



## PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS — March 28-30, 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

#### **Stanley Park Bright Nights Update & Firefighters Burn Fund Cheque Presentation**

The Board received a presentation on the [annual Bright Nights fundraising event](#) held at the Stanley Park Train in support of the Firefighters Burn Fund. The event ran from November 26 to December 26, 2021, closing a week early due to weather, and raised \$102,077 for the Burn Fund.

#### **Proposed Vancouver Urban Food Forest in Burrard View Park - Report Back**

After hearing from speakers, the Board approved the southeast site option for the [proposed community garden in Burrard View Park](#), referred to as the Vancouver Urban Food Forest (VUFF). The garden will include a permaculture-based area of annual and perennial plants and a food forest of native, fruit-bearing trees and shrubs to be planted and maintained in collaboration with Indigenous community members. The exact location of the garden will be determined by the General Manager, following an archaeological assessment of the area.

### CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Mackinnon presented the [Chair's Report](#), which highlights recent events attended by Commissioners:

- **1928 La France Fire Truck Reinstallation Ceperley Meadows Playground** – Commissioners Barker and Geisbrecht attended the reinstallation of the historical fire truck in Stanley Park on March 18, 2022; it had been removed refurbishment earlier this year.
- **Tom Cone Memorial Sculpture Unveiling at Charleson Park** – Commissioner Barker attended and spoke at this event on March 26, 2022, which honoured playwright Tom Cone.

### GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- **2SLGBTQ+ and 2STGD Inclusion Portfolio** – the Recreation Department is hiring two new Recreation Programmer staff to expand the Two-Spirit, lesbian, gay, trans, bisexual, queer, and gender diverse programming portfolio.
- **Fieldhouse Urinal Retrofits** – 15 were updated in October 2021, and remaining 8 will be completed by the end of 2022.
- **Stanley Park Train Easter Event** – will be held April 23-24; train will continue to operate on weekends until the end of June, before opening fully for summer season.
- **2023-2026 Capital Plan** – work on draft is underway; public engagement will begin at the end of April; final draft will be presented to the Board for decision prior to going to Council in July.
- **Upcoming Council Agenda Items:**
  - A report on [Alcohol Consumption in Public Plazas Policy](#) outlining a framework for a program that would enable legal drinking in select public plazas, co-managed by partner



stewards, in order to provide lower-cost and flexible socializing options for residents, as well as continued support to local businesses.

- A report titled [Vancouver Community Sport Hosting Grants – Spring 2022 Intake](#) with recommendations to approve 8 new grants to support sport and recreation programming in the community; theme of the 2022 Community Sport Champions Recognition Grants is to celebrate and honour Indigenous Sport Champions from Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations (MST) and the Urban Native Youth Association (UNYA).

## BOARD MOTIONS

### **Park Board Staff to Maintain all Public Parks under Park Board Jurisdiction**

The Board [referred this motion to staff](#) to report back by July 2022 on providing horticultural services in parks.

## OTHER BUSINESS

### **BC Recreation & Parks Association 2022 Symposium**

The Board [approved the attendance](#) of Commissioners Irwin and Mackinnon at the BC Recreation & Parks Association 2022 Symposium in Whistler from May 4 to 5, 2022.

## NEXT MEETINGS

The next Committee and Board meetings are scheduled for April 11, 2022.

