



## PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS — November 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

#### **2025 Fees & Charges – Parks & Recreation**

The Board approved the proposed [2025 Fees and Charges](#) with amendments. The recommended changes are consistent with Park Board policy and reflect careful consideration of market and customer impacts, including a focus on affordability. Overall, the proposed fees and charges changes are expected to generate roughly \$4.4 million in incremental revenue in 2025. The Board also directed staff to ensure the Parking Strategy include an analysis and recommendation related to paid parking solutions for non-profit partners operating within Park Board jurisdiction.

#### **East Park Phase 1 – Proposed Concept Plan**

The Board approved the proposed [2024 Service Plan](#) with associated Operating and Capital Budgets with amendments. This plan was informed by Board priorities and major policies and strategies and is comprised of seven core service delivery areas. The 2025 Annual Operating Budget is comprised of \$183,894,418 in expenditures and transfers, funded by \$85,173,300 in revenues and \$98,721,118 of tax-based operating funds, as outlined in the report. The 2025 Annual Capital Budget is comprised of \$105,394,400 in costs to be incurred in 2024. This includes a portion of costs from new multi-year projects, which commence in 2025, as well as continuing projects from 2024 and prior years. These budgets enable the Board of Parks and Recreation to continue providing valued parks and recreation services and enhance key priority areas into 2025.

The Board directed staff to use up to \$200k from the Corporate Sponsorship Fund to implement a pilot to launch Safe Sport and Field Permitting and \$300k from the Corporate Sponsorship Fund to provide one-time funding to support the unfunded Think Big initiative. Additionally, the Board requested from Council an additional \$900,000 for the 2025 Operating Budget to improve recreational facility janitorial services to an APPA Level 4 cleanliness standard.

### NEXT MEETINGS

The next Committee and Board meetings are scheduled for December 9, 2024

