



PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS — October 21, 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

Amenity Improvement Fee Framework – Multi-Year Pilot

The Board approved the [Amenity Improvement Fee Framework – Multi-Year Pilot](#), directing staff to work with City of Vancouver Chief Finance Officer to open interest-bearing Reserve Funds. Staff will also report back on the Framework's results in Q4 of 2025 and 2026, and analyze further opportunities for amenity fee implementation. This initiative aims to generate new revenue for infrastructure and amenity improvements, as outlined in the "Think Big" Action Plan.

Bard on the Beach Pilot Program

The Board approved the [Bard on the Beach Pilot Program](#), which authorizes staff to negotiate and enter into a contract with Bard on the Beach Shakespeare Festival for a pilot program that will enable the Festival's mainstage arches to remain onsite at Señákw/Vanier Park during the event's off-season between November 2024 and March 2025.

Proposed 2025 Park Board Meeting Schedule

The Board approved the [Proposed 2025 Park Board Meeting Schedule](#) on consent. Meetings will be open to the public and begin at 6:30pm, with Regular Board meetings immediately following Board Committee meetings (when scheduled). There will also be one hour reserved prior to each public meeting for an In Camera meeting, if needed. In addition, the Tuesday evening following the meeting dates will be reserved, commencing at 5:30pm, should any meeting need to be reconvened or rescheduled.

CHAIR'S REPORT

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

- Commissioner Digby attended the Stanley Park Ecology Society's staff and board retreat on October 5. He also attended the Dunbar Community Centre Association meeting on October 9.
- Commissioner Digby attended the New Brighton Park Biodiversity Enhancement Volunteer Appreciation Event.
- Commissioners joined members of the Vancouver Skateboard Coalition to celebrate the reopening of China Creek Skatepark.
- Commissioners attended the launch of the Halloween Ghost Train in Stanley Park.
- Commissioner Christensen attended the Canyon Lights event.
- Chair Bastyovanszky attended the Kitsilano Community Centre Association meeting in his role as liaison.
- Commissioner Jensen volunteered with Union Gospel Mission, serving Thanksgiving Lunch.
- Chair Bastyovanszky and Commissioner Jensen attended the Sustenance Festival.
- Commissioners attended a Board Briefing on October 15.



GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- Vancouver CitySkate – City Creek Skatepark Upgrades – On October 7, the China Creek Skatepark Upgrades project was completed and reopened to the public.
- Council Agenda Items
 - Council to receive a report on October 22, 2024, titled "Villages Planning Program – Scope of Work", which would approve the scope of work for the Villages Planning Program, including identifying opportunities for public space improvements and amenities.
 - Council to receive a report on October 22, 2024, titled "Municipal Grants Jurisdictional Review and Arts, Culture and Social Grant Program Refinement", which directs staff to engage Council in setting annual priorities for the Social and Cultural Grants.
 - Council to consider a motion on October 23, 2024, titled "Protecting and Enhancing Greenspace for the East End, Chinatown, Hogan's Alley and Strathcona", which would direct staff to report back with recommendations of park designation of the city-owned sites inclusive of 722 Gore and adjoining right of way to Keefer Street.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next Committee and Board meetings are scheduled for November 4, 2024

