



PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS — March 10, 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

Enhanced Accessibility of Seawall Cycling Path - Report Back

The Board approved [the proposed conceptual designs to enhance accessibility](#) on the Stanley Park Seawall pathways at Lumberman's Arch, Prospect Point and Third Beach. Staff were directed to proceed with the detailed design phase for the proposed solutions at these locations, and to seek construction funding in the 2027-2030 Capital Plan.

Park Board Flag & Illumination Policy

The Board approved [the Park Board Flag and Illumination Policy](#), which clarifies and ensures that the written policy accurately reflects longstanding practice and provides consistent direction to staff with respect to the protocol and management of flags flown under Park Board jurisdiction.

Leisure Access Program Expansion Pilot - Interim Update

The Board received a presentation on the [Leisure Access Program \(LAP\) Expansion Pilot](#) Interim Update. Updates to the program include increasing the income eligibility from 50% to 60% of the median income to reflect the cost of living in the City of Vancouver, as well as the hiring of a Leisure Education Facilitator to focus on building relationships with individuals and organizations, introducing people to LAP program benefits and Park Board amenities, and developing simpler resource material for staff training and program promotion. At the conclusion of the pilot, project learnings and new processes and recourses will be incorporated into current staff work plans. Staff expect to report back to the Board in Q3 2026.

CHAIR'S REPORT

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

- Commissioner Jensen attended the Vancouver Food Policy Council meeting in his role as liaison
- Commissioner Jensen visited the off-leash dog area in Coopers' Park to see how popular the park is for the neighbourhood
- Chair Christensen attended the Association Presidents Group meeting at Marpole-Oakridge Community Centre in her role as liaison

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

The General Manager [presented](#) an overview of the [GM's Report](#):

- 25 Years of Service Award – GM Jackson acknowledged 9 Park Board employees who have reached 25 Years of Service this year.
- Council Agenda Items
 - Council to receive a report on March 11, 2025, titled "[2025 Community Services and Other Social Grants](#)".



- Council to receive a report on March 11, 2025, titled "[Annual Federation of Canadian Municipalities \(FCM\), Union of British Columbia Municipalities \(UBCM\), and Lower Mainland Local Government Association \(LMLGA\) Membership Fees for 2025-2026](#)".
- Council to receive a report on March 12, 2025, titled "[2024 Q4 Quarterly Capital Budget Adjustments and Closeouts](#)".

MEMBER'S MOTIONS

"Think Local": Prioritizing Canadian Goods for Vancouver Park Board Facilities

The Board approved the [Think Local motion with amendments](#) directing staff to report back on the potential benefits and opportunities of purchasing and utilizing Canadian-made goods in all Park Board operations. Staff were also directed to report back within three months to provide recommendations on enhancing sourcing from Canadian producers for all food and beverage products sold or served at Park Board facilities.

HI Hotel Group at Jericho Beach

The Board approved [the motion with amendments](#) that staff be directed to work with the HI Hostel Group to discuss the terms of the Operating Agreement and any necessary agreements related to capital improvements. Staff were directed to report back to the Board with an In Camera report by April 2025 on the process of the lease renewal and capital investment in the facility.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next Committee and Board meetings are scheduled for March 31, 2025

