



PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS — January 24, 2022 —

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

Extreme Weather Impacts & Damages

Staff presented on [Extreme Weather Impacts & Damages](#) from the January 7, 2022 storm. The presentation outlined the initial event, the scope of the damage on Park Board's seawall and beaches, the current safety and clean up efforts, and plans moving forward. Many structures were severely impacted by the King Tide and storm, including the Stanley Park Seawall and Kitsilano Beach. Staff are carrying out a communication plan that prioritizes public and staff safety, and are focusing on short and long term planning in the repair and maintenance of the parks.

CHAIR'S ANNUAL REPORT - 2021 Year in Review

2021 Board Chair Dumont [presented](#) the [annual Chair's Report](#), which provided an overview of Park Board projects and accomplishments over the past year. Highlights included pandemic response and restart, challenges and opportunities, decolonization, arts, and culture, strategic plans, and pilot initiatives.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- **Extreme Weather Response**
 - **Ice Guarding and Monitoring** – Trout Lake and Lost Lagoon became partially frozen during a winter storm. Park Board staff commenced ice monitoring to measure the thickness of the ice and staff were onsite to reinforce the risk of going onto these partially frozen water bodies.
 - **Warming Centres** – From December 24 to January 7, the West End Community Centre was identified as a Warming Centre to support the citywide Extreme Weather Response shelters throughout the City of Vancouver.
 - **Bright Nights in Stanley Park** – The event was closed for 4 days due to a train derailment on Boxing Day from extreme cold affecting the train tracks.
 - **VanDusen Botanical Garden / Festival of Lights** – Snowy conditions caused event closures on two evenings in December, in addition to a closure of the garden from Jan 5-15 due to fallen and failed trees.
 - **Queen Elizabeth Park** – over a dozen trees have fallen and Park Operations has cordoned off hazardous areas in the park.
- **Staff Appreciation** – As a result of the extreme weather events and updated provincial health orders, many Park Board staff deferred vacations and holiday times with loved ones to support critical services that the Park Board offers.
- **Council Agenda Items**
 - Motion titled "[Towards a Quieter and Emission-Free Landscape Maintenance Equipment Future in Vancouver](#)" directing staff to report back with recommendations to meet the goal



to phase out and transition personal and commercial use of gasoline-powered landscape maintenance equipment in the City of Vancouver by 2024.

BOARD MOTIONS

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

The Park Board approved an amended motion directing staff to [explore opportunities with the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations](#) for co-management of parklands within their own respective territories. The original motion was amended to clarify that this work would be conducted in the spirit of reconciliation and transparency, seeking guidance and input from the three Nations. Staff are to report back with recommendations.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next Committee and Board meetings are scheduled for February 7, 2022.

