



PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS — February 26, 2024 —

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

Special Events Calendar 2024 - Major Events

The Board approved the [2024 Calendar of Events – Major Events](#). The calendar includes major special events hosted at parks and Park Board facilities, such as VanDusen Botanical Garden and Stanley Park.

West End Community Hub Renewal

The Board endorsed the [West End Community Hub Renewal Plan](#). The plan will guide the renewal of community-serving facilities and optimization of the site over the next 10-20 years to support the West End Community. It lays out a long-term vision for the renewal of the West End Community Centre, Joe Fortes Branch Library, King George Secondary School (KGSS) and the combined 4.4-acre site on which they sit. The project was led by REFM and represents a significant collaboration of the five (5) project partners who are the City of Vancouver (COV), the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation (VPB), the West End Community Centre Association (WECCA), Vancouver School Board (VSB) and Vancouver Public Library (VPL).

General Brock Park - Renewal Concept Plan

The Board approved the [renewal concept plan for General Brock Park](#), a 2.11 hectare neighborhood park located in Norquay Village. The concept is informed by public engagement, City and Park Board policies, and a neighbourhood needs analysis. Staff completed public engagement on the proposed concept in September 2023 and received favourable feedback. The design theme for the General Brock Park Renewal is 'the park is the neighbourhood backyard', as identified during the public engagement process. The goals are to provide more opportunities for the whole family to: sit and gather throughout the year, play, be active, and enjoy nature.

CHAIR'S REPORT

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

- Lunar New Year Parade – Chair Bastyovanszky with Commissioners Haer, Jensen and Viridi participated in the 50th anniversary of the Chinatown Lunar New Year Parade with MLAs, City Councillors, School Trustees, and GM Jackson.
- UBCOB Ravens Rugby Kickoff – Chair Bastyovanszky attended the commencement of the Ravens Rugby Club's friendly exhibition match, held to mark the club's 50th anniversary, at their home field, Jericho Beach Park.
- First Skate – Commissioners Christensen, Digby, Jensen, and Viridi, along with legendary Canucks goalie Kirk McLean, attended the "First Skate" event in partnership with the Immigrant Services Society of BC at Rogers Arena.
- 2024 Family Day at Hillcrest – Chair Bastyovanszky attended the Family Day event at Hillcrest Pool, hosted by Hillcrest Youth Council.
- Trout Lake Family Day Celebration – Chair Bastyovanszky, Commissioner Christensen and Commissioner Jensen attended the Family Day Celebration at Trout Lake Community Centre,



along with Vancouver-Kingsway MLA Adrian Dix, the CCA President Lisa Kew, and former Commissioner Aaron Jasper.

- Invictus Games – Chair Bastyovanszky, Commissioner Digby and Jensen attended the Invictus Games at their Unconquered Sports Day on Family Day at Seaforth Armoury.
- Poetics of Possibility - Tomson Highway: Laughter All the Way – Chair Bastyovanszky and Commissioner Jensen participated in the "Tomson Highway: Laughter All the Way" event held at the Roundhouse Community Centre.
- Vancouver Sevens Invitational Youth Tournament 2024 – Chair Bastyovanszky presented medals to the winners of the BC Rugby's Vancouver Sevens Invitational ahead of the HSBC SVNS Vancouver event.
- 2024 HSBC Canada Sevens – Commissioners attended the 2024 Vancouver Sevens Rugby event. This marked the ninth occasion the tournament had been hosted in Vancouver, with both women's and men's tournaments being featured for the second consecutive year.
- 2024 Variety Show of Hearts – Commissioner Viridi, pictured with CEO of Variety BC Andrea Tang, participated in the 2024 Variety Show of Hearts.
- Sikh Heritage Month – Commissioner Viridi, accompanied by Mayor Ken Sim, Councillors Kirby-Yung, Meiszner and Zhou, and School Board Trustee Preeti Faridkot, received a plaque by the Khalsa Diwan Society and the BC Khalsa Darbar Society in recognition of their ongoing efforts in support of Sikh Heritage Month.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- 25 Years of Service Recognition – The 25 Years of Service Recognition event celebrated City and Park Board staff with 25 years of service. General Manager Jackson attended to honor five Park Board staff: Jenny Lee, Tanja Cecic, Karla McCallum, Jennifer Trach, and Shannu Marette.
- First Skate 2024 – On February 16, 2024, the Park Board Arena welcomed over 50 newcomers to Canada for First Skate 2024 at Rogers Arena. Participants from Afghanistan, Brazil, Colombia, Eritrea, India, Mexico, Myanmar, and Ukraine, some arriving just days before, experienced skating and tried Canadian treats like poutine and nanaimo bars. This marked the second time the park board arena team provided skates, helmets, EZ skaters, volunteers, and instructors for the event.

Council Agenda Items:

- Council to receive a report on February 27, 2024 titled "[West End Community Hub Renewal](#)", which recommends council approve the plan to guide the renewal of community-serving facilities and optimization of the site over the next 15-20 years.
- Council to receive a report on February 28, 2024 titled "[Quarterly Capital Budget Adjustments and Closeouts](#)", which would approve Capital Budget and funding adjustments, including an increase of \$17.0M to the 2023-2026 Capital Plan, and increase of \$36.5M to the Multi-Year Capital Project Budgets.



- Council to receive a report on February 28, 2024 titled "[Contract Award for a Food and Beverage Broadline Distributor for the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation](#)", which would authorize City staff to negotiate and enter into a contract with Sysco Canada Inc. for the supply and distribution of food and beverages to the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation.
- Council to receive a report on February 28, 2024 titled "[2024 Budget for Britannia Community Services Centre Society \(BCSCS\)](#)" which would approve the BCSCS 2024 Operating Budget of \$9,914,138, marking an 8% increase from 2023.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next Committee and Board meetings are scheduled for March 11, 2024.

