



PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS — September 27, 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

Park Board By-law Updates – Feeding Wildlife in Parks

The Board approved the proposed [Park Board by-law amendments regarding feeding wildlife](#), which will be brought forward for enactment at the next Regular Board meeting. These amendments clarify that feeding wildlife, either directly or indirectly, is prohibited in Vancouver parks, and offences may be subject to fines of \$500. Feeding wildlife interferes with the natural ecosystem, is unhealthy for animals, and encourages food-conditioning that can lead to potentially aggressive behaviours. Once enacted, these by-laws will support ongoing efforts to foster healthy co-existence with urban wildlife.

Fundraising and Foundation Update

The Board received a presentation on the [parks and recreation fundraising and foundation](#) work, which provided an overview of the Fundraising & Development Office, a progress update on the foundation, and an outline of the new Enhanced Fundraising Plan (EFP). While awaiting the next steps in developing the foundation, the EFP will focus on a few key funding priorities, expand on existing fundraising programs, and leverage new opportunities. This work directly supports VanPlay Goal 10, which is to secure adequate and ongoing funding.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

The GM and Leadership Team presented an overview of the [GM's Report](#):

- **Bloedel Conservatory and VanDusen Botanical Garden** – Uncle Fester (the Titan Arum) bloomed at Bloedel Conservatory; the Vancouver Botanical Gardens Association hosted summer kids Nature Camps; a [short documentary on the history of the Bloedel Conservatory](#) was created by [FLORB](#).
- **Stanley Park Train Update** – the Urban Forest Train relaunched this summer, partnering with Kids Up Front, giving tickets to local kids and families; the Ghost Train is cancelled for 2021, with staff focussing on delivery of Bright Nights for this upcoming holiday season.
- **Stanley Park Temporary Bike Lane Project** – The bike lane was finished for August long weekend, and a public online survey will be launched on Shape Your City for 2 week starting September 30; an update with the survey results will be provided to the Board in November.
- **Skateboard Amenities Strategy Pop Up at Sunset Beach (August 28-29)** – many participants joined various kids and adults skateboarding lessons; staff also hosted a panel discussion and an Indigenous dancer from the Circles Festival concluded the event.
- **Collingwood Park Renewal Request for Proposals (RFP)** - this neighborhood park was identified in the 2018-2022 Capital Plan for a park renewal; the RFP will be publicly posted on Bid BC in October; it is expected that a conceptual design will be presented to the board in spring 2022.



- **Vancouver Sport Permit Relief Fund** - a Vancouver Sport Permit Relief Fund was created by the City & Park Board to alleviate some of the additional financial burdens COVID-19 measures put on sports organizations.

- **Council Agenda Items** of interest to the Park Board include:
 - The federal government amended the Canada Labour Code to include a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30, [in response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Call to Action 80](#); as many City of Vancouver employees are not covered by the Canada Labour Code, on September 21, Council passed a motion for the City to observe the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation as a paid holiday for 2021. City services will operate as usual for statutory holidays.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next Committee and Board meetings are scheduled for October 4, 2021.

