



PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS — June 16, 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

Slocan Park Children and Youth Hub - Concept Plan

The Board approved the [Slocan Park Children and Youth Hub - Concept Plan](#). Improvements to this 4.17-hectare community park in the Renfrew-Collingwood neighbourhood will include a new multi-use sport court, new skateboard park and a renewed playground to create a vibrant, welcoming destination for all ages to help meet the demands of a growing neighbourhood.

Vancouver Technical Secondary School Synthetic Turf Renewal - License Agreement and Contract Award

The Board approved the [Vancouver Technical Secondary School Synthetic Turf Renewal - License Agreement and Contract Award](#), which authorized the Park Board entering into a license agreement and constructing a new synthetic turf field at Vancouver Technical Secondary School.

The Board and the Vancouver School Board (VSB) have had a licence and operating agreement since May 2006, with the turf field being used by students of VTSS during school hours and community groups through the park board booking system for the balance of the time. Staff are in the final stages of negotiating a Joint Use and Agreement (JUA) to inform shared use, maintenance and operating responsibilities for the field's use following completion of the renewal project.

Capital Efficiencies & Procurement Policy Update

The Board approved the [Capital Efficiencies & Procurement Policy Update](#) with [amendments](#). This report was directed back to staff with specifications to reject the proposed increase in Board approval threshold and update the requirement for Board approve to above \$2M. The Board reaffirmed that Goal 1.1 in the policy remains to ensure that the evaluation criteria reflect the Board's service mandate to delivery best value for park users, neighbourhoods, and citizens. Staff were also directed to remove all policy language that changes Living Wage to Fair Wage, and that the revised report return to the Board for consideration ideally no later than Q4 2025, which a detailed appendix outlining all past contracts above \$750,00 from 2018 to present.

Spanish Banks Paid Parking Pilot – Report Back

The Board approved the [Spanish Banks Paid Parking Pilot – Report Back](#) directing staff to approve the permanent adoption of paid parking at parking lots serving Spanish Banks Beach Park based on the finding and success of the 12-month pilot. The report also approves the increased rate to \$1.50/hour to align with the minimum on-street parking rate in the surrounding neighbourhood by Engineering Services, with [amendments](#) that seasonal pricing be incorporated for the off-season.

CHAIR'S REPORT

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

- Chair Christensen and Commissioner Jensen attended the 2025 City Service Awards
- Commissioners, with VSB Chair Jung, attended Italian Day on the Drive



- Chair Christensen attended the WC Shelley Park pop-up engagement event
- Commissioners attended the Canyon Creek daylighting event
- Commissioners Bastyovanszky and Jensen attended KitsFest
- Commissioner Bastyovanszky participated in the Vancouver Tennis Association club championship in Stanley Park
- Commissioner Bastyovanszky visited the newly reopened Jericho Pier
- Commissioner Bastyovanszky, with Councillor Blight and VSB Trustees Fraser and Jung, attended the Marpole Community Day Celebration
- Commissioner Bastyovanszky, with VSB Trustees Fraser, Jung and Richardson attended the Queer Youth Film Showcase at Killarney Secondary School
- Commissioner Bastyovanszky, with Councillor Blight and VSB Chair Jung, attended Lord Roberts Community Day
- Commissioner Digby attended the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee in his role as liaison

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- Strathcona Food Security Programs – The Strathcona Community Centre Association's Good Security Programs support the community through food access, food skills, and opportunities for community connection. These programs include the Breakfast Program, Breakfast Buddies, and the Backpack Program.
- Three New Indigenous Gardens – The Arts, Reconciliation & Culture department highlight three new community gardens and gathering spaces: Chaythoose Garden in Stanley Park, the Indigenous Women Rise drum group and 215 garden in Beaconsfield Park, and the Sacred Fire Gathering Circle at Burrardview Park.
- 19th Annual Arts & Health Exhibition & Showcase – On May 30, 150 seniors and elders gathered at the 19th annual Arts & Health Exhibition and Gala Showcase at the Roundhouse Community Arts & Recreation Centre as part of BC Seniors' Week celebrations
- English Bay Pedestrian Path Lighting and Ramp Paving Renewal – This project is now complete. The repairs restored six light posts with low-level luminaires to reduce light pollution, and the new asphalt ramp has improved accessibility and safety for pedestrians.
- South Korean Forest Services Delegation – Staff hosted a delegation from the South Korean Forest Services to share insight on urban forest and park management.
- Council Agenda Items
 - Council Council to receive a report on June 17, 2025, titled "[2025 Homelessness Services Grants](#)"
 - Council to receive a report for information on June 18, 2025, titled "[2026-2030 Budget Outlook](#)"



- Council to receive a report on June 18, 2025, titled "[2025 Quarterly Capital Budget Adjustments and Closeouts](#)"

NEXT MEETINGS

The next Committee and Board meetings are scheduled for July 7, 2025

