



PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS — October 7 & 8, 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

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

The Board approved the [Preservation and Protection of the Green Space at the Corner of Gore and Union](#) motion, which declares 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 also directed 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.

Corporate Sponsorship Fund Request - VanDusen Botanical Garden and Bloedel Conservatory

The Board approved the [Corporate Sponsorship Fund Request](#) on consent, which authorizes an expenditure of up to \$50,000 from the Fund for the construction of a new secured outdoor storage unit for VanDusen Botanical Garden, and for pathway replacement work at Bloedel Conservatory.

Stanley Park Update

The Board approved the [Stanley Park Hemlock Looper Response and Mitigation Plan](#), approving staff to advance planned Phase 2 (October 2024 – April 2025) risk mitigation and restoration work to address health and safety risks in highly visited areas of Stanley Park. The Board also directed staff to advance a competitive procurement process for contracted services for Phase 3 (Q4 2025 – Q1 2027) to address the remaining untreated 64% of the forest area with a report back to the Board for approval of the extent of treatment prior to implementation.

Affirmation of the Park Board as a Living Wage Employer – Report Back

The Board received a report back on [Affirmation of Park Board as a Living Wage Employer](#), providing information on the process and anticipated budgetary impacts of seeking Living Wage Employer re-certification. Within its clear jurisdiction, the Park Board continues to affirm the principles of the Living Wage program through the contracted services it is responsible for. Additional legal confirmation related to the administration of the City's direct employees and City-provided contracted services withholds it from ability to officially re-certify as a Living Wage Employer.

CHAIR'S REPORT

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

- Coopers' Park – Commissioner Jensen met with Victor Jeon from the Mount Pleasant Community Policing Centre at Coopers' Park dog park to discuss the Park Board's People, Parks and Dogs Strategy.
- Field Guides Exhibition – Chair Bastyovanszky and Commissioner Jensen attended the Field Guides Exhibition at Roundhouse, showcasing the Vancouver Park Board's Field Activation Project.
- First County Stone for Ireland – Chair Bastyovanszky attended the unveiling of the First County Stone for Ireland with Ireland Canada Place Director Brendan Flynn.



- Oddball Fall Classic Dragon Boat Competition – Chair Bastovanszky attended the Oddball Fall Classis Dragonboat Competition at False Creek.
- Kitsilano Farmers Market – Chair Bastovanszky attended the Kitsilano Farmers Market with volunteers from the Save our Park Board campaign.

GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

The General Manager provided a written [presentation](#) on the [GM’s Report](#):

- Replacement of the “Florentine Wall” Bronze Sculpture – The family of late artist Frank Perry (1923-2006) were presented with the replacement molding of the stolen “Florentine Wall” centrepiece from the Queen Elizabeth Theatre. The bronze centrepiece, stolen in 2022, was re-sculpted by the Park Board’s Graphics Department. The new mold will be reinstated in November 2024.
- Council Agenda Items
 - Council to receive a report on October 8, 2024, titled “[Reconciliation Report 10-Year: Colonial Audit Consolidation](#)”, which would direct staff to integrate all future Reconciliation and UNDRIP reporting into a single annual UNDRIP report to improve efficiency.
 - Council to receive a report on October 8, 2024, titled “[Vancouver Heritage Register Upgrade](#)”, which would approve an upgrade to the Vancouver Heritage Register. The register includes buildings, monuments, memorials, structures, and trees around the city.
 - Council to receive a presentation on October 9, 2024, titled “[Inappropriate Public Behaviours – Updating the City’s Violence Prevention Program to Ensure a Respectful and Safe Work Environment for Employees](#)”, which outlines updates to the Violence Prevention program to ensure a safe work environment for City and Park Board employees.
 - Council to receive a report on October 9, 2024, titled “[Contract Award for Construction Services for Sunset Seniors Centre Building – General Contractor](#)”, which would authorize City staff to enter into a contract for construction services for Sunset Seniors Centre for a term of approximately 15 months.

BOARD MOTIONS

Code of Conduct Policy Amendments

The Board approved a [motion](#) directing staff to report back by the end of 2024 with proposed Code of Conduct Policy amendments that address the recommendations made by the Integrity Commissioner. This includes reporting in the annual report when a Park Board Commissioner fails to attend Integrity Commissioner orientation training or education sessions, and allowing for notices of outcome to be provided to those whose complaints have been rejected due to the operation of section 5.8 of the Code of Conduct Policy.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next Committee and Board meetings are scheduled for October 21, 2024.

