



PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS — October 4, 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

Daylighting Canyon Creek at Spanish Banks Update

The Board approved further planning for the [daylighting of Canyon Creek at Spanish Banks Beach Park](#). The aim of this project is to restore the creek from its currently buried condition, which would enhance the ecological well-being of the surrounding habitats and wildlife. This project will require further work in advance of public consultation and engagement with the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations. Daylighting of Canyon Creek aligns with Park Board and City policy goals to improve access to nature, create new naturalized habitat areas, and increase climate resilience.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

The General Manager presented an overview of the [GM's Report](#):

- **Passing of Alan Duncan, October 2, 2021** – Alan was a prominent environmental planner who led many significant projects around reconciliation, public art, and bird habitats. He will be sorely missed and fondly remembered by the staff and commissioners of the Park Board.

BY-LAWS

Park By-Law Amendments Regarding Feeding Wildlife

The Park Board enacted the [by-law amendments regarding feeding wildlife](#) that were presented to and approved by the Board on September 27, 2021. The [Parks Control By-law amendments](#) clarify that feeding wildlife, either directly or indirectly, is prohibited as it interferes with the natural ecosystem, is unhealthy for animals, and encourages food-conditioning that can lead to potentially aggressive behaviours. The [Park Board Ticket Offences By-law amendments](#) set fines of \$500 for contravention of any by-laws regarding feeding wildlife.

The enactment of these by-law amendments represent an important component of the efforts being undertaken to discourage feeding wildlife in Vancouver parks, and supports the Park Board's ongoing efforts to increase biodiversity, enhance access to nature, and foster a healthy co-existence with urban wildlife.

Park Board Procedure By-Law – Electronic Meetings

The Park Board enacted a new [Park Board Procedure By-Law](#), which was updated to allow Park Board meetings to be conducted by electronic or other communication means, and to confirm that Commissioners participating electronically, per the terms outlined in the new by-law, will be considered present at the meeting. This by-law implements the [recommendation regarding electronic meetings](#) approved by the Board on March 9, 2021.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next Committee and Board meetings are scheduled for October 18, 2021.

