



PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

— October 16, 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

Burrard Slopes Park Building Removal – Contract Award

The Board approved the [Burrard Slopes Park Building Removal – Contract Award](#) report recommendations authorizing staff to negotiate to the satisfaction of the Park Board's General Manager and City's Chief Purchasing Officer and enter into a contract with Scott Special Projects Ltd for the removal of four existing buildings at the future Burrard Slopes Park site.

Park Board Meeting Dates – Proposed 2024 Schedule

The Board approved the [Park Board Meeting Dates – 2024 Schedule](#) outlining all 2024 meeting dates, with meetings open to the public commencing at 6:30pm and Regular Board meetings to immediately follow Board Committee meetings (when scheduled). There will also be one hour reserved prior to each public meeting for an In Camera meeting, should it be required. In addition, the Tuesday evening following the notes meeting dates will be reserved, commencing at 5:30pm, should any meeting need to be reconvened or rescheduled.

Sports Field Development Update

Staff presented an update on [Sports Field Development](#), including an overview of approved and in-progress planning and development work related to the delivery of new and renewed field sport projects, as well as providing updates on existing Board and Council Sport Field Project Motion. Staff also provided information on upcoming updates and reports, including the Sport Field Strategy for decision, targeted in Q1 2024.

CHAIR'S REPORT

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

- National Truth & Reconciliation Day – Commissioners recognized Truth 7 Reconciliation Day on September 30.
- Orange Shirt Walk for Truth and Reconciliation – Commissioner Digby attended the Orange Shirt Walk for Truth and Reconciliation.
- Orange Shirt Day at Arts Umbrella – Commissioner Bastovanszky attended the Orange Shirt Day event at Arts Umbrella
- LMS Cricket Finals – Commissioner Bastovanszky attended the finals and grand award ceremony for LMS Canada University Cricket League and LMS BC EarlyRisers League
- Meraloma Club 100th Anniversary – Commissioner Bastovanszky attended the Meraloma Club 100th Anniversary celebration.
- Denman Car Free Day – Commissioner Bastovanszky attended Car Free Day on Denman.
- Banksyland Pop-Up – Chair Jensen attended the Vancouver Banksyland pop-up as a guest of British Consulate-General of Vancouver.
- 2023 Gay Games Bid – Chair Jensen and Commissioner Bastovanszky attended the launch of the Gay Games 2023 bid.



GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- Oppenheimer Park Playground Renewal – Staff advised that that a renewal project for the Oppenheimer Park playground is underway, with construction targeted to commence in Spring 2023
- Vancouver Tennis Society ParticiPACTION Events – In partnership with the Park Board, The Vancouver Tennis Society received grants from ParticiPACTION to host sport participation events this past summer. Between June 3 and June 25, the 4 events featured 8 different sessions and had over 155 people attend.
- National Truth & Reconciliation Day – Staff highlighted activities and events that supported National Truth & Reconciliation Day by the Decolonization Arts & Culture (DAC) team and the collaboration with Community Centre Association (CCA) partners.
- Pollinator Meadows – Staff have converted over 100 acres of park managed land, including public golf courses and boulevards, to naturalized and wildflower meadows. Given continued success in 2023, park staff will continue to enhance existing wildflower meadows across the City in 2024.

BOARD MOTIONS

Off Season Usage Parking Pass – Jericho Beach Park

The Board approved a [motion](#) to implement an off season usage parking pass at Jericho Beach Park (Lot 69) from October 1 to March 31.

Mural and Sports Court Activation at Sunset Beach Park

The Board approved a [motion](#) with amendments directing staff to work with user groups and identify stakeholders of the Sunset Beach sports court activation area. This motion also directs staff to explore the potential donation of an art mural and work with the 'Art X Sport' group to activate and renew the existing sport court space at Sunset Beach parking lot with a sport-themed mural. Staff were also directed to explore and facilitate potential funding sources to advance temporary 'pop up sports activation' space at Sunset Beach parking lot adjacent to the existing sport courts and report back to the Board on possible scope, cost, timeline, and program ideas in Q1 2024.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next Committee and Board meetings are scheduled for October 30, 2023.

