



PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS — September 9, 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

Governance of Facilities Asset Management and Capital Maintenance

The Board [approved](#) the Governance of Facilities Asset Management and Capital Maintenance motion with amendments, which directs staff to report back in Q2 2025 with a performance review of the services provided by Real Estate and Facilities Management (REFM) towards planning of renewal and maintenance for Park Board facilities. The report back will also include recommendations on potential changes to the operating protocol between Park board and REFM that would enhance planning and maintenance of Park Board facilities.

“Think Big” Revenue Strategy – Update

The Board received an [update](#) on the current state of the 'Think Big' Action Plan, which included key milestones achieved in the first year of the program, identified challenges encountered, and outlined next steps to ensure the continued success and sustainability of the program. Project highlights include the program becoming cost-neutral in its first year, nine major initiatives currently underway, and staff estimates that the program will generate \$4.4M in new annual gross revenue by the end of 2026.

CHAIR'S REPORT

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

- Vancouver Open Launch – Chair Bastyovanszky and Commissioner Jensen attended the launch of the Vancouver Open tournament at Langara Golf Course
- Vancouver Open Fundraising Pro-Am – Commissioner Jensen attended the Vancouver Open Fundraising Pro-Am at Fraserview Golf Course
- Launch of Adopt-A-Tree – Commissioner Digby attended the media event to launch the Adopt-A-Tree Program
- Honda Celebration of Light Barge Tour – Chair Bastyovanszky attended the Behind-the-Scenes Barge Tour for the Honda Celebration of Light
- Vancouver Pride Parade – Chair Bastyovanszky attended the Vancouver Pride Parade with Commissioners Christensen, Digby, and Jensen
- Vancouver International Pride Tennis Tournament – Chair Bastyovanszky participated in the Vancouver International Pride Tennis Tournament
- Vancouver Canadians Pride Baseball Game – Chair Bastyovanszky attended the Vancouver Canadians Pride Baseball Game.
- Meeting with SPES – Chair Bastyovanszky met with volunteers from the Stanley Park Ecological Society to learn about the Stanley Park Community Garden
- KitsFest 2024 – Chair Bastyovanszky and Commissioner Jensen attended KitsFest 2024
- Opening of Kitsilano Pool – Chair Bastyovanszky and Commissioner Digby attended the opening event for the Kitsilano Pool



- Opening of Coopers' Park Off Leash Area – Chair Bastyovanszky attended the staff-led tour of the newly opened Off Leash Area at Coopers' Park with Commissioners Christensen and Jensen
- Thunderbird Community Centre Association Meeting – Commissioner Digby attended the Thunderbird Community Centre Association monthly meeting on July 23
- Kitsilano Showboat – Commissioner Digby attended the Closing Night Ceremony of the Kitsilano Showboat
- Jericho Beach Park Visit – Commissioner Digby visited Jericho Beach Park and observed the progress in the removal of invasive plants
- Poetry in the Park – Commissioner Digby attended a Poetry in the Park workshop at Emery Barnes Park
- Kerrisdale Community Centre Society – Commissioner Digby joined members of the Kerrisdale Community Centre Society board in the tabling event
- Condition of Lost Lagoon – Commissioner Digby gained a new perspective on the precarious health of Lost Lagoon
- Car Free Day – Chair Bastyovanszky and Commissioner Digby attended the Car Free Day event.
- Renfrew Park Community Centre 60th Anniversary Celebration – Chair Bastyovanszky and Commissioner Christensen attended the 60th Anniversary Celebration of Renfrew Park Community Centre with City Councillors and CCA members
- Battle of Britain Ceremonial Parade – Chair Bastyovanszky attended the Battle of Britain Ceremonial Parade in Stanley Park
- Kerrisdale Days – Chair Bastyovanszky attended Kerrisdale Days hosted by the Kerrisdale Community Centre Association

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- Hastings Community Association 90th Anniversary – On July 7, Hastings Community Association celebrated its 90th anniversary. The event hosted over 200 community members and featured performances, program demonstrations, food trucks, carnival games, and more.
- Youth Services – Camp Sasamat – Community Youth Workers and support staff from various community centres took over 60 youth to Camp Sasamat for an overnight camp experience. Youth participated in various activities, including kayaking, canoeing, a high ropes course, art, games, and a talent show.



BOARD MOTIONS

Revitalizing the Park Board

The Board referred the [motion](#) to the September 23, 2024, Committee meeting to hear from the public. This motion would reaffirm the Board's position as a democratically elected body, and work in partnership with the City of Vancouver, First Nations, the Province, the Federal Government, Community Centre Associations, park partners, and other such groups to achieve a modernized mandate for parks and recreation. This motion would also direct staff to develop a collaborative process for broad public consultation with the aim to design and implement a revitalized mandate for an elected Park Board by October 2026.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next Committee and Board meetings are scheduled for September 23, 2024.

