



PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS — September 23 & 24, 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

Revitalizing the Park Board

The Board approved the [Revitalizing the Park Board](#) motion, which reaffirms the Board's position as a democratically elected body. The Board will also 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. The Board also directs 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.

Queen Elizabeth Park Dancing Fountain Repairs - Contract Award

The Board approved the [Queen Elizabeth Park Dancing Fountain Repairs Contract Award](#), which authorizes staff to negotiate and enter into a contract with Jacob Bros Construction Inc. for targeted repairs to the Dancing Waters Fountain at Queen Elizabeth Park. The existing Fountain is leaking potable water and required constant repairs to damaged pipes. This contract will provide targeted repairs including waterproofing and improvements to secure piping of the Fountain.

Sod Procurement for Sport Field Facilities - Contract Award

The Board approved the [Sod Procurement for Sport Field Facilities Contract Award](#), which authorizes staff to negotiate and enter into a contract with Northwest Turf Solutions, Inc. for the supply of sod turf for a term of approximately 22 months. The scope of work for this contract includes supporting the design development process by working alongside the City's Vancouver Venue Specific Training Sites design consultants.

Rehabilitation of Jericho Pier - Contract Award

The Board approved the [Rehabilitation of Jericho Pier Contract Award](#), which authorizes staff to negotiate and enter into a contract with Blue Water Systems Ltd for the rehabilitation of Jericho Pier for a term of approximately 8 months. Constructed in 1977, in addition to general deterioration due to age and marine conditions, the Jericho Beach Park Pier was heavily damaged in coastal storms in 2021 and 2022 and requires repair. The Pier has been closed since and in 2023, the Board directed staff to proceed with a like-for-like repair to re-open this facility to the public.

Improving Disc Golf at Vancouver Parks - Report Back

The Board approved the [Improving Disc Golf at Vancouver Parks Report Back](#), which approves the scope of work for a disc golf plan and directs staff to consider this plan as a priority for consideration in the 2025 Service Plan. This was in response to an [approved motion](#) at the April 22, 2024 Regular Board Meeting at which the Board directed staff to report back on the scope, budget and schedule required to develop a plan for the expansion of disc golf in Vancouver.

Inclusive and Accessible Sensory Park - Report Back

The Board approved the [Inclusive and Accessible Sensory Park Report Back](#), which directs staff to proceed with posting a public Request for Proposals seeking consulting services for the concept design of an Inclusive Destination Playground and Splash Pad at Memorial South Park. This was in response to an [approved motion](#) at the January 23, 2024 Committee Meeting.



CHAIR'S REPORT

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

- Car Free Day – Commissioner Jensen attended the Car Free Day event alongside VSB Chair Jung.
- Gibby's Field Opening – Commissioner Jensen visited Gibby's Field, and Commissioner Christensen delivered remarks at its official opening.
- Unveiling of The Point – Commissioner Jensen attended the unveiling of The Point on behalf of the Park Board and the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee.
- The Canine Library – Commissioner Christensen attended the 2024 Canine Library event at John Hendry Park.
- Liaison Work – Commissioner Jensen attended the Childcare Council of Vancouver meeting on September 17 in his role as liaison.
- West Southland Residents Association Annual General Meeting – Commissioners Digby and Haer attended the West Southland Residents Association AGM.
- Great Outdoors Comedy Festival – Chair Bastyovanszky and Commissioners Christensen and Jensen attended the Great Outdoors Comedy Festival at Brockton Point.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- Burrard Slopes Park – Building Deconstruction – The four existing buildings on the future Burrard Slopes Park site are to be removed this fall, with deconstruction work expected to be completed in spring 2025.
- Daylighting of Canyon Creek at Spanish Banks Beach Park (West Extension) – Update - Following project site signage in February 2024, and two pop-up engagement events in July, Park Board staff are currently working on tendering services, with a contract award scheduled for October 2024.
- FIFA Training Sites – Temporary Changes at Killarney Park – As part of the FIFA World Cup scheduled for the summer of 2026, upgrades to the Killarney Park north fields will begin in the coming weeks to help facilitate the development of a training Site for the men's international team players.
- FIFA Training Sites – Public Outreach at Memorial South Park – Upgrades to facilitate the FIFA World Cup 26 Training Site at Memorial South Park will begin in the coming weeks. Staff are planning an in-person information session this fall to communicate the timelines for track and field closures.
- Completion of Musqueam Park Bridge Replacement – A new pedestrian and equestrian bridge has been installed across Musqueam Creek at Musqueam Park. The trail reopened ahead of schedule on September 12.
- Urban Park Activation: Celebrating Art in Andy Livingstone Park – In the summer of 2024, the Big Top Art Tent Artists Collective collaborated with Carnegie Community Centre elders to bring a painting and banner making project to Andy Livingstone Park from June to September.



- Council Agenda Items
 - Council to receive a report on September 24, 2024 titled “[Quarterly Capital Budget Adjustments and Closeouts](#)”, which would approve Capital Budget and funding adjustments, including an increase to Multi-Year Project Budget for the General Brock Park renewal, Trout Lake sports field and ball diamond upgrades, and Tatlow Park Creek daylighting.

BOARD MOTIONS

Preservation and Protection of the Green Space at the Corner of Gore and Union

The Board referred the [motion](#) to the October 7, 2024 Committee Meeting in order to hear from the public. This motion would declare the Board’s interest and intent to preserve the green space at the northeast corner of Gore/Union, initially under care and custody of the Park Board, and eventually as a permanent park. The Board would also direct staff to report back by Q2/2025 on costs and options for the Park Board to acquire care and custody of the green space to maintain it as a public green space.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next Committee and Board meetings are scheduled for October 7, 2024.

