



PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

— July 4, 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

Park Board Procurement Policy

The Board [approved](#) updates to the [Park Board Procurement Policy](#) with an amendment for the Board to endorse the City of Vancouver's [Social Value Procurement Framework](#). This framework increases opportunities for social or diverse businesses that are owned or controlled by an equity seeking population. The updated procurement policy will help align Park Board staff's practices with that of City of Vancouver staff's.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Mackinnon highlighted the following events in the [Chair's Report](#):

- **East Side Pride** - Commissioner Giesbrecht spoke at the Vancouver Pride Society's event East Side Pride at Grandview Park on June 25. This event is part of a series of events throughout the summer celebrating the 2SLGBTQAI+ community.
- **Canada Day Announcement at Sunset Community Centre** - Commissioners Barker, Coupar, and Mackinnon attended an event at Sunset Community Centre on July 1, where the Mayor's Office and Minister Harjit Sajjan announced additional funding to support the Sunset Seniors Centre. This announcement was made as part of Sunset Seniors Centres Canada Day Celebrations.
- **City Service Awards 2022** - Commissioners Giesbrecht and Mackinnon attended the City Service Awards on June 28 alongside over 500 City Staff, where staff were recognized for their work in a range of categories.
- **Symphony at Sunset** - Commissioner Mackinnon emceed Symphony at Sunset on July 2, which brought 11,000 people to Sunset Beach for a Vancouver Symphony Orchestra concert.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- **Oxford Park Indigenous Garden** – a small indigenous garden was implemented at Oxford Park and will be managed and programmed by Vancouver Urban Food Forest Foundation;
- **New Park at Burrard Slopes** – a request for Proposals will be issued in August to identify a design team for the new park. Public engagement for the design is planned for Spring 2023;
- **Show of Support to Ukraine** - Sunflowers have been planted at City Hall & Park Board Administration Building to show support for Ukraine amidst their ongoing war;
- **South Memorial Pond Update** – the pond has been filled with water following recent repairs and staff will continue to monitor water levels;
- **Council Agenda Items**
 - Council to receive a report on the [Vancouver Plan](#) on July 6, 2022. This plan is a long-range, city-wide plan to guide growth and change in the city.



BOARD MOTIONS

Accessible and Inclusive Design Guidelines for Playgrounds

The Board [directed staff](#) to work with the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee and the Children, Youth & Family Advisory Committee to take immediate steps to develop and implement accessible and inclusive design for new and renewed playgrounds to provide play opportunities for people with mobility, auditory, visual, and sensory needs.

Iconic Vancouver Park Water Feature Renewals

The Board [deferred this motion](#) to a future meeting as staff are currently preparing an update for the Board regarding park water features and water use.

Micromobility Charging Stations

The Board [directed staff](#) to work with City of Vancouver staff to explore the feasibility of establishing micromobility charging stations in public parks to allow safe recharging options for those using and reliant on micromobility devices. These devices include electric wheelchairs, scooters, and bikes.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next Committee and Board meetings are scheduled for July 18, 2022.

