnecting to the Sto:lo \(Fraser River\)](#) where the Park Board VanPlay Strategy outlines a greenway connection from Little Mountain (Queen Elizabeth Park) to Big River (Fraser River). Council is directing staff to report back on the creation of the Fraser River Inter Governmental Working Group and invited representatives should include but are not to be limited to the Musqueam Indian Band, the Port of Vancouver, the Vancouver Park Board, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations & Rural Development, CP Rail, Metro Vancouver Regional Parks, TransLink and community experts.



- A report on [Downtown Eastside \(DTES\) Plan Implementation Grant Allocation – 2021](#) where one of the recommendations is that Council approve \$145,000 in strategic grant allocations to support cultural equity and women’s safety initiatives in the following amounts: \$100,000 is for the Parks and Recreation Project team planning, consultation, ideation, design and cultural translation services to achieve the cultural equity objectives for Chinatown in the implementation of the North East False Creek (NEFC) Plan; \$20,000 to the Overdose Prevention Society; and \$25,000 to the Community Impact Real Estate Society.
- A report on [Jericho Lands Planning Program – Process](#) update and consideration of draft Guiding Principles and Emerging Ideas to guide site planning – recommending Council to endorse the Jericho Lands draft Guiding Principles to provide guidance for the creation of the Jericho Lands Policy Statement.
- A report on [Hastings Park – PNE Master Plan Program: Amphitheatre Renewal](#) where Council is to direct staff to proceed to the planning and design phase of the Amphitheatre Renewal project and provide Council an update prior to construction.

BOARD MOTIONS

Signage for Safe Travel on Vancouver Park Pathways

The Board directed staff to work with City of Vancouver partners on suggested measures to [improve safety on the Seaside Greenway and all other park pathways](#), with emphasis on clear signage at crossing points, engineered solutions for speed reduction, such as: improved signage; rumble strips to warn of upcoming pedestrian crossing points; and a clearly posted seawall speed limit as deemed necessary to increase user safety.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next Committee and Board meetings are scheduled for July 5, 2021

