



PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS — March 27, 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

25 Years of Service Recognition

Staff shared a presentation with the Board on the [25 Years of Service Recognition](#) event. This event was attended by General Manager Rosa and Mayor Ken Sim to acknowledge and celebrate the City and Park Board staff that have reached 25 years of service.

Collingwood Park Renewal – Concept Plan

The Board approved staff recommendations in the [Collingwood Park Renewal – Concept Plan](#). As the neighborhood is experiencing rapid population growth and the equipment that already exists is in need of replacing, staff have identified this park as an excellent candidate for renewal. Through public engagement both in person and online, staff have developed a concept plan that includes a splash pad and playground, plaza and a stage, multi-use sports court, baseball diamond and more. Construction is set to begin in winter 2023 with completion targeted for fall 2024

The Great Outdoors Comedy Festival – Special Event

The Board approved an application to host [The Great Outdoors Comedy Festival](#) at Brockton Cricket Fields in Stanley Park. The Board also approved an application for a Special Event Permit from the BC Liquor & Cannabis Regulation Branch to serve alcohol at the event. This festival will showcase a diverse and inclusive performance comedy event.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Jensen [presented](#) an overview of recent events attended by Commissioners:

- Renewed Aberthau Playground Opening – Chair Jensen, Commissioners Bastyovanszky and Digby attended the opening of this new playground at West Point Grey Community Centre alongside staff and WPGCCA members.
- Canadian National Wrestling Championships – Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Christensen and Viridi attended and presented medals at the Canadian National Wrestling Championships.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- Park Rangers Update – Staff provided an update to the board on the number of received and responded to calls by the Park Rangers, with the main focus of calls regarding homelessness. Site patrols at this time are dedicated to the DTES, CRAB Park, Stanley Park, and the beaches and Rangers have identified sites targeted for clean-up in coordination with both Park Operations and Engineering (Sanitation);
- NIF Grant for Green Infrastructure and Rainwater Integration in Parks – Chair Jensen and Mayor Sim received confirmation of up to \$30M in federal grant funding to support green infrastructure and rainwater integration into park projects;
- Council Agenda Items:



- Council to receive a report on [2023 Community Services and Other Social Grants](#) recommending that they approve grants supporting community services such as Childcare and Greenest City organizations.
- Council to receive a report on [Vancouver Community Sport Event Grants – Spring 2023 Intake](#) on March 28. This report recommends that Council approve the 15 new grants that support sporting events in Vancouver.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next Committee and Board meetings are scheduled for April 24, 2023.

