



## PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS — July 18 - 20, 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 Code of Conduct Policy**

The Board approved the [Park Board Code of Conduct Policy report](#) recommendations. The new [policy](#) applies only to Commissioners and Advisory Committee Members and aligns with City Council's Code of Conduct By-Law. The General Manager has been directed to identify and recommend a candidate for Integrity Commissioner (IC) for Board approval. The IC's role will be to provide advice, prepare written materials and educational programs, and to assist with informal resolution and adjudicate disputes.

#### **Pump Station Replacements**

As part of the city-wide Pump Station Replacement Program, the Board approved the following:

- [Jericho Pump Station Replacement Project in Jericho Beach Park](#). Replacing the current pump station with a new, larger capacity one will help to ensure the resiliency of Vancouver's sewage infrastructure while minimizing the risk of spills.
- [Dunbar Pump Station Replacement Project in Musqueam Park](#). The current pump has reached the end of its useful service life.

#### **Indigenous Community-Led Cultural Events - Corporate Sponsorship Fund Request**

The Board approved a [Corporate Sponsorship Fund request](#) for a contribution of up to \$150,000 to support the delivery of Indigenous Community-Led Cultural Events. Recent community-led events supported by Park Board staff include the Park Naming Ceremony at s̓əqəl̓xənəm ts'exwts'áxwi7 (Rainbow) Park and the Mothers' Day Powwow at Trout Lake Community Centre. Supporting events such as these aligns with Park Board's Reconciliation strategies and goals.

#### **Stanley Park Mobility Study - Initial Findings & Directions**

After hearing from several speakers, the Board approved the recommendations presented by staff in the [Stanley Park Mobility Study – Initial Findings & Directions report](#). The [Guiding Principles](#) will inform future work done on the mobility study, including developing the criteria for evaluating all proposed mobility options. The final Stanley Park Mobility study will be presented to the Board in early 2023.

#### **Colonial Audit - Update**

Park Board staff provided an [update on the ongoing Colonial Audit](#), which will be completed later this fall. The Colonial Audit looks internally at the Park Board to systematically and objectively document how decision-making and funding has continued to exclude Indigenous people from the City's parks and recreation services. The Colonial Audit supports truth-telling, part of the Park Board's [Reconciliation Mission, Vision, & Values](#).



## CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Mackinnon highlighted the following events in his [report](#):

- **S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Walk with the Dragon** (Jul 10) - fundraising event to support S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Foundation; Commissioners Barker and Coupar attended;
- **Clean Building Tax Credit & Kitsilano Community Ctr Retrofit Announcement** (Jul 13) - tax credit will help reduce emissions; Chair Mackinnon spoke alongside Ministers Robinson and Heyman;
- **Lotus Light Community Caring Day** (Jul 16) – 6<sup>th</sup> annual event where Lotus Light Charity Society distributes meals and personal care items to the Downtown Eastside Community; Commissioner Giesbrecht spoke;
- **Places that Matter - China Creek Skateboard Park** (Jul 16) - Vancouver Heritage Foundation celebrated the skateboard park as a historic place in Vancouver; Commissioner Irwin spoke.

## GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- **'Doing it for Love' Video Series** – highlights artists and communities who pivoted their work during the COVID-19 pandemic; is now available on the Park Board YouTube Channel;
- **Pop-up Indoor Skateboard Park at Hillcrest Community Centre** – open until August 12, with staff onsite to provide lessons and ensure skater safety; Spectrum, who specializes in working with children on the autism spectrum, will also be providing skateboarding lessons;
- **Champlain Heights Playground Renewal** – construction of new playground will begin in September and is expected to be completed in early 2023;
- **Vancouver Pride Parade and Festival** – Commissioners and staff will be participating in these events on July 31 with an entry in the parade and a booth at the festival. Staff will be available at the booth to answer questions, share 2SLGBTQIA+ program information and seek ideas from the community.
- **Council Agenda Items:**
  - Council will reconvene on July 22 to continue debate and discussion on the [Vancouver Plan](#) from July 6, 2022; this long-range, city-wide plan will guide growth and change in the city;
  - Council received a report on July 20 on the [2030 Winter Games Bid Update](#) and decided to advance the City's participation in the Indigenous-led bid for the 2030 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games as a Host City;
  - [Skeena Terrace Policy Statement](#) was approved by Council on July 19; this policy will guide the redevelopment of a social housing site owned by BC Housing, next to Thunderbird Community Centre (TCC);
  - Council approved the first phase of the City's [Accessibility Strategy](#). This report includes policy directions, goals, and objectives that focus the City's support for persons with disabilities.



## BOARD MOTIONS

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

After receiving a [report back from staff](#) on the referred motion, the Board approved the [PB Staff to Maintain all Public Parks](#) motion with amendments requesting that staff be consulted in the creation of any 'airspace' or other non-traditional parks. Additionally, staff have been directed to write Oakridge development management to request that, where feasible, Park Board staff carry out horticultural services at the new park at Oakridge Centre.

### **Creating a Sonic Park**

The Board approved the motion to [investigate the creation a sonic park](#), which would feature interactive elements and utilize natural sounds and insulation to provide a sonic oasis from city noise.

### **Vancouver Park Board's Approach to Climate Change**

The Board approved the [Approach to Climate Change motion](#) directing staff to do an audit of Parks and Recreation capital projects and operational systems, with the aim to adapt them through the lens of greenhouse gas reduction and climate change mitigation. The motion also includes incorporating a 'Climate Considerations' section in all reports presented to the Board.

## NEXT MEETINGS

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

