



## PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS — May 12, 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

#### Urban Forestry Strategy

The Board approved the [Urban Forest Strategy - 2025 Update](#). The urban forest is a vital piece of infrastructure and a globally recognized part of Vancouver's identity, delivering broad benefits across every neighbourhood. It cools streets, cleans the air, supports biodiversity, and promotes public health—bringing nature into the city while strengthening climate resilience and enhancing daily life. Key changes in the Strategy include an updated canopy cover target of 30%, improved integration of equity and reconciliation values, and modernized strategy framework with a fiscally responsible action plan. The Strategy embraces a “right tree, right place, right pace” principle, highlighting a thoughtful and strategic approach to managing the urban forest. Goals, objectives, and actions have been updated to optimize the delivery of urban forest ecosystem services that advance climate resilience, and sustainability to ensure the long-term resilience of Vancouver's urban forest aligning with overarching plans and policies.

### CHAIR'S REPORT

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

- Commissioners Jensen and Haer spoke at the Sakura Days Japan Fair at VanDusen Botanical Gardens;
- Commissioners Bastiovanszky and Jensen attended the Kerrisdale Days;
- Commissioner Bastiovanszky provided the opening remarks and land acknowledgement for the Kerrisdale Little League Opening Ceremonies;
- Commissioners Bastiovanszky and Jensen attended the opening ceremonies for Trout Lake Little League;
- Commissioners Haer and I attended the 2025 BC Recreation and Parks Association (BCRPA) Symposium in Whistler;
- Commissioner Bastiovanszky attended a Vancouver Canadians game;
- Commissioner Bastiovanszky attended the Trout Lake rugby field;
- Commissioner Bastiovanszky visited the Burrard Slopes Park construction site;
- Commissioner Bastiovanszky Visited Second beach pool;
- Commissioner Bastiovanszky attended the DTES memorial for Trey;
- Commissioner Bastiovanszky visited the Stanley Park Community Gardens;



- Commissioner Digby paid respects on behalf of all Park Board Commissioners at the scene on the day after the April 26 Mass Casualty Event;
- Commissioner Digby attended the launch of the "all Canadian" Honda Celebration of Light;
- Commissioners Digby and Jensen attended Seeding Stewardship in Clark Park;
- Commissioner Digby attended a pop-up event at Trout Lake;
- Commissioners Digby threw the Ceremonial First Bowl at Pt. Grey Lawn Bowling and Croquet Club;
- Commissioners Haer attended Vaisakhi Parade 2025;
- Commissioners Christensen and Haer attended the unveiling of Vancouver's official FIFA World Cup 26™ Host City;
- Commissioners Haer attended a solemn gathering at Memorial Park for the lives lost in the mass casualty event;
- Commissioner Jensen attended Vancouver Food Policy Council in his role as liaison;
- Commissioner Digby attended Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee and Mt Pleasant CCA in his role as liaison.

## GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- King Charles Coronation Medal - Two Community Centre Association Directors have received the King Charles III Coronation Medal. This medal is awarded to outstanding individuals who have made a lasting difference in their communities through a lifetime of work. It recognizes their commitment and dedication and the impact they had made.
- Passing of Bonnie Mackenzie - On April 16th, 2025, Bonnie Mackenzie peacefully passed away. Bonnie spent six years on the Board of the West End Community Centre; several as Treasurer and one as President. Bonnie was pivotal in the Joint Operating Agreement negotiations - first in her role as Treasurer when she provided the detailed financial information, and then as President during the final stages of negotiations.
- BC Youth Week - BC Youth Week 2025, which took place from May 1 – 7. As part of BC Youth Week, Park Board, with support from local community centre associations, hosted five free city-wide youth activations in community centres across the city. These included ice-skating (with free lessons, skate rentals, and hot chocolate), a basketball tournament, a volleyball tournament, a movie and games night in collaboration with the Kensington Little Mountain Community Policing Centre, and a Dungeons & Dragons event: The Tabletop Tussle.
- W.C. Shelly Park - Public engagement for W.C. Shelly Park Expansion will run from June 3rd to June 22nd. Residents in the neighbourhood are invited to provide feedback on the draft concept plan through online or paper survey, as well as at a pop-up event in the park.



## NEXT MEETINGS

The next Committee and Board meetings are scheduled for June 2, 2025

