



## PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

— June 10, 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

#### **Sport Field Strategy**

The Board [approved](#) the [Sport Field Strategy](#), which will guide the planning, management, maintenance and operational decision making for Vancouver's sport fields over the next 10+ years. The Strategy will also provide a basis for ongoing capital and operating plans and budgets. Staff will report back to the Board prior to making any substantive changes to current operating policies, and will provide a briefing to City Council per recommendation within the City's Office of the [Auditor General's report](#) of November 27, 2023.

The Strategy, including its implementation plan, responds to direction provided by [VanPlay](#), considering the management, maintenance and renewal of the sport field inventory through a city-wide equity lens to service delivery, while making a commitment to Reconciliation and decolonization. This aligns with VanPlay's first two strategic bold moves: to meet asset needs and to advance equity.

#### **Stanley Park Train - Update**

The Board received an update on the [Stanley Park Train](#), which outlined the status of its operations and the ongoing recommissioning effort. The Train is currently operating on weekends until the end of June, then it will shift to Wednesday to Sunday operations for July and August. Ghost Train and Bright Nights events are scheduled later this year. This year's Ghost Train will have two locomotives and 8 carriages in service, including 1 fully accessible and 1 partially accessible carriage. Bright Nights will add an additional locomotive available as a backup, and two additional passenger carriages for a total of 10 carriages, including 1 fully and 1 partially-accessible carriages. Future improvements to the Train will address overall system maintenance, with an emphasis on safety.

### CHAIR'S REPORT

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

- Arts & Health Gala Showcase – Chair Bastyovanszky spoke at the Arts & Health Gala Showcase at Roundhouse Community Arts and Recreation Centre.
- 2024 City Service Awards – Commissioners Christensen and Jensen attended the 2024 City Service Awards. Park Rangers received the People's Choice Award, and the Jericho Lands team received the JEDI award.
- UNDRIP Action Plan – Joined by Commissioner Jensen, GM Jackson and Park Board staff, the City of Vancouver, xʷməθkʷəy̓əm, Skwxwú7mesh and səlilwətał gathered to recognize the important work that has been done to develop the UNDRIP Action Plan.
- Strathcona CCA AGM – Commissioner Jensen attended the Strathcona Community Center's Annual General Meeting.
- Coopers' Park Renewal – Commissioner Jensen visited Coopers' Park to observe the progress of the renewal, and noted the incredible work done by staff.



- WC Shelly Park Expansion – Commissioner Christensen visited WC Shelly Park to see the park expansion work, which has added new green space to the community while park design is underway.
- China Creek South Park Skatepark Renewal – Commissioner Christensen visited China Creek South Park to see the progress on the skatepark improvement work.
- South Kinross Park Tour – Commissioners attended a staff-led tour of the newly opened South Kinross Park.
- Italian Day on the Drive – Commissioners attended Italian Day on the Drive, celebrating Italian Heritage Month alongside City Councilors and School Board Trustees.
- Kits Pool Concession Stand – Chair Bastyovanszky visited the new concession stand above Kits Pool, and appreciated the live music, good selection of refreshments, and chill vibe.
- Boat for Hope – Chair Bastyovanszky attended Boat for Hope with Sara from Variety – The Children’s Charity at Hastings Mill Park.
- Second Beach Pool – Chair Bastyovanszky visited Second Beach pool ahead of the extended hours announcements and met with the lifeguards.
- Canada Pride Launch Party – Chair Bastyovanszky and Commissioner Jensen attended the Canada Pride Launch Party with Khelsilem and Councilors Dominato and Fry, hosted by the Vancouver Pride Society.
- I Heart Yaletown BBQ – Commissioners attended the I Heart Yaletown BBQ at Roundhouse Community Centre.
- Save the Park Board Debate – Commissioners attended a public debate about the important role the Park Board plays in protecting Vancouver parks and green spaces.
- Liaison Appointments – Chair Bastyovanszky attended the 2SLGBTQ+ Advisory Committee, Vancouver Field Sports Federation Bi-Monthly Meeting as part of his community liaison roles.
- Honouring Charles Flavelle – The passing of Charles Flavelle, co-owner of Purdy’s Chocolates, is commemorated for his significant contribution to the community through the creation of Choklit Park.

## **GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT**

The General Manager presented an overview of the GM’s Report:

- Mobile Building Workers – The Mobile Building Workers team has been expanded to provide more consistent service delivery to over 60 locations and more than 100 washrooms and changerooms, taken care of twice per day, 365 days per year. Staff have also recently completed deep cleaning of all the beach locations, preparing them for the summer months.
- Spanish Banks Water Main Replacement – Water main pipes have been replaced, restoring water supply services to the west concession building, washroom facilities, lifeguarding station, and fire hydrant. New services have been provided for dust suppression at volleyball courts and special events in the area. Non-invasive construction methodology was selected to ensure protection of a nearby culturally significant area, and archaeological monitoring was conducted throughout the work.



- Broadway Public Realm Plan – Phase 2 Engagement – City staff will be launching the second round of public engagement on June 13, 2024, for the Broadway Public Realm Plan and Broadway Streetscape Plan. This work is being led by the City of Vancouver Planning department in collaboration with Park Board’s Planning department, and other City departments. The Plan’s expected completion date is the end of 2024.
- New Public Space in Broadway Plan Area – On May 30, Council approved rezoning for 130 W Broadway, the former site of Mountain Equipment Co-op store. This will soon be home to 514 rental units in two towers, connected with a single storey podium, the fully accessible rooftop public space, commercial uses, and a childcare facility.
- 2024 City Service Awards – Park Rangers received the People’s Choice Award. Our Rangers are in the field seven days a week, 18 hours a day, making Vancouver's parks and beaches safe, clean, and accessible. The JEDI award was presented to the Jericho Lands team, recognizing the exceptional contribution the team has made to advancing Justice, Equity, Decolonization, and Inclusion work over the past year. The Jericho Lands team was celebrated for its work on the [ᑭᓐᑲᓐᑲᓐᑲᓐ/ᑲᓐᑲᓐᑲᓐᑲᓐ/Jericho Lands Plan](#), a complete community plan which will deliver approximately 20 acres of park space, 10 acres of public open space and a new community centre co-managed with MST.
- Council Agenda Items
  - Council to receive a report on June 12, 2024, titled “[Vancouver Official Development Plan – Project Scope and Terms of Reference](#)”, which outlines the project scope to create Vancouver’s first comprehensive city-wide Official Development Plan By-law, a new Provincial requirement, and key action to implement the Vancouver Plan.
  - Council to receive a report on June 12, 2024, titled “[Establishing a Chinatown Cultural District](#)”, which would approve the draft Chinatown Cultural District Framework to support the renewed vibrancy of the neighbourhood. Goals include improving the overall environment in Chinatown by enhancing public spaces and supporting Chinatown’s cultural heritage assets and businesses.

## NEXT MEETINGS

The next Committee and Board meetings are scheduled for June 24, 2024.

