



PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS — November 29, 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

Low Intensity Turf Maintenance – Report Back

Based on a previous [Board Motion](#), staff presented a report on the background and findings from the 2021 [Low Intensity Turf Maintenance meadow pilot](#). These meadows support various Park Board strategies, including the [VanPlay](#) goal for enhancing natural areas and supporting habitats for wildlife and biodiversity. [The Board approved](#) the staff recommendation to expand the amount of land used for the pilot with a goal of 42 hectares by 2030. The Board also added two amendments, including a report back in Q1 of 2022 and the creation of a plan to shift other less used spaces to natural management.

Colonial Audit – Interim Progress Report

Staff presented a progress report of the [Colonial Audit](#). This Audit is part of the Park Board's [Reconciliation Strategies](#). Through the Audit staff review and challenge the dominant and colonial narratives that shape how staff guide their work at the Park Board. The Audit will also act as a foundation for the Decolonization Strategy that is under development.

VanPlay Annual Report

The Board deferred the VanPlay Annual Report to the December 13, 2021 Regular Park Board Meeting.

Team Urban Parks (Team UP) Activations

Staff provided a presentation on the work of [Team Urban Parks and Team UP Activations](#) since summer 2019. This staff team examines the particular challenges of Vancouver's urban parks and seeks to address their different needs through activation programs. Looking ahead, Team UP will continue working with partners and the community to review park priorities and sustain relationships in these spaces.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Dumont highlighted the following item in his report:

- Nov 26: Festival of Light Media Event, VanDusen Botanical Garden – Chair Dumont attended the event and answered questions for the media.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

The Board received the [GM's Report](#):

- **Seniors Programming Update** - Over the fall, participation of seniors in Recreation programs and services has substantially increased. The mandatory vaccine requirements are a factor in the return to participation. Kerrisdale and Killarney Seniors centres offer the greatest breadth of programming and both centres have resumed their lunch and volunteer programs.
- **Park Rangers** - The Vancouver Police coordinated with Park Rangers in relation to a missing person's case in the West End. Park Rangers were able to locate the missing individual and keep them safe while Police were dispatched to the scene.



- **Marpole Community Centre Renewal Update** – Expected completion of the schematic design is December 2021, based on the Needs Assessment and Oak Park Schematic Master Plan. Staff plan to update the Board in 2022 and will begin more public engagement on this project. It is scheduled to be open in 2026.
- **Upcoming Council Business (related to or impacting parks & recreation):**
 - A report on the [2022 Capital and Operating Budget](#) which provides an overview for Council’s consideration of the Draft 2022 Operating Budget of \$1.735 billion, Draft 2022 Multi-Year Capital Budgets of \$285.3 million for new Capital Projects to be added to the aggregate Multi-Year Capital Projects Budget, Draft 2022 Capital Expenditure Budget of \$683.4 million and estimate of capital expenditure forecasts for the next five years for information.
 - The 2022 PEF operating budget of \$52.3 million revenue and \$52.3 million expenses (including transfers) and the Consolidated Budget (Financial Statement basis) of \$2.124 billion in revenue and \$1.937 billion in expenses are also included in this public consolidated draft budget document.
 - The approval of the budget resolution will finalize the process of balancing the 2022 Operating Budget. If approved without amendments, the 2022 Operating budget will total \$1.735 billion with a property tax increase of 5%.

BOARD MOTIONS

Park Board Commissioner COVID-19 Vaccinations

The Park Board confirms that [all Commissioners are fully vaccinated against COVID-19](#) and will voluntarily follow staff policy and advice from public health.

NEXT MEETINGS

A Special Park Board Meeting on November 30, 2021 for the 2022 Budget. The next Regular Committee and Board meetings are scheduled for December 13, 2021.

