



PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS — April 24, 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

Park Board Code of Conduct Policy Review - Update

The Board approved the [Park Board Code of Conduct Policy Review](#) report recommendations, including an addition to the policy. This addition aligns the Park Board's Integrity Commissioner timelines with that of the City of Vancouver.

Attire for Swimming in Public Aquatic Facilities - Policy

After receiving a presentation from staff and hearing from speakers, the Board approved the [Attire for Swimming in Public Aquatic Facilities – Policy](#) report recommendations, including the policy, with an amendment. The amendment implements a one year pilot of the policy before permanent implementation. The swim attire policy aligns with other municipalities' policies, public health guidance, and legal standards regarding nudity, while also centering and acknowledging the experiences of marginalized groups. Implementation of the policy will come with sensitivity training for staff. After the [one year pilot, staff will report back](#) to the board on results of the pilot and recommendations on how to move forward.

Alcohol in Parks Program 2023 - Proposed By-law Amendments, Sites, and Program

The Board approved the [Alcohol in Parks Program 2023](#) report recommendations with an amendment to remove Barclay Park from the list of parks as it did not meet the requirements of the pilot. The 2023 pilot will begin when the Board approves the amended by-laws in an upcoming Board Meeting, and will include a wide range of parks and beaches across the City for the summer.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Jensen [highlighted recent events](#) attended by commissioners:

- Cherry Blossom Festival – Chair Jensen attended and spoke at the Big Picnic and Sakura Days events as part of the Cherry Blossom Festival;
- Honda Celebration of Light Press Conference – Chair Jensen spoke at the 2023 press conference for this event where this year's competitors were announced;
- Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden 37th Anniversary – Commissioners attended this event with the garden's director, Lorraine Lowe;
- Billie Jean King Cup – Chair Jensen and Commissioner Bastyovanszky attended this tennis tournament with Canadian players competing against Belgium;
- Invictus Games Announcement – Commissioners attended an announcement where it was shared that this adaptive winter sports tournament would be hosted in Whistler for 2025;
- Vaisakhi Parade – Commissioners Haer, Viridi, and Jensen attended the Vaisakhi parade in Surrey with Councillors and School Board Trustees.



GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- BC Fairs, Festivals and Events Fund 2023 Grants Awarded – Park Board staff applied for and received \$88,000 in grant funding from the BC Government towards events such as Symphony at Sunset and the Polar Bear Swim;
- Still Creek Enhancement Opportunities Study (SCEOS) – this study is an update to the 2002 study which will incorporate Rupert and Renfrew Area Planning and will guide future creek daylighting projects.
- Council Agenda Items (related to or impacting parks & recreation)
 - Council to receive a report on April 25, 2023 on the [Accessibility Strategy Implementation Update and Council Motion Report Back](#), which recommends that council approve the Accessibility Committee and receive an update on the Accessibility Strategy presented by staff.
 - Council to vote on a Member's Motion on April 25, 2023 called '[Protecting People on Cornwall Avenue](#)'. This motion directs staff to extend the school zone speed limit on Cornwall Avenue and implement other traffic calming measures by July 2023 to improve safety for Kitsilano Park, pool, and beach users.
 - Council to receive a report on [Kerrisdale Park/Point Grey Secondary School Track and Field – Licence Agreement and Custody, Care, and Management of Land](#) wherein Council is recommended to approve the Licence agreement between the School Board and Park Board. This agreement will authorize the Park Board to complete track and field upgrades at Kerrisdale Park and Point Grey Secondary School.
 - Council to receive a report [Oak Park – Permanent Park Designation](#) recommending that Council approve the updated land designation for this park. Currently, all public parks in the City of Vancouver are under the care, custody and management of the Park Board.

BOARD MOTIONS

Tree Planting

The Board approved a [Member's Motion directing staff to work with Council to plant 100,000 new trees by 2026](#), including replacing damaged and dying trees throughout the City and working with the Host Nations to plant additional trees in Stanley Park.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next Committee and Board meetings are scheduled for May 8, 2023.

