



PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS — May 27, 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

BCRPA – Parks Excellence Award

The Board was presented with the BC Recreation and Parks Association (BCRPA) Parks Excellence Award for s̓əq̓əlxənəm ts'exwts'áxwi7. This park was identified as an urban oasis situated in the heart of the City of Vancouver's downtown core. The BCRPA commended the park for its dynamic space and how it serves as a model of accessible and universal design. It has created a barrier-free and accommodating environment that services 30,000 people who work and live in the area. The park includes pocket wetlands, pollinator plants and native plant species significant to the host Nation's culture, food, and medicine. The park acts as a community porch for residents, office workers and tourists, enriching the urban experience in a memorable way.

CHAIR'S REPORT

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

- Mother's Day Powwow – Commissioner Christensen attended the Mother's Day Powwow at Trout Lake Community Centre
- Liaison Work – Comr. Digby – Commissioner Digby attended the CCA meetings at Briannia Community Services Society, Dunbar Community Centre, and Stanley Park Ecological Society
- CRAB Park Memorial Wreath – Commissioner Digby visited CRAB Park to see the memorial wreath.
- Memorial Service for Raymond Moriyama – Commissioner Digby attended the memorial service for Japanese Canadian architect Raymond Moriyama
- Khalsa Diwan Society Sports Festival – Commissioner Digby attended the Khalsa Diwan Society 56th Annual Sports Festival at Memorial Park.
- South Memorial Park Pond – Commissioner Digby visited South Memorial Park Pond, which appears to be in vigorous growth this spring.
- Spray Park at Lumberman's Arch – Commissioner Digby visited Stanley Park and was pleased to see that the Spray Park at Lumberman's Arch was in full action on the first hot summer weekend of 2024.
- Spanish Banks Watermain Replacement – Commissioner Digby visited Spanish Banks and was impressed by the progress on the water pipe replacement at Spanish Banks West
- Advisory Committees and Liaison Work – Comr. Jensen – Commissioner Jensen attended the Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee, and Community Centre Association meetings for Strathcona, Sunset, and Douglas Park Community Centres

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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



- Youth Week 2024 – Youth Week 2024 was celebrated from May 1-7, 2024, which involved 3 city-wide events including a Queer Prom for 2SLGBTQIA+ youth, a Youth Week Skate Jam at Plaza Skate Park, an indoor volleyball tournament at Killarney Community Centre, and several other smaller community events in Community Centres across the city.
- Queen Elizabeth Park – Irrigation Main Replacement – Staff recently completed the replaced of the irrigation main at Queen Elizabeth Park, restoring water supply to the Rose Garden, Lawn Bowling, and both the small and large quarry. The park welcomes 6 million visitors per year, and this repair ensures continued high level of service.
- Musqueam Park Trail Bridge Replacement - A contractor has been selected through public tender process for replacement of the pedestrian bridge across Musqueam Creek.
- Council Agenda Items
 - Council to receive a report on May 28, 2024, titled “[Arbutus Greenway – Establishment of City Land for Street and Public Space Purposes](#)”, which would approve establishing the Arbutus Greenway for street and public use, solidifying the use of the greenway as a transportation corridor and creating better integration with parks and public space.
 - Council to receive another report on May 28, 2024, titled “[New Agreements for the following Childcare Centres: 3 Corners Childcare Centre, International Village Children’s Centre and Learning Tree Daycare](#)”, which would authorize City staff to execute a new lease with three licensed non-profit group childcare operators, including a new lease for Mount Pleasant CCA to operate 3 Corners Childcare Centre
 - Council to receive a report for information on May 29, 2024, titled “[2025-2029 Budget Outlook](#)”, which outlines the City’s projected Operating and Capital financial outlook based on current state service levels.
 - Council to receive a report on May 29, 2024, titled “[2024 Cultural Grants \(CASC, Capacity, Cultural Spaces\)](#)”, which would approve several cultural grants for projects and events around the City.

BY-LAWS

Liquor Consumption in Parks – By-Law Amendment

The Board enacted the [by-law amendments regarding liquor consumption in parks](#) that were presented to and approved by the Board on May 6, 2024. The by-law amendments update the dates in which liquor consumption is permitted in select parks as part of the Alcohol in Parks re-Pilot for 2024.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next Committee and Board meetings are scheduled for June 10, 2024.

