



PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS — October 18, 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

VanDusen & Bloedel Strategic Plan

The Park Board unanimously approved [the proposed strategic plan](#), which was developed collaboratively with the Vancouver Botanical Gardens Association (VBGA). The plan includes shared values, vision, mission, and goals foundational to daily operations and the long-range planning of VanDusen Botanical Gardens, the Bloedel Conservatory, and associated facilities. Staff were also directed to begin the process for updating the current Joint Operating Agreement between the Park Board and VBGA. This work will be informed by the Strategic Plan.

Park Ranger Service Model – Phase 1 Report Back

The Park Board approved [amended recommendations](#) for the proposed [Phase 1 changes to the Park Ranger Service Model](#), which include increasing the number of regular full-time staff and exploring the creation of new positions with enhanced by-law enforcement authority. Staff will seek an additional \$1.8M through the service planning and budget process to implement these changes, and will report back to the Board with recommendations for the mandate and scope of the enhanced enforcement positions.

Park Board Meeting Dates - Proposed 2022 Schedule

The Park Board approved the [2022 Park Board Meeting Dates schedule](#).

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- **Day Camps** - Community Center Associations (CCA's) run full day camps at 22 sites across the city, providing critical care for children over the summer and exemplifying the valuable partnership between the Park Board and CCA's.
- **Summer Playgrounds** - twenty playground programs ran this summer from the first week in July until the end of August, operated by thirteen community centres.
- **Strathcona Park Update** - The Board has removed the remaining fences to re-open the east side of Strathcona Park, which was closed for remediation in May 2021 following the closure of an encampment. The west side of the park has remained open.
- **Vancouver Urban Food Forest in Burrard View Park - Engagement Update** - A "Shape Your City" survey (Nov 18 – Dec 6) and tentative in-person event (Nov 20) will collect public feedback on the proposed location for the garden; information collected will inform a subsequent report to the Board in the New Year.
- **New Staff Announcement - Director of Strategic Operations & Board Relations** - John Brodie (he/him) is the successful candidate for the temporary full-time role of Director, Strategic Operations & Board Relations to provide coverage for Sarah Iacoe while she is on maternity leave.
- **Mandatory Vaccination Requirement** - effective Dec 6/21, all City of Vancouver and Park Board staff are required to be fully vaccinated for COVID-19, in alignment with



recommendations from the Provincial Health Office; work on developing a policy for this mandate is underway.

- **Upcoming Council Business** (related to or impacting parks & recreation):
 - A [Quarterly Capital Budget Adjustments and Closeouts](#) report requesting Council approval of \$12.1 million increase to Multi-Year Capital Project Budgets;
 - [The Future of False Creek South: Advancing a Conceptual Development Plan and Addressing Lease Expiries](#) report; recommendations include improving integration of Charleson Park and the waterfront with the rest of city; Park Board staff will be providing significant input throughout the proposed land use planning process.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next Committee and Board meetings are scheduled for November 15, 2021.

