



PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS — March 31, 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

Vancouver Aquatic Centre Renewal - Report Back

The Board approved the [Vancouver Aquatic Centre Renewal – Report Back](#) with [amendments](#) directing staff to proceed with the February 24, 2025 recommended program as presented in the report titled, [Vancouver Aquatic Centre Renewal – Recommended Program](#).

Staff were also directed to update the Recommendations for Service Delivery section in [VanSplash](#) to reflect the current state of the Park Board aquatic inventory, studies to date, and alignment with other strategies and plans. This update will include provision for a 50m pool within the next 10 years, and staff have also been directed to report back on the feasibility of adding a temporary pool basin to the Vancouver Aquatic Centre to accommodate swimmers displaced from the facility during its renewal.

CHAIR'S REPORT

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

- Commissioner Jensen attended the Children Youth and Families Advisory Committee meeting in his role as liaison.
- Commissioner Jensen renewed his OneCard at Creekside Community Centre
- Commissioner Digby attended meetings with various CCAs and Advisory Committees in his role as liaison
- Commissioner Jensen visited the soon to be completed park at Mark & 7th
- Commissioner Christensen attended meetings with Killarney CCA, Renfrew CCA, and Trout Lake CCA in her role as liaison
- Commissioner Jensen visited and played at Langara Golf Course.
- Commissioner Bastyovanszky and VSB Chair Jung attended the TREK Presentation by Dr. David Suzuki
- Commissioners and VSB Chair Jung spent the afternoon at Batch at Kitsilano
- Commissioners Bastyovanszky and Jensen attended a memorial reception to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Dr. Sun Yat-Sen's passing
- Commissioners Bastyovanszky and Jensen attended the Slocan Park Youth Hub Renewal pop-up
- Commissioners Bastyovanszky and Jensen visited Trout Lake to see the diamond and rugby field renewal projects
- Chair Christensen spoke at the Big Picnic at David Lam Park.



GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- Burrard Slopes Park Engagement Launch – The second round of public engagement for this new park is scheduled from April 9 to April 30, 2025
- Indigenous Info Night – On March 6, the Arts, Reconciliation & Culture (ARC) organized an Indigenous Info Night to bring Park Board staff and the Indigenous community together to begin to build relationships
- Reconciliation Training – ARC organized a series of trainings for Park Board staff to learn about the origins of anti-Indigenous racism in colonial Canada with instructor Len Pierre.
- Council Agenda Items
 - Council to receive a presentation on April 2, 2025, titled “Vancouver Fire Rescue Wildlife Risk Report”.
 - Council to enact a By-law Amendment on April 9, 2025, titled “A By-law to amend the Code of Conduct By-law No. 12886 regarding independent reviews”

MEMBER'S MOTIONS

Synthetic Turf Field & Lighting at Kitsilano Secondary School

The Board approved the motion, which authorizes the Park Board to begin the process negotiating and entering into an agreement with the Vancouver School Board (VSB) with respect to the joint use and operation of the synthetic turf field at Kitsilano Secondary School, with the final agreement contingent upon City Council, under section 488(3) of the Vancouver Charter, confirming that the licensed lands will be under the Park Board's jurisdiction for the duration of the agreement.

OTHER BUSINESS

Travel Approval for BCRPA 2025 Symposium

The Board approved travel expenses for the attendance of Commissioners Christensen, Haer, and Jensen at the BC Recreation and Parks Association (BCRPA) 2025 Symposium in Whistler from May 6 to 8, 2025.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next Committee and Board meetings are scheduled for April 14, 2025

