



## PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS — June 24 and June 25, 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

#### South Vancouver Park Amenities

The Board approved the [South Vancouver Park Amenities](#) with [amendments](#) to build a new synthetic turf field, walking loop and field house in Moberly Park funded through the Province's Growing Communities Fund. The Board also directed staff to proceed with assigning a short pile field hockey as the field's primary sport use, following engagement with VSB and Walter Moberly elementary school to reduce residential parking impact. The new synthetic turf field will be the second in the Sunset neighborhood, alongside Memorial South Park. The addition of this field will help address growing demand for bookings of similar existing fields by providing over 3000 hours annually for permitted play.

#### Integrity Commissioner Investigation Report

The Board approved that the timeline to make its final determination on the [Integrity Commissioner Investigation Report Decision](#) be extended beyond 30 days, and decided the [amended motion](#) be deferred to the July 8, 2024 Board meeting.

### CHAIR'S REPORT

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

- Vancouver Canadians Annual Dog Days of Summer – Commissioner Jensen and Benson DuBois attended the first pitch at the Vancouver Canadians Dog Day of Summer at Nat Bailey Stadium.
- 2024 Dragon Boat Festival Blessing Ceremony – Commissioner Jensen attended the Dragon Boat Festival Blessing Ceremony at False Creek ahead of the 36th Dragon Boat Festival.
- Bard on the Beach – Chair Bastyovanszky along with Vancouver School Board Chair Jung, Commissioner Digby and Commissioner Jensen attended Bard on the Beach to watch Hamlet in Vanier Park.
- Advisory Committees – Commissioner Jensen attended advisory meetings with the Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee, Vancouver Food Policy Council, and hosted the quarterly meeting of Childcare Council at Park Board office.
- Celebration at Stanley Park Pitch and Putt – Commissioners and staff celebrated the launch of alcohol service at Stanley Park Pitch and Putt and Queen Elizabeth Pitch and Putt.
- SummerCamp Rib & Music Fest – Commissioner Jensen attended the SummerCamp Rib & Music Fest at Jonathan Rogers Park.
- Douglas Park Community Day – Commissioner Jensen provided opening remarks at the Douglas Park Community Day alongside Mayor Sim and Director Kellock.
- Dragon Boat Festival – Commissioner Jensen attended the Dragon Boat Festival and provided colour commentary during the Breast Cancer races.
- Marpole Community Day Festival – Commissioner Digby attended the annual Marpole Community Day Festival at Oak Park with the CCA Chair Mike Burdick.



- VanDusen Garden/Bloedel Conservatory Annual General Meeting – Commissioner Digby attended the Vancouver Botanical Garden Association AGM to celebrate their new Joint Operating Agreement with the Park Board, acknowledging the efforts of the four Presidents.
- Jericho Beach Park – Commissioner Digby visited the extensive invasive species removal project currently underway at Jericho Beach Park.
- National Indigenous People’s Day – Commissioner Digby joined band member Wade Grant at the Indigenous People's Day festivities held at the Musqueam Reserve.
- Meeting with Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board – Chair Bastovanszky, Commissioners Christensen and Digby met with the elected members of the Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board in Seattle.
- Visit to Bellingham Boardwalk – Chair Bastovanszky, Commissioners Christensen and Digby toured the elevated Bellingham Boardwalk to observe the highly popular ocean-front seawall alternative.

## GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

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

- KCCA Food Security Initiatives – Kitsilano War Memorial Community Centre Association has developed various programs supporting food security and food culture. Recently, KCCA has also created a working group with ten organizations to support a unified approach to community services, and act as a host site for the Park Board’s Artist in the Kitchen pilot program. Staff are pleased to celebrate the successes of our important joint operating partners in our community centres.
- Rupert and Renfrew Stations Area Planning – On June 29, Phase 3 of the Rupert and Renfrew Stations area planning will begin. The engagement covers the draft land use plan and amenity priorities for 25 years in an area of significant population growth, with more than 15,000 new residents expected over the 25 years. Park Board staff have advocated for Still Creek and park expansions, park amenity funded improvements, and the renewal of the Renfrew Park Community Centre that are identified in the draft plan. Renfrew Community Centre renewal funding will be sought through separate capital plan processes.
- Art in Andy Livingstone Park – Art in the Park at Andy Livingstone is an annual artist in residence project through the Urban Park Activation Team. The project focuses on destigmatization and community building through fun, welcoming, creative practice and connection with Indigenous Elders. Carnegie Elders in Residence Les Nelson and Marr Dorvault will work with the artists' collective Big Top Art Tent in twice weekly workshops in the park. The opening celebration for this project happens on June 27 and the project continues on Thursdays and Sundays from 2 - 6pm throughout the summer.
- Council Agenda Items
  - Council to receive a report on June 25, 2024, titled “[City of Vancouver UNDRIP Action Plan](#)”, which would formally endorse the UNDRIP Action Plan, and direct staff to begin the implementation of the UNDRIP Action Plan deliverables over the next five years.
  - Council to receive a report on June 26, 2024, titled “[2024 Homelessness Services Grants and Heat Preparedness Response Grant](#)”, which would approve 17



Homelessness Service Grants aimed at creating awareness and engaging residents in solutions to homelessness, and supporting individuals experiencing homelessness. This would include funding for organizations supporting a number of events and initiatives in Oppenheimer Park.

- Council to receive a report on June 26, 2024, titled "[Downtown Eastside Plan Implementation and Special Enterprise Program Grant Allocations – 2024](#)", which would approve grants for 17 non-profit organizations in the Downtown Eastside to advance the social, economic, and environmental objectives of the DTES Plan.
- Council to receive a presentation on June 26, 2024, titled "[2023-2026 Capital Plan Mid-Term Update](#)", which would provide an update on the 2023-2026 Capital Plan implementation.
- Council to receive a motion on June 26, 2024, titled "[Reimagining and Replacing Kitsilano Outdoor Pool](#)", which would direct City staff to expedite the Kitsilano Pool replacement feasibility study, in partnership with the Vancouver Park Board, in order to plan for and fund the replacement of Kits Pool.

## NEXT MEETINGS

The next Committee and Board meetings are scheduled for July 8, 2024.

