



## PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

— January 16, 2023 —

*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

#### Infrastructure in Parks: Storm Damage Update

Staff presented an update on the [impact of storms, high tides, and climate change](#) on Park Board infrastructure. On December 27, 2022, Vancouver experienced the highest king tide ever recorded, which comes nearly a year after the January 7, 2022 storm battered the sea wall, Jericho pier, and other areas of shoreline. Park Board staff have worked on repairs of current infrastructure, such as the Stanley Park Seawall and Kitsilano Beach Pool. In December 2022, the Board approved the Capital Plan, which includes funding for the Coastal Adaptation Planning work. This work will now kick off in 2023, in addition to the long term comprehensive plan for the West End Waterfront which is already underway.

#### Looper Moth Update/Stanley Park Update

Urban Forestry Staff shared a presentation with the Board on [the Stanley Park's Urban Forestry projects](#). This included 2022 fall planting and restoration and Hemlock Looper Moth and wildfire risk assessment and mitigation. Stanley Park has faced many environmental challenges in recent years due to drought, higher temperatures, windstorms and insect outbreaks. The park is currently experiencing a Hemlock Looper moth outbreak, which began in the North Shore and crossed the Burrard Inlet in 2019 and 2020. These pests cause dieback in many trees and contribute to wildfire risk. Staff are currently working on a mitigation plan to address the harmed trees while ensuring that they do not pose a risk to public safety and ultimately improve forest health to create a more resilient ecosystem.

### GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- Polar Bear Swim – occurred on January 1, 2023 and was the 103<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of this event. Over 20,000 people participated in the New Years Day polar plunge.
- Park Rangers – Ongoing Support and Training – Rangers regularly receive ongoing training sessions as their role is often mentally and emotionally challenging.

### CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Jensen [presented](#) an overview of Park Board partnered events recently attended by Commissioners.

- Polar Bear Swim – Chair Jensen and Commissioner Bastyovanszky attended this event on January 1, where Chair Jensen also spoke on behalf of the Board.
- West Point Grey Community Centre Association Holiday Lighting Ceremony – Commissioner Bastyovanszky attended this event and met with directors of this CCA.
- East Park Engagement Event – Chair Jensen and Commissioner Bastyovanszky attended this engagement event for a new park project on False Creek where the public are invited to submit feedback on what they'd like to see in this new park. A survey is also available on Shape Your City.



- Trout Lake Little League – Commissioners Jensen and Bastyovanszky visited the Trout Lake Little League with former commissioner Aaron Jasper to explore the space and meet the league.
- Lunar New Year – Croatian Cultural Centre – Commissioner Bastyovanszky joined city councillors at a Lunar New Year celebration held at the Croatian Cultural Centre. 2023 is the Year of the Rabbit in the lunar calendar.

## BOARD MOTIONS

### **City Auditor General Invitation**

The Board approved a motion to [invite the City Auditor General](#) to do a performance audit of the Park Board in accordance with the Vancouver Charter.

### **“Think Big” Revenue Strategy**

The Board approved a motion directing staff to [prioritize a revenue generating strategy](#) that enables opportunities for increased commercial initiatives, including partnerships with local businesses and tourism organisations.

### **Stanley Park Drive Temporary Bike Lane Removal – Phase 2**

The Board approved a motion regarding the [Stanley Park Bike Lane](#), which was introduced as urgent business at this meeting. The motion directs staff to consider recommendations for site specific modifications that could be repurposed from the current configuration that would improve safety, accessibility, traffic flow, way finding, and aesthetics on Stanley Park Drive over the pre Covid-19 configuration.

## NEXT MEETINGS

The next Committee and Board meetings are scheduled for January 30, 2023.

