



PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

— June 26, 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

Community Centre Childcare Use of Park Space Policy

The Board received a presentation on [the Community Centre Childcare Use of Park Space Policy](#), recommending that the Board approve a new policy. This policy addresses exclusive use of park space by childcare operators to support new or expanded group childcare programs in existing community centres. The Board [deferred the decision to the July 17, 2023](#), Committee Meeting to allow for further input from the Community Centre Associations.

Brazilian Day – Special Event

The Board approved the [Brazilian Day – Special Event](#) report recommendations. This approved the event application from the Consulate General of Brazil in Vancouver to host the Brazilian Day festival in David Lam Park on Monday, September 4, 2023. Brazilian Day celebrates Brazil's National Day of Independence for Vancouver's large Brazilian population and supports the growing number of Brazilian businesses in the City. The annual event will feature Brazilian food, music, art, and culture and in 2022 welcomed nearly 8,000 guests.

Emery Barnes, Heather and Granville Dog Off-Leash Area – Concept Plans

The Board approved the [Emery Barnes, Heather and Granville Dog Off-Leash Area – Concept Plans](#) with [amendments](#) after receiving a presentation from staff and hearing from speakers. The new concept plans demonstrate various ways of incorporating infrastructure into parks that serve dogs, dog owners and pet-free groups. The Off-Leash Areas in Granville and Heather Parks also seek to support underserved communities in Vancouver. The additional amendment directs staff to report back on the pros and cons of time-of-use restrictions to increase availability of authorized off-leash areas in selected parks.

CHAIR'S REPORT

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

- Little League Closing Ceremonies – Chair Jensen attended the closing ceremonies for the Dunbar, Kerrisdale, and Trout Lake Little League teams;
- Enchanted Evening Concert Series at Sun-Yat Sen – Chair Jensen and Councillor Kirby-Yung attended the Enchanted Evening Concert Series at Sun-Yat Sen Classical Chinese Garden;
- KitsFest VIP Social – Commissioners Bastyovanszky, Howard, and Chair Jensen attended the KitsFest VIP Social to announce the 15th year of the KitsFest celebration;
- Dragon Boat Blessing Ceremony – Chair Jensen and Councillors Meiszner and Zhou attended the Dragon Boat Blessing Ceremony to bless the boats in advance of the Concord Pacific Dragon Boat Festival;
- Concord Pacific Dragon Boat Festival - Commissioners, City Councillors, School Trustees and Mayor Sim attended the 35th annual Dragon Boat Festival;
- East Side Pride – Commissioner Bastyovanszky attended East Side Pride at Grandview Park;



- Air India Memorial – Commissioner Bastyovanszky, with City Councillors, School Trustees, Ministers and MPs attended a ceremony honoring the victims of Air India Flight 182.

GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

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

- Coastal Adaptation Planning Update – Staff provided an update on the Coastal Adaptation Planning process underway in Vancouver. Staff are currently scoping the work and assembling a team of specialists that will map the current state hazards, assess coastal parks, and develop design principles to inform decisions;
- Council Agenda Items – Council to receive a report on June 27 titled “[Vancouver Community Sport Event Grants – Summer 2023](#)” in which Council will make a decision regarding the awarding of various grants to local sports organizations.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next Committee and Board meetings are scheduled for July 10, 2023.

