



## PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS — December 13, 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

#### VanPlay Annual Report

Staff presented the [VanPlay Annual Report](#), which was deferred from November 29. [VanPlay](#), Vancouver's Parks and Recreation Services Master Plan, is the Park Board's decision making guide, expressing the priorities, tools and policies to support the pursuit of equity, connectivity and access to parks and recreation for all. Staff provided an overview of the VanPlay Framework, a comprehensive update on initiatives implemented in 2021, and highlighted opportunities ahead. Staff will be developing a needs assessment to better align service planning, capital planning and VanPlay, as well as to identify service and resources gaps needed to reach these goals.

#### Alcohol in Parks Pilot - Report Back

Staff presented the [Alcohol in Parks Pilot key findings](#) and financial considerations to the Board for feedback. The pilot, which ran from July to mid-October, allowed for the responsible consumption of alcohol in designated sites at parks across the city. Based on data and feedback collected from the public, staff, Vancouver Coastal Health and Vancouver Police, the key learnings showed that the pilot was generally supported, responsive to people's needs, and park users were largely respectful and responsible. Some of the areas noted for improvement include: maintenance, litter, waste & recycling management; increased onsite monitoring and enforcement; and clarity on pilot site boundaries.

#### Climate Emergency Action Plan Big Move 6 – Park Board Opportunities

Staff presented the [Climate Emergency Action Plan](#), including a 5 year plan that would put the city on track to achieve four of the six Big Move Targets. Addressing these would reduce carbon emissions and make the city more healthy and resilient. These targets also align with Park Board plans and goals, including increasing the city-wide tree canopy, transitioning suitable areas to natural management, and integrating Natural Climate Solutions within land use policy directions.

### CHAIR'S ANNUAL REPORT - 2021 Year in Review

The Board deferred the Chair's Annual Report to the next Regular Board Meeting.

### GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

The Board received the GM's Report, which highlighted the following items:

- **All Bodies Community Fitness Program** - received the 2021 BC Therapeutic Recreation Association Agency Award; program provides low barrier access for participants who may not currently be exercising, have adaptive requirements, or may feel uncomfortable starting their fitness journey.
- **Communities 4 Climate Hope (C4CH)** - a community climate action program created and championed by Sarah Lusina, Past President at Trout Lake Community Centre; through conversations with Community Centre Association representatives and Park Board staff, 36 recommendations were distilled to three focus areas: Programming, Communications, and Staff Training; all will align with the City's Climate Emergency Action Plan; a Sustainability Scholar will assist with collating content to develop relevant and deliverable programs.



- **Upcoming Council Business (related to or impacting parks & recreation):**

- [Vancouver Community Sport Hosting Grants – Fall 2021 Intake](#) report recommending Council approval of nine (9) new sport event grants.
- [Climate Emergency Action Plan – Big Move 6: Natural Climate Solutions](#) report with recommendations that reiterate Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation target to increase the city-wide tree canopy from the current 23% to 30% by 2050.
- [Marine Landing Policy Updates for Marpole Community Plan and Cambie Corridor Plan Areas](#) report recommending approval of new policy updates which will be used to guide and inform future rezoning applications in this part of Marpole.

## **BOARD MOTIONS**

### **Co-Management of Vancouver Parklands with the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations**

The Park Board deferred discussion of [this motion](#) to the next Board Meeting.

## **ELECTIONS FOR 2022 TERM**

The Board elected Commissioner Mackinnon as its Board Chair for the 2022 Term, and Commissioner Giesbrecht was elected for Board Vice-Chair. Commissioners Dumont and Irwin were elected as Committee Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively.

## **NEXT MEETINGS**

The next Committee and Board meetings are scheduled for January 24, 2022.

