



PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

— May 8, 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

Canada Goose Management Action Plan

The Board approved the [Canada Goose Management Action Plan](#) report's recommendations, including more efficient goose population management actions such as removal in addition to egg addling and by-law enforcement.

Water Priority Action Plan Update - Potable Water Fed Decorative Features

The Board received an update on the [Water Priority Action Plan](#) as Council recently moved a motion to exempt particular non-recirculating water features from the water conservation by-laws. In response to this, the Board put forward a motion to make these water features operational. This [motion was deferred](#) to the upcoming Committee Meeting.

Kitsilano Pool - Maintenance and Opening - Update

The Board received a presentation on the current state of [Kitsilano Pool – Maintenance and Opening](#). Following the extreme weather scenarios of January 2022, the pool experienced extensive damage to the structure that required weather dependent repairs before the 2022 opening. Ongoing repairs were completed this past winter, and due to recent weather opening of the pool may be delayed to the first week of June for the 2023 season.

Parks Control By-Law Regarding Liquor Consumption in Parks

The Board enacted the [Parks Control By-Law Regarding Liquor Consumption in Parks](#) as approved in the April 24, 2023 Committee Meeting. By-law amendment allows for the consumption of alcohol in many public parks and beaches throughout the City. In some locations, due to their proximity to schools, alcohol consumption is limited to the summer time, and glass containers are not permitted in any included spaces.

CHAIR'S REPORT

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

- BCRPA Symposium – Commissioners and several Park Board staff attended the annual BC Recreation and Parks Association symposium;
- WECC Art in the City Exhibition – Commissioner Bastovanszky attended the exhibition with community led booths featuring paintings, sculptures, prints and more;
- Vancouver Tennis Association's Club Championships - Commissioner Bastovanszky attended the VTA's Club Championships this past weekend;
- Jericho Sailing Centre's Open House - Commissioner Howard attended the Jericho Sailing Centre's Open House this past week.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- Sakura Days at VanDusen Botanical Garden – drew in over 8,000 visitors, featured new workshops and doubled food vendors from 2022;



- Vanier Park Boat Launch Float Repairs – will commence in July 2023 and are expected to be completed by the end of the summer;
- Showboat Fire Update – the showboat was damaged beyond repair, but no impact to Kitsilano Pool;
- Council Agenda Items:
 - Council approved the recommendations in a report titled [Water Works By-law Exemptions and/or Viable Exemptions for Notable Decorative City Water Features](#), with amendments.
 - Council to make a decision on a Member’s Motion titled ‘[The Bird is the Word: Elevating Vancouver’s Strategy](#)’. This motion would direct staff to reapply for Bird Friendly City certification, update the 2020 Vancouver Bird Strategy, and proclaim May 13 to 30 as Vancouver Bird Celebration.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next Committee and Board meetings are scheduled for May 29, 2023.

