



PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS — July 19, 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

Skateboard Amenities Strategy - Initial Findings

The Board received an overview and progress update on Vancouver CitySkate, the [Park Board Skateboard Amenities Strategy](#). Staff shared the phase 1 public engagement results that heard from 2167 respondents from May 13 to June 13, 2021. Staff reported requests for more skate amenities to meet the growing demand, more covered spaces to promote year-round use, and repairs and upgrades to existing amenities. Staff will continue with further engagement through the summer and fall then begin finalizing the strategy to have a final report ready in 2022.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Dumont highlighted the following events in his report:

- July 10: Brock House Summer Fair – Commissioners Barker and Coupar attended.
- July 13: Langara Ladies Golf Club 50th Anniversary – Commissioner Giesbrecht spoke at the event on behalf of the Board. Vancouver Parks golf purchased a new bench to commemorate the milestone that will be placed at the 17th tee.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

The General Manager & Senior Leadership Team presented an overview of updates included in the [GM's Report](#):

- **Alcohol in Parks Pilot** – pilot launched on July 12; digital project and engagement pages have been published, with signage and additional waste totes installed at pilot sites.
- **Special Events Calendar** – as part of Step 3 of BC's Restart Plan, restrictions on gatherings have been removed; staff are working closely with event community to better understand their plans and opportunities for the remainder of year.
- **Gourmet Cabaret Cirque** – event will not be able to proceed for 2021/2022 as originally planned; staff will now shift their focus to work with the organizer to deliver the event in 2022/2023.
- **Ash, Beaconsfield and Winona Parks Playground Renewals** – renewals completed and all three playgrounds are now open.
- **Kerrisdale Park - Point Grey Secondary Track and Field Upgrades RFP** – procurement process is currently underway to obtain a consultant team to lead the design development, technical design, and construction administration for the facility upgrades.
- **Kitsilano Beach Park Seaside Greenway Improvements - Engagement** - public engagement launching in August; project aims to improve the Seaside Greenway for people walking, rolling, and cycling by developing a separated cycling path between Balsam Street and Ogden Avenue, including a section within Kitsilano Beach Park.



- **Upcoming Council Business** (related to or impacting parks & recreation):
 - [Equity Framework](#) report - provides background on the creation of the City of Vancouver's Equity Framework, summarizes key concepts and outlines a plan for implementation for consideration of adoption by the Vancouver Public Library, the Vancouver Police Board and the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation.
 - [Vancouver Community Sport Event Grants – Summer Intake 2021](#) report - recommending Council approve seven new Vancouver Community Sport Event Grants totaling \$33,450; applications received include two local and regional sport tournaments, two new sport initiatives, and three annual sport events; current balance of the grant budget, prior to funding these seven recommended grants, is \$129,778.
 - [Quarterly Capital Budget Adjustments and Closeouts](#) report - one of the adjustments is \$400K for deconstruction of the closed Grays Park fieldhouse/lawn bowling clubhouse that is no longer active due to structural and environmental issues; there is a separate washroom building and picnic shelter in the park that will be unaffected by the demolition; park will continue to be serviced after removal of the fieldhouse/lawn bowling clubhouse structure; fieldhouse deconstruction will be funded by reallocation from previously approved capital budget.

MEMBER MOTIONS

Exploring Capital Funding for an Aboriginal Healing & Cultural Centre in CRAB Park

The Board directed staff to seek clarity from the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority on the potential for a [cultural healing centre](#) to be permitted as a land use under the lease agreement for CRAB Park at Portside. Staff will also consult with local First Nations to confirm their desired level of involvement in the project. Should a cultural healing centre be permitted in CRAB Park, staff will work with the City of Vancouver to request funding from the next Capital Budget (2022-2025) for the project definition phase, and will also request funding from other levels of government.

Senior's Safety in a Climate Emergency

The Board directed staff, in collaboration with Community Centre Associations, to work with the City of Vancouver and Province to provide a framework for existing community based services for seniors and people with disabilities in order to more effectively identify [support for those vulnerable and isolated who may be negatively impacted by heat waves](#) or other climate emergencies. Staff will work closely with stakeholders such as the Seniors Advisory Committee and People with Disabilities Committee. Staff are asked to report back on short and long terms strategies outlined in the City's Planning Commission memo titled "Climate Emergency: Extreme Heat and Air Quality Mitigation".

NEXT MEETINGS

The next Committee and Board meetings are scheduled for September 20, 2021.

