



PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS — December 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

FIFA World Cup 26 Vancouver Venue Specific Training Sites (VSTS) at Killarney and Memorial South Parks - Early Works Contract Award

The Board approved the [Early Works Contract Award for the FIFA World Cup 26 Venue Specific Training Sites at Killarney and Memorial South Parks](#) with [amendments](#) that the tree removals at Memorial South Park be delayed as long as possible to provide additional time for City staff to determine there is no alternative existing high-quality soccer facility at UBC for a FIFA training site in place of Memorial South Park.

Additionally, if construction of both training sites proceeds, the Board directs staff to engage with Killarney and Memorial South communities to understand their priorities for park amenities, and that the Board commit to prioritizing these amenities in the development of the 2027-2030 Capital Plan.

Stanley Park Hemlock Looper Response and Mitigation Plan - Advancing Phase III

The Board approved [Phase Three of the Stanley Park Hemlock Looper Response and Mitigation Plan](#). Phase Three includes mitigation and restoration of approximated 40 hectares (25%) of the Phase 3 scope to address public safety risks in high use areas of Stanley Park in Q1 2025. Staff were also directed to continue advancing a competitive procurement process for contracted services to support the remained of Phase Three risk mitigation and restoration, anticipated to take place between Q4 2025 and Q1 2027, with a report back to Board for approval of the extent of treatment prior to implementation.

Park Board Code of Conduct Policy Amendments - Report Back

The Board [referred](#) the [Code of Conduct Policy Amendments – Report Back](#) to staff to address any new recommendations from the Integrity Commissioner in the 2024 report, which is expected to be publicly available in January 2025.

Golf Course Operators - Contract Award

The Board adopted the [Golf Course Operators – Contract Award](#) on consent, which authorized staff to enter into a contract with Monaghan Golf Inc. for supply of golf course operators services for an initial term of 3 years, with the option to extend for two additional one year terms for a total of 5 years. The estimated total contract value for the initial 3-year term is \$4.3M, plus applicable taxes, to be funded through the operating budget.

CHAIR'S REPORT

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

- National Indigenous Veterans Day – Commissioner Jensen presented a wreath at the National Indigenous Veterans Day Ceremony at Victory Square Park



- Remembrance Day – Memorial South Park – Commissioner Digby presented a wreath at the Remembrance Day Ceremony at Memorial South Park
- Remembrance Day – Victory Square – Chair Bastyovanszky presented a wreath at the Remembrance Day Ceremony at Victory Square Park.
- Remembrance Day – Chinatown – Chair Bastyovanszky attended the Chinatown Memorial Square Remembrance Day Ceremony
- Kerrisdale Arena 75th Anniversary – Chair Bastyovanszky and Commissioner Digby attended the 75th Anniversary of the Kerrisdale Arena
- Jericho Sailing Centre Association Meeting – Commissioner Jensen attended the JSCA meeting.
- Brock House Society Lease Agreement – Commissioner Digby attended the celebration of a renewed lease agreement for the Brock House Society.
- Lumiere Festival – Commissioners attended the launch of the Lumiere Festival at Harbour Green Park
- Comr. Digby – Liaison Roles – Commissioner Digby attended the Britannia Community Services Centre meeting, the Dunbar CCA meeting, and the Kerrisdale CCA meeting in his role as liaison
- All Aboard Skateboard Celebration – Commissioner Jensen attended the All Aboard Skateboard Celebration.
- Louis Riel Day – Commissioner Jensen celebrated Louis Riel Day on November 16
- Comr. Jensen – Liaison Role – Commissioner Jensen met with HI Hostel, attended the Hastings Park Conservancy AGM, and attended the Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee in his role as liaison
- Park Board Transition Press Conference – Chair Bastyovanszky and Commissioner Digby attended the press conference for the City's update on the Park Board Transition Plan
- VPD Mounted Unit – Commissioner Jensen visited the VPD Mounted Unit in Stanley Park
- UGM Christmas Hampers – Commissioner Jensen packed Christmas Hampers for the Union Gospel Mission
- Christmas Wonderland on The Drive – Commissioner Christensen attended Christmas Wonderland on The Drive in Grandview Park
- Davie Plaza Tree Lighting – Chair Bastyovanszky and Commissioner Jensen attended the tree lighting at Davie Plaza
- Bright Nights in Stanley Park – Commissioners attended the opening night of Bright Nights in Stanley Park.
- East Van Panto – Commissioners met with the cast and crew of East Van Panto
- Chair Bastyovanszky – Liaison Roles – Chair Bastyovanszky attended the False Creek CCA meeting, VFSF Board meeting and AGM, and the VSB-COV Planning and Facilities meeting in his role as liaison



- Comr. Christensen – Liaison Roles – Commissioner Christensen attended the AGM for Mount Pleasant CCA and Trout Lake CCA and swore in new members
- BC Lions Grey Cup Gala – Commissioners attended the BC Lions Grey Cup Gala dinner
- BC Lions Grey Cup Game – Commissioners attended the BC Lions 111th Grey Cup Game at BC Place
- Fallen Trees in Stanley Park – Chair Bastyovanszky and Commissioner Jensen observed fallen trees in Stanley Park after the recent bomb cyclone
- VBGA Alma Society Dinner – Chair Bastyovanszky and Commissioner Digby attended the VBGA Alma Society Dinner
- VPL Year End Meeting – Commissioner Jensen attended the VPL year-end meeting and holiday celebration.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- 2024 Micro Forest Pilot – Two micro forest pilot sites were installed at Gordon and Strathcona Parks, supporting improved ecological function, biodiversity, water conservation, and cooling.
- 2024 Stewardship Restoration – Park Board staff supplied stewardship partners with 6,500 native plants to be installed in fall/winter 2024/2025 at community-led events.
- Kerrisdale – Point Grey Track and Field Upgrades – Opening – The track and field at Kerrisdale – Point Grey has been reopened for use with a resurfaced 400m track, new jumping and throwing amenities, improved seating, storage, lighting, and accessibility.
- Bomb Cyclone Response – On November 19, 2024, high winds cause the closure of Stanley Park. 7 trees fell onto roadways within the park, making them impassable. Rangers closed vehicle access points and patrolled the park to ask citizens to leave for their safety.
- Council Agenda Items
 - Council to receive a presentation on December 11, 2024, titled “Vancouver Plan Implementation Update”.
 - Council to receive a report on December 11, 2024, titled “Broadway Plan Review and Implementation”.
 - Council to receive a report on December 11, 2024, titled “Contract Award for the Construction of the Early Works for the FIFA World Cup 26 Vancouver Venue Specific Training Sites (VSTS) at Killarney and Memorial South Parks”.
 - Council to receive a report on December 11, 2024, titled “Contract Award for Golf Course Operators”.
 - Council to consider a motion on December 11, 2024, titled “Support for Japanese Canadian Interpretive Centre at Hastings Park”.



ELECTIONS FOR 2025 TERM

The Board elected Commissioner Christensen as its Board Chair for the 2025 Term, and Commissioner Jensen was elected Board Vice-Chair. Commissioners Bastyovanszky and Digby were elected as Committee Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next Committee and Board meetings are scheduled for January 20, 2025.

