



PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS — May 29, 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

Water Priority Plan Update – Potable Water Fed Decorative Features

The Board passed the referred [Water Priority Plan Update – Potable Water Fed Decorative Features motion with amendments](#) to direct staff to request the City Manager's Office have funds sufficient to cover the repair costs be reallocated from the City's capital budget, as well as that the water & sewer costs be waived and/or covered by the City from the City's operating budget when the City transitions all unbilled water accounts for civic departments in 2025 if the fountains are not made recirculating at that time.

New Park at Main & 7th – Concept Plan

The Board approved the [concept plan](#) for the new park 0.1 hectare park site at the northwest corner of Main Street and 7th Avenue. The new public park will offer a unique community experience with three terraced spaces that feature elevated walkways, planted mounds, shade canopy and public art. The new park will highlight green space and planting, canopy, rain and shade, pedestrian flow and accessibility, noise reduction, and dog amenities.

Safe Sport and viaSport

The Board received a presentation from a representative of viaSport BC outlining [Safety in Sport](#) and how a Safe Sport Program could benefit the City of Vancouver. This program would ensure children and adults who recreate and play sport in and at our facilities are safeguarded against a range of psychological and physical abuses. This program would align with existing Park Board policies and procedures such as [Child Protection Reporting](#) and [True Sport](#).

CHAIR'S REPORT

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

- BC Hydro Clean Energy Champion – Bloedel Conservatory – Commissioner Bastyovanszky spoke at this event in recognition of Bloedel Conservatory being named a Clean Energy Champion by BC Hydro;
- Flag Raising Ceremony in Stanley Park – Commissioners, staff, and representatives from the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations held a flag raising ceremony in Stanley Park;
- West End Waterfront Project Engagement Events – Commissioners attended engagement events led by staff where members of the public were invited to share their ideas and comments on design approaches for West End Waterfront renewal;
- West End Fitness Centre Opening – Chair Jensen attended the grand opening event for the West End Fitness Centre on May 13.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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



- Sport Court Renewal – The Board was advised that the renewals for the Stanley Park tennis courts, and the Jericho and Champlain Heights pickleball courts have been completed. The Heather Park court renewal will begin in June;
- Imagine West End Waterfront – The second round of pop-up engagement for the project has been complete, and will inform the final draft concept to be shared with the Board in 2023;
- Champlain Heights Playground Opening – The new playground at Champlain Heights Community Centre opened on May 27, and will facilitate the community and provide children more play opportunities;
- CSLA Awards – the Park Board received awards of excellence from [the Canadian Society for Landscape Architecture](#) for their work on both [CITYSKATE – Vancouver Skateboard Amenities Strategy](#) and s̓əəq̓əlxənəm ts'exwts'áxwi7 (Rainbow Park);
- Bloedel Conservatory Clean Energy Upgrades – Bloedel Conservatory was recognized as a Clean Energy Champion by BC Hydro for making energy efficient upgrades;
- Staff Announcement – Manager, Recreation Services (City-Wide) – Staff welcomed Jay Deo as the new Manager of Recreation Services (City-Wide) following the retirement of Peter Fox;
- Mother's Day Traditional Pow Wow – The three-day event from May 12-14 welcomed over 20,000 people throughout the weekend, including Grammy nominated group Northern Cree Singers;
- Kitsilano Pool Re-Opening for the 2023 Season – the Board was informed that the Kitsilano Pool will reopen on June 4;
- Council Agenda Items – Council to receive a report on May 31 titled [Water Works & Drinking Water Conservation By-Law Amendments](#) where they will decide whether to approve the exemption for Park Board water features that do not currently meet the recirculating requirements.

BOARD MOTIONS

Prioritization of Sport and Recreation Fields and Facilities in Sunset Neighbourhood of South-East Vancouver

The Board approved a [Member's Motion with amendments](#) to direct staff to undertake a comprehensive engagement process with the community and report back in Q4 2023 for the planning of a synthetic turf field in the Sunset Neighbourhood of South-East Vancouver.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next Committee and Board meetings are scheduled for June 12, 2023

