



PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS — November 15, 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

Raymur Pump Station Replacement Project in Strathcona Park

The Board approved the request and proposal to [replace the Raymur Sewage Pump Station](#) with a new larger-capacity pump station as part of the city-wide Pump Station Replacement Project. This project helps to ensure the City's infrastructure is resilient while also minimizing environmental risk of sewage spills.

Local Food System Action Plan - Update

The Board approved [the proposed Local Food Systems Action Plan](#), including a 5 year implementation plan which shifts priorities from increasing the number of assets and services to improving the access and equitable delivery of assets and services in parks and facilities.

VanSplash Implementation Update & Outdoor Pool Study

Staff presented studies as part of the [VanSplash Aquatics Strategy update](#) for new indoor and outdoor pools and improvements to existing infrastructure, including proposals and cost analyses for new outdoor pools at Mount Pleasant Park and Hillcrest Community Centre.

Stanley Park Temporary Bike Lane - Report Back

Staff presented the results of the public survey and data analysis as part of the [Stanley Park 2021 Temporary Bike Lane](#) mobility study, the improvements made since 2020, and the impact external events and park closures had on the bike lane. Going forward, the staff will continue to work on the Mobility Study until mid 2022 to better understand how people use the park and feel about moving through the park.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Dumont highlighted the following items in his report:

- **November 5:** Survivors Pole Refurbishment Ceremony was held at Pigeon Park – Bernie Skundall Williams thanked the Park Board for our role in the realizing the refurbishment of the Survivors Pole.
- **November 8:** Aboriginal Veterans Day at Victory Square – Commissioner Irwin attended this event to pay his respects.
- **November 11:** Remembrance Day Ceremony, Victory Square – Commissioner Coupar attended this event to pay his respects.
- **November 11:** Japanese Canadian War Memorial Ceremony – Commissioner Mackinnon attended this event to pay his respects.



GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- **VanDusen Festival of Lights** - will be open to the public from November 26, 2021 to January 3, 2022. Working closely with the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority, a number of COVID-19 safety measures will be implemented to provide a safe event experience.
- **Bright Nights** - Returning to Stanley Park November 26, 2021 to January 2, 2022. This year's event model features the train ride, a smaller light display installed by Burn Fund volunteers and food trucks on the plaza.
- **Mandatory Vaccination Requirement** - Effective December 6, 2021, all City of Vancouver staff and volunteers, inclusive of Park Board staff and volunteers, are required to be fully vaccinated with a COVID-19 vaccine series.
- **Summer 2021 – City Wide Services**
 - **Outdoor Sports Facilities** - The “Public Access to Green Space” project, implemented this past summer, identified and reserved three-hour blocks of time at 24 natural grass fields, providing free public access to these spaces.
 - **Fitness Services** - Updates to fitness equipment layout at several community centres have created more accessible and inclusive environments. Currently, Fitness services have returned to near-full pre-COVID capacity.
 - **Arenas** - Arenas have returned to 100% permitting in prime time rentals. Arenas Services and the Access Services teamed up to successfully restart the Adapted Skating Lessons.
 - **Aquatics** - Outdoor pools attendance reached 5,000 swims daily. Summer attendance for indoor pools was 142,900 and 326,400 for outdoor pools. Swim Lessons were re-introduced at all indoor pools, and capacity was redesigned to support day camps at both indoor and outdoor pools
- **Sport Field Strategy Update** - Phase 1 of Engagement is scheduled to start at the end of November. Currently underway is a scientific review of Turf Typologies, Trends and Environmental/Health considerations as well as City-wide inventory, Mapping and Spatial Analysis of Sport Field Facilities.
- **Rupert and Renfrew Stations Area Planning** - On November 17, Council will consider directing staff to initiate a planning process for the area around the Rupert and Renfrew SkyTrain stations. If approved, Park Board will be part of staff team to advocate for existing/potential greenspaces.
- **Bat Survey in Parks and Golf Courses** - Parks staff contracted Echo Ecological Consulting to complete bat presence surveys on parks and golf courses. The report provided staff with a better understanding of how naturally managed areas support the overall habitat quality indicator species bats, and made recommendations for further action and site management.



BOARD MOTIONS

Stanley Park Temporary Bike Lane on Park Drive - Extension

Board approved [the motion to extend the Stanley Park Temporary Bike Lane](#) past its initial November 30, 2021 end date. The bike lane will now stay in place until the end of the Mobility Study.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next Board Committee and Regular Board meetings are scheduled for November 29, 2021 and the Board will be holding a Special Park Board Meeting to discuss the 2022 Fees and Charges, Services Plan and Budgets on November 30, 2021.

