



PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS — December 5, 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

2023 Fees & Charges – Parks & Recreation

The Board [approved](#) the [2023 Fees & Charges](#) report recommendations with two amendments, which would increase fees and charges to an average of 5.65% to cover unfunded initiatives such as building maintenance. The second amendment directs staff to develop a plan to expand access to the [Leisure Access Program](#) (LAP). LAP offers reduced cost programs and services to low income residents.

2023 Service Plan, Operating & Capital Budgets – Parks & Recreation

The Board [approved](#) the [2023 Service Plan, Operating & Capital Budgets](#) recommendations with several amendments to parts C and D.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- The Arts, Culture and Engagement team worked with over 400 artists and 16,000 community members delivering over 40,000 hours' worth of work to 77,000 audience members in 2022,
- In 2022, Decolonization Arts and Culture staff supported the organisation of several indigenous led cultural events and ceremonies in parks, enabling over 15,000 people to gather.
- In 2022, artists and organisations brought in over \$1,000,000 in outside funding to develop and support cultural projects, events, exhibitions, and performances. These projects aimed to build community through practice.
- Second Beach Concession is installing an outdoor weather enclosure for customers to use in the winter months.
- The Park Board will launch a giveaway in February to distribute trees to private residents in the low-tree-canopy neighbourhoods of Sunset and Victoria-Fraserview.
- Staff facilitated stream habitat restoration work with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to remove sediment from Spanish Banks Stream to allow for better chum salmon spawning.
- Vancouver Urban Food Forest planted an Indigenous Garden at Oxford Park called Chen Chen Stway Healing Garden.
- The Asian Seniors Community Gardening program hosted by Carnegie Community Centre planted a new food garden at Trillium Park this summer in partnership with Earth Hand Gleaners.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Jensen provided a [presentation](#) on recent events attended by commissioners:

- Commissioner Haer presented a wreath at the National Indigenous Veterans Day ceremony at Victory Square on November 8. This event honours indigenous veterans that served in WWI and WWII.



- Chair Jensen attended the Remembrance Day ceremony at Victory Square on November 11, and presented a wreath alongside City Councillors, Veterans, and City staff.
- Commissioner Viridi attended the Remembrance Day ceremony at the Memorial South Park Cenotaph alongside Councillors Kirby-Yung and Bligh, and laid a wreath in honour of WWI and WWII veterans.
- Commissioners Bastyovanszky and Digby attended the Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Japanese War Memorial in Stanley Park hosted by Nikkei Museum. Commissioner Bastyovanszky laid a wreath as a representative of the Park Board.
- Chair Jensen spoke at the opening night for the Burn Fund's Bright Nights at Stanley Park on November 30, 2022 with Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Digby, and Christensen. Bright Nights runs until January 1 and has raised more than \$2.5 million since it began in 1998.
- Chair Jensen spoke at the Festival of Lights media event at VanDusen Botanical Garden on November 25, celebrating the opening of this event. This event, which runs November 25 to January 2 supports the Make-a-Wish Foundation

BOARD MOTIONS

Lifting the Moratorium on New Commercial Initiatives in Vancouver Parks

The Board [approved a motion directing staff to lift the moratorium](#) on new event applications which will allow for the introduction of new commercial event initiatives in Vancouver parks.

Expanding the Alcohol in Parks Program & Making it Permanent and Year Round

The Board [approved a motion directing staff to initiate a process to make the Alcohol in Parks program permanent and year round](#) in the 22 parks that were part of the initial pilot programs in 2021 and 2022. The motion also directs staff to expand the list of parks and report back on the feasibility of a beach pilot program by Q1 2023.

Urgent Report on Park Board Preparations for the 2023 Summer Season

The Board [approved](#) a motion [directing staff to prepare an urgent report for the consideration of the Board on preparations for the summer 2023 season](#) which would include status of outdoor pools and spray parks maintenance, lifeguard and maintenance staffing, and drinking fountain maintenance.

Stanley Park Drive Temporary Bike Lane – Next Steps

The Board [approved](#) a motion [directing staff to immediately remove the Stanley Park Drive bike lane](#) and return the traffic pattern to its pre-COVID condition, and to bring an update to the Board by December 15 on these actions. Additionally, the motion directs staff to reframe and repurpose the current mobility study towards a planning tool for permanent cycling infrastructure in Stanley Park.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next Committee and Regular Board meetings will be held on January 16, 2023.



