



PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

— June 2, 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

First Nations, Inuit & Metis Access Policy – VanDusen & Bloedel

The Board approved the [First Nations, Inuit & Metis Access Policy – VanDusen & Bloedel](#). This policy directs that any individual who self-identifies as Indigenous, First Nations, Metis or Inuit when they visit VanDusen Botanical Garden and Bloedel Conservatory during daytime operating hours will be offered complimentary admission. This policy will be implemented on Saturday, June 21, 2025, aligning with National Indigenous Peoples Day, and aligns with the [City of Vancouver UNDRIP Action Plan](#) 2024-2028, specifically Action Group 13: Cultural Access.

Recreation 2SLGBTQIA+ Programming - Highlights and Impacts

The Board received an update on the [Recreation 2SLGBTQIA+ Programming](#), which provided information regarding the Recreation Queer Inclusion portfolio. This included steps made to create safe and welcoming spaces with updated washroom signage, expanding the Queen Inclusion program team, Leisure Access Pass referrals for 2STGD people, departmental communications and promotional materials, and staff training on gender diversity. The report also outlined the increase in 2SLGBTQIA+ programming between 2022 and 2025, and the growth of program visits.

Water Priority Action Plan – Decorative Water Features – Repair Update

The Board received an update on the repair status of the Board's priority [decorative water features](#). The presentation outlined that of the eleven decorative water features marked for rehabilitation, three water features – Granville Loop Fountain, VanDusen Rectangular Pond, and Nelson Park Fountain – have been successfully refurbished. Queen Elizabeth Dancing Waters Fountain and Memorial South Pond repairs are currently under construction, and David Lam Fountain is under short-term activation with the installation of planters to improve aesthetics. The remaining five water features are out for tender and are estimated to be completed by Q4 2026.

CHAIR'S REPORT

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

- Commissioner Jensen attended various meetings in his role as liaison
- Commissioners Bastiovanszky, Digby, and Jensen attended the newly opened off-leash dog area at Heather Park
- Commissioners Bastiovanszky and Haer attended Fleurs de Villes at VanDusen
- Commissioners Bastiovanszky and Digby, alongside Councillor Orr, attended Spring Strings at VanDusen
- Chair Christensen stopped by the willow fence weaving workshop for the new Strathcona Park Micro Forest
- Commissioners Bastiovanszky and Digby attended the JSCA 50th anniversary open house



- Commissioners Bastiovanszky and Digby inspected the nearly complete Jericho Pier renewal
- Commissioners Bastiovanszky and Digby attended the VGBA AGM
- Commissioner Digby attended various meetings in his role as liaison
- Commissioner Jensen watched the Vessi 500 Championship at Olympic Village
- Commissioner Jensen visited the Off Leash area at Emery Barnes Park
- Commissioner Jensen attended the KidSport Pizza Pig Out fundraiser event
- Chair Christensen attended the Arts & Health Gala at Roundhouse Community Centre

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- Earth Day Celebrations – During the week of April 27, Community Centres around Vancouver held Earth Day community events and activities
- BC Seniors Week – From June 2 to 6, the Park Board is proud to be celebrating BC Seniors week. Many community centres are hosting special events and programs to help keep seniors active, engaged, and connected
- King Charles III Coronation Medal – Dr. Kala Singh, the Vice President at Sunset Community Association, has received the King Charles III Coronation Medal. He is recognized for his work bridging the gap between cultures through interfaith dialog and supporting the mental and social health of the community.
- Rainwater Integration Projects – Construction of a rainwater integration project has begun at Beaconsfield Park and is expected to be complete in Fall 2025. Slocan park will begin construction next, and designs for rainwater wetlands in Falaise and Charles parks are currently in progress.
- Stanley Park Overpass Bridge Repairs – Repairs to the overpass are underway and targeted for completion at the end of 2025. The overpass deck is closed to pedestrians for the duration of the project, with signs and detours in place.
- 2025 Planning Excellence Award – West End Waterfront Vision Plan – The Canadian Institute of Planners announced its 2025 planning excellence awards in May and the West End Waterfront Vision Plan is one of the winners.
- Council Agenda Items
 - Council to receive a report on June 3, 2025, titled "[City of Vancouver UNDRIP Task Force Annual Report](#)"
 - Council to receive a report on June 3, 2025, titled "[Vancouver Technical Secondary School Synthetic Turf Field – Construction License Agreement and Custody, Care, and Management of Land](#)"
 - Council to receive a report on June 4, 2025, titled "[2025 Cultural Grants \(Projects, Capacity, Cultural Spaces\)](#)"



- Council to receive a report on June 4, 2025, titled "[Contract Award for Digital Infrastructure and Innovation for FIFA World Cup 26 \("FWC26"\) in Vancouver](#)"
- Council to enact a By-law Amendment on June 12, 2025, recessed from April 9, titled "[A By-law to amend the Code of Conduct By-law No. 12886 regarding independent reviews](#)"

MEMBERS' MOTIONS

Think 50 Metres

The Board approved the [motion with amendments](#). The motion reaffirms the Park Board's commitment to equitable access to aquatic services across all regions of the city and directs staff to align the updated VanSplash with future capital planning and grant opportunities. Further, it directs staff to ensure that the growing aquatic needs of South Vancouver are incorporated into the update underway to VanSplash.

Lacrosse Box Covered Facility

The Board approved the [motion with amendments](#). The motion directs staff to include a covered multi-sport court facility into the scope of the forthcoming Sport Court Strategy, and to engage with the Vancouver Minor Lacrosse Association, the British Columbia Lacrosse Association, and consult with the host First Nation communities to ensure the project reflects the interests and needs of the wider Vancouver community, including Indigenous and non-Indigenous residents. Further, staff are directed to provide the Board with a status update of the Sport Court Strategy by Q4 2025, including resource requirements.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next Committee and Board meetings are scheduled for June 16, 2025

