



## PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

— May 6, 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

#### **Alcohol on Beaches – 2024 Re-Pilot**

The Board approved the [Alcohol on Beaches – 2024 Re-Pilot](#), updating the pilot launch dates for permitting Alcohol Consumption at Jericho Beach, John Hendry Beach, Kitsilano Beach, Locarno Beach, New Brighton, Spanish Banks, and Second Beach, from June 1, 2024 to September 30, 2024. The Program responds to a growing interest by the public to consume alcohol on Vancouver's beaches safely.

#### **Monstercat Compound - Special Event**

The Board approved the [Monstercat Compound - Special Event](#), scheduled for August 24, 2024, at Jonathan Rogers Park. The Monstercat Compound features live music, art installations, beer gardens, food trucks, vendor village, interactive technology, and gaming exhibits. It will bring together local and international talent, vendors, art and technology activations, collectives, non-profit organizations as well as well-known brands such as Red Bull, Skullcandy, and Canucks Sports & Entertainment.

#### **Spanish Banks Parking**

The Board approved [Spanish Banks Parking](#), which entails a new paid parking fee at parking lots within Spanish Banks Beach Park for a 12-month pilot period beginning in July 2024. Peak season pricing from May to September will be charged \$1/hour with reduced parking charges in the off-season. This initiative aims to maintain accessibility to Spanish Banks, mitigate traffic impacts, improve safety between traffic and pedestrians, improve site security and safety through parking enforcement, encourage alternative transportation modes or carpooling, implement one of the objectives outlined in the ["Think Big" Revenue Strategy](#), and provide an additional funding source.

#### **Sport Field Maintenance – Update**

The Board received an update on [Sports Field Maintenance](#), which highlighted the maintenance efforts carried out across various sports fields and ball diamonds throughout the city. Locations such as Gordon Park Ball Diamond, Hastings Little League Saunders field, Nanaimo Park SE Diamond, Hillcrest North Diamond, Quilchena South Diamond and Kerrisdale South Ball Diamond were highlighted. Upcoming projects, such as the renovation of John Hendry starting in July 2024 and expected for completion by April 2025, were outlined. It was also noted that fields affected by vandalism will require over \$50,000 for repairs.

#### **Proposed Change to 2024 Board Meeting Schedule**

The Board approved the [Proposed Change to 2024 Board Meeting Schedule](#), which specifies that the start time of the public meeting scheduled on May 27, 2024 will be amended to begin at 7:30pm, in accordance with [Section 3.4 of the Procedure By-law](#). The Board will also reserve the two hours prior for an In Camera meeting.



## CHAIR'S REPORT

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

- Kayachtn Pole Raising – Commissioners Christensen, Digby, and Jensen witnessed the raising of the Coast Salish Welcome Pole at the šxʷqʷeləwən ct Carving Centre.
- Community Engagement – Commissioner Jensen attended community engagement events at East Park and Columbia Park.
- Saint James Music Academy – Commissioner Jensen met with the Executive Director of Saint James Music Academy, Sarah Godoy.
- Sponsor-Media Appreciation Invitational – Commissioner Jensen attended the Sponsor-Media Appreciation Invitational.
- Earth Fest 2024 – Chair Bastyovanszky attended Earth Fest 2024 at Champlain Heights Community Centre, hosted by the Everett Crowley Park Committee.
- Kerrisdale Little League Parade – Chair Bastyovanszky attended the Kerrisdale Little League Parade.
- BMO Marathon – Chair Bastyovanszky spoke at the BMO Vancouver Marathon in Stanley Park.
- Art in the City – Chair Bastyovanszky attended Art in the City at the West End Community Centre.
- Provincial Rugby Finals – Chair Bastyovanszky attended the Provincial Rugby Finals in Burnaby.
- Lapu-Lapu Day – Commissioner Viridi attended the Lapu Lapu Day celebration.
- Vancouver Lawn Bowling Club Open House – Commissioner Viridi attended the Open House Day hosted by the Vancouver Lawn Bowling Club to kick off the 2024 lawn bowling season at Queen Elizabeth Park.
- South Vancouver Neighbourhood House – Commissioner Viridi attended a visit to the South Vancouver Neighbourhood House.
- Senior Women's Group at Sunset Community Centre – Commissioner Viridi attended a Senior Women's Group at Sunset Community Centre.
- Wedding Permits in Parks – Chair Bastyovanszky attended the wedding of Laura and Sterling at Harbour Green Park after connecting the couple with the proper process for wedding permits.
- Sikh Heritage Month Proclamation – Commissioner Viridi attended the Sikh Heritage Month proclamation at City Hall.

## GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- Park Rangers at CRAB Park – Park Rangers enforced Parks Control Bylaw and GM Notice, temporarily relocating patrons for extensive clean-up. Over 90 tons of debris, 20 propane tanks, and hazardous soil have been removed. Patrons have returned to the designed shelter area.



- In-House Construction Projects – Park Development staff have contracted new Capital Playground constructions. Projects are completed in-house, saving costs compared to private bids.
- China Creek Park South Skatepark Upgrades – China Creek Park South skatepark will undergo upgrades for safety and user experience based on Skateboard Amenities Strategy. Construction starts May 2024 and is expected to be completed by fall 2024.
- “Gibby’s Field” Natural Park Status – Construction on Gibby’s Field Park starts this week, expected to be finished by July 2024. Features include a rain garden, improved pathways, and native plants.
- Alberta St Blue Green System & Columbia Park Update – An on-site pop-up event was held on April 20 to share recommended concept plans, developed based on feedback from two previous rounds of engagement. The concept plan is scheduled for Board decision in Q3 2024.
- East Park Engagement Launch Round Two Update – Round two of public engagement has been completed, including a successful pop-up event at Creekside Community Centre. Along with technical design considerations, feedback from engagement will be used to develop a concept plan, which will be shared with the public and presented to the Park Board for decision in Q4 2024.
- Outdoor Pool Opening Preparations – In preparation for summer, Park Operations staff have undergone thorough servicing and cleaning for outdoor pools. Structural, mechanical, and aesthetic maintenance is conducted.
- Outdoor Aquatics Season Launch – The outdoor aquatics season is gearing up, with four pools and beaches opening on May 18. Staff will activate spray parks, wading pools, and splash pads across the city, providing free access to recreational water features.
- Council Agenda Items
  - Council to receive a report on May 7, 2024, titled “[Alcohol on Beaches – 2024 Re-Pilot](#)”, which seeks the approval of a one-time 2024 operating budget increase of \$930,300 to fund the operational and enforcement needs for the Alcohol on Beaches Re-Pilot in the summer of 2024.
  - Council to receive a report on May 7, 2024, titled “[Quarterly Capital Budget Adjustments and Closeouts](#)”, which would approve an increase of \$32.6M to the 2023-2026 Capital Plan, and an increase of \$54.6M to the Multi-year Capital Project Budgets.
  - Council to receive a report on May 8, 2024, titled “[Imagine West End Waterfront Parks, Beaches, and Transportation Vision](#)”, which would approve the West End Waterfront Vision as a guide for renewal and upgrading the West End waterfront over the next 30+ years. This report also seeks to approve in principle the implementation of Phase 1 of the project.

## BOARD MOTIONS

### **Proposal for Affordable Parking Solutions for Vancouver Lawn Bowling Club Members at Queen Elizabeth Park Lot 67**

Not having received a seconder, this [motion](#) was not opened for debate.



### **Vancouver, Let's Talk Trees!**

The Board approved a [motion with amendments](#) to re-commit to developing Vancouver's urban tree canopy within the Park Board's jurisdiction. The Chair was directed to send a letter to the Mayor, Council and the Vancouver School Board, recommending that all jurisdictions update commitments to Vancouver's tree canopy and urban forest strategies by Q4 2025. The Board also endorsed a public engagement process and directed staff to report back to re-establish historical urban forestry programs.

### **Removal of Cyclist Barriers and Implementation of Signage for Seawall Safety**

The Board approved a [motion with amendments](#), directing staff to explore ways to improve accessibility on the Seawall cycling path at Stanley Park. This includes considering removing barriers that hinder certain types of active transport, assessing the impact of e-scooter and e-bike access on path congestion, identifying measures to reduce risks in crowded areas, and engaging with various user groups to balance the needs of all users. All proposed options shall be consistent with safety and reduction of Park Board legal liability. Staff has been directed to report back by Q1 2025 detailing implementation costs and timelines.

### **NEXT MEETINGS**

The next Committee and Board meetings are scheduled for May 27, 2024

