



## PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS — January 20, 2025 —

*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

#### **Sponsorship & Sponsorship Naming Rights Policy**

The Board approved the Sponsorship & Sponsorship Naming Rights Policy with [amendments](#). This policy rescinds the 2007 Naming Rights Policy and the 1995 Sponsorship Guidelines and implements the 2025 Sponsorship Policy contained in Appendix C. The Board approved amendments to reduce the delegated authority value to \$250,000, and that section 6.2 of the policy statement be amended to include consultation with community centre associations, key partners and rights holders on aspects of sponsorship and sponsorship naming initiatives that could have impact on their operations.

#### **Stanley Park Hemlock Looper Response – Bid Committee Change Order**

The Board received for information the [Stanley Park Hemlock Looper Response Bid Committee Change Order](#) administrative report. The report informed the Board that a change order with a value of \$3 million has been approved and awarded to start using some of the budget for Phase 3 of the mitigation work under the current contract with B.A. Blackwell & Associates Ltd. to expedite high-priority mitigation work.

#### **2024 Year in Review**

The Board received a presentation on the [2024 Year in Review](#). The presentation provided an outline of the work delivered by staff on a range of priorities and a variety of projects and initiatives for Vancouver's parks and recreation spaces. This included capital delivery, improved parks, playgrounds, facilities and amenities, the advancement of key policies and strategies, over 1,500 special events and the planting of over 25,000 trees in Stanley Park.

#### **Commissioner Liaison Appointments**

The Board received for information a memo outlining the [2025 Commissioner Liaison Appointments](#). Commissioners were appointed to liaison roles for community centre associations and societies, Park Board advisory groups, community partners and groups, statutory committees and board, and Council advisory bodies across the city.

### CHAIR'S REPORT

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

- Commissioners and their families attended the VanDusen Festival of Lights
- Chair Christensen, Commissioner Digby, and Commissioner Jensen attended the 2025 Polar Bear Swim
- Commissioner Digby attended board meetings for Britannia Community Services Centre and Dunbar CCA in his role as liaison
- Chair Christensen and Commissioner Jensen attended the Joint Childcare Council of Vancouver in their roles as liaison
- Commissioner Jensen visited English Bay to view the Invictus Games "I Am" display in advance of the upcoming games coming to Vancouver



## GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- Muncie Booth Retirement – the Park Board honored Muncie Booth, Golf Operator at McCleery Golf Course for his 33-year partnership with the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation
- 2025 Polar Bear Swim – 2025 marked the 105<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Polar Bear Swim at English Bay, with an estimated 28,000 attendees and over 13,000 registered participants.
- VanDusen Festival of Lights – the VanDusen Festival of Lights celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- Bloedel Conservatory Pathway Reconstruction – Bloedel Conservatory reopened its doors to the public on January 4, 2025, following a 2-month pathway reconstruction project.
- Council Agenda Items
  - Council to receive a report on January 21, 2025, titled "Local Government By-election 2025".
  - Council to receive a report for information on January 22, 2025, titled "Contract Award for Tree Removal and Associated Services in Stanley Park".
  - Council to consider a motion on January 22, 2025, titled "Effective Water Use in the City of Vancouver".

## MEMBERS' MOTIONS

The Board approved the members motion titled "Request for designation of 17 parks as Permanent Public Parks under the Vancouver Charter s. 488(5)". The motion formally endorses the recommendation that the 17 parks listed in Appendix A be designated as permanent public parks by Mayor and Council.

## NEXT MEETINGS

The next Committee and Board meetings are scheduled for February 3, 2025

