



## PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

— May 16, 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

#### **John Hendry (Trout Lake) Park Renewal Plan**

The Board [approved staff recommendations](#) with amendments for the [John Hendry \(Trout Lake\) Park Renewal Plan](#). The Park Renewal Plan seeks to balance community interests while also addressing the park's increasing popularity, water quality in Trout Lake, and aging infrastructure. It also reflects the Park Board's commitment to reconciliation and decolonization, and charts a course for the park to adapt to a changing climate.

#### **Alcohol in Parks Pilot 2022 – Proposed By-Law Amendments**

The Board approved staff recommendations, including approving a [temporary by-law amendment](#) for the [Alcohol in Parks Pilot 2022](#). The 2022 pilot, which allows for the safe consumption of alcohol in certain park spaces, will run from June 3 to October 16, and includes 22 parks in Vancouver.

### CHAIR'S REPORT

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

- **Honda Celebration of Light Press Conference** – Mackinnon spoke on behalf of the Board at the announcement of the return of the Honda Celebration of Light for its milestone 30th anniversary. Commissioner Coupar also attended this event on April 28.
- **Smithe and Richards Park Opening** - Commissioners Barker, Giesbrecht, Irwin and Mackinnon were joined by staff for the soft opening of our brand new, multi-dimensional park of the future at Smithe & Richards on April 29.
- **BMO Marathon** – Commissioner Giesbrecht spoke at the start of the 8km race at Lagoon Drive in Stanley Park on May 1. Since inception, the BMO Vancouver Marathon has raised over \$16 million dollars for local charities and inspired healthy active lifestyles for hundreds of thousands.
- **BCRPA Symposium 2022** – Commissioner Mackinnon attended the BCRPA 2022 Symposium, to celebrate the resilience and brilliance of recreation and parks. Over 360+ recreation and parks professionals participated in the Virtual Day on April 27, and in-person sessions on May 4 and 5 in Whistler.
- **WECCA Mural Celebration** – Commissioner Mackinnon spoke at the WECCA Mural Celebration on May 6. The Association was a recipient of a grant from your Neighbourhood Matching Fund Program. Commissioners Barker, Coupar and Giesbrecht also attended the event.

### GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- **Collingwood Park Renewal** – public engagement for this project to begin this month, with the conceptual design to be brought forward to the Board for decision winter 2022;



- **Vancouver Bird Celebration** – runs May 14 to 31 with a series of events across the Lower Mainland, organised by the Vancouver Bird Advisory Committee;
- **BCRPA 2022 Provincial Awards of Excellence – Honourable Mention** – for the All Bodies Community Program, a recreation program providing a safe environment for all bodies to engage in recreation and fitness.
- **Council Agenda Items of interest to the Park Board include:**
  - Council to receive a report on the [Broadway Plan](#) on May 18, 2022. The Broadway Plan is a comprehensive land use policy plan that will guide growth and change in the Broadway neighbourhoods over 30 years. Park Board staff did not concur with the report due to concerns regarding the delivery of new parks and community centre services, and impacts to solar access in parks in the Broadway area.
  - A Public Hearing on the [Oppenheimer District Official Development Plan](#) will take place on May 19, 2022. This development plan would facilitate the delivery of 100% social housing in the area. Park Board staff did not concur with the report due to concerns regarding impacts to solar access in Oppenheimer Park as a result of the proposed height and density changes.

## BOARD MOTIONS

### Protecting Parks and Recreation Interests in the Broadway Plan

The Board [approved this motion with amendments](#) which was introduced as Urgent Business. This motion would protect Parks and Recreation interests in the Broadway Plan by requesting that City Council consider extending the shadow protection timeframe and include open space and recreation targets in the Plan.

## NEXT MEETINGS

The next Committee and Board meetings are scheduled for June 6, 2022.

