



PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

— July 5, 2020 —

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

Coopers' Park Expansion – Concept Plan

The Board approved the concept plan for Coopers' Park that includes a design for a Pacific Northwest themed fitness area to support calisthenics and parkour exercises. The new play-space will include a custom giant red octopus play structure with sliding, climbing, and exploration opportunities. The off-leash dog area will feature an accessible walking loop, separate "low intensity zone for smaller/shyer dogs", agility and water play opportunities, and seating and lighting to support year-round use. The improvements to Coopers' Park have received broad community support through the public engagement process. Delivery of these new and renewed amenities will occur in phases. The washroom and off-leash area construction are estimated to commence in fall 2021, while the custom fitness area and playground will require further coordination and staff estimate construction will begin in spring 2022.

Decolonization, Arts & Culture (DAC) Presentation – Follow-up

In recognition that the [DAC presentation](#) provided on June 21 covered some very heavy topics and provided a lot of information to absorb and reflect upon, a [follow-up session](#) was offered to provide Commissioners an opportunity to ask questions of staff and share comments.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

The General Manager and Directors presented an overview of topics included in the GM's Report:

- **CCA Summer Day Camps** – Community Centre Associations run full day camps at 23 sites across the city. Camps provide job opportunities for over 200 young adults citywide and are the building blocks for youth engagement.
- **2021 Canadian City Parks Report** – [Park People's](#) annual [2021 Canadian City Parks Report](#) launched on June 24, 2021. This year's theme is Centring Equity and Resilience. Park Board staff have participated in all three of the annual reports since Park People initiated this project in 2019.
- **Council Agenda Items** of interest to the Park Board include:
 - A report on the [2022 Budget Outlook](#) that provides an overview of the financial landscape going into the next budget cycle, including external factors, the current 2021 budget forecast, and a review of key revenue and expense drivers in the 5 year financial plans.
 - A report on [Additional Sites for 2021 Alcohol Consumption in Public Plazas Pilot](#) which outlines three additional pop-up plaza locations. Adding new sites to the pilot will allow staff to test new locations, partnerships and management models.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next Committee and Board meetings are scheduled for July 19, 2021.