



PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS — October 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

East Fraser Lands New Park – South Kinross – Contract Award

The Board approved the report's recommendations, including entering into a contract with [Cedar Crest Lands BC Ltd for the construction of South Kinross Park](#). The Board approved [concept plans](#) for this park in 2017. The concept plans include a naturalised corridor, rain garden, and wetland channel that will help create habitat connections between the Fraser River and Kinross Ravine Park.

East Fraser Lands New Park – Promontory – Contract Award

The Board approved the report's recommendations, including entering into a contract with [Rust Investments Ltd. for the construction of the new park at East Fraser Lands](#). The concept plans for this park were approved in June 2021, and support several Park Board strategies such as the Urban Forest and Bird strategies.

Tatlow and Volunteer Parks Creek Daylighting – Construction Contract

The Board approved the report's recommendations, including entering into a contract with [Wilco Civil Inc. in the construction of Tatlow and Volunteer Creek Daylighting](#). Daylighting creeks is a process where buried creeks are restored to more natural conditions by uncovering them. This process supports the natural habitat, and integrates storm water management through natural rainwater features. The [concept plan](#) for this project was approved in February 2020.

CHAIR'S REPORT

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

- Pride Parade and Sunset Beach Festival – On July 31, Commissioner Giesbrecht spoke at Sunset Beach Pride Festival, and Commissioners Barker, Irwin, Mackinnon, Giesbrecht, Coupur and Barker participated in the Pride Parade.
- At the Centre of Community: An Exhibition of Indigenous Cultural Practices - Commissioners Mackinnon and Giesbrecht attended events at this exhibition in September and October at Roundhouse Community Centre, and Commissioner Giesbrecht spoke at the Opening Ceremony.
- Battle of Britain Memorial 82nd Anniversary – on September 25, Commissioner Mackinnon spoke at this event honouring the contribution that Allied Air Forces made in WWII.
- Trutch Street Renaming Ceremony – commissioners attended this event on Truth and Reconciliation Day, September 30, at Musqueam Community Centre, where the street's name was changed to Musqueamview Street.
- Oppenheimer Park Activation Event – Commissioner Mackinnon spoke at this event on October 19, which was also attended by Commissioner Irwin and City Councillors. This event celebrated the reactivation of community-led services in the neighborhood.



GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

The Leadership Team presented an overview of the GM's Report:

- Indigenous Arts and Culture Visibility – several key initiatives have taken place in the past six weeks to increase the visibility of Indigenous arts and cultural practice across the Park Board;
- Decolonization Arts and Culture and Recreation Park Activations – Summer 2022 Highlights – include a number of community-engaged programs in four parks in the Downtown Eastside Downtown South, and Grandview-Woodlands neighbourhoods this summer;
- Queer Inclusion Team Updates – two full time Recreation Programmer staff positions have been created serve the 2SLGBTQIA+ community.
- Council Agenda Items
 - Council to receive a report on the City of Vancouver's United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous People's (UNDRIP) Strategy by the UNDRIP Task Force on October 25, 2022. This report outlines calls to action to implement UNDRIP at the City.
 - Council to receive a report on an Easement Agreement for Encroachment on the Permanently Designated Park Property at Willow Park on October 25, 2022. This minor encroachment would allow for the installation of a rain screen to allow for water shedding and drainage on the adjacent building

NEXT MEETINGS

The Inaugural Ceremony for the Park Board is on November 7, 2022, and the next Committee and Board meetings are scheduled for November 14, 2022.

