



PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

— July 7, 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

Budget Outlook and Approach

The Board received an update on the [Budget Outlook for the years 2026-2030](#). The outlook served as an overview of the key cost pressures and measures staff are taking to preserve service levels and improve capital delivery of assets within the constraints of a balanced budget, and continued staff focus on multi-year financial planning strategies. The presentation also informed the Board on the impacts of the Council motion related to budget outlook scenarios, the budget approach and next steps.

Staff [were directed](#), with regard to the preparation of the 2025 Parks & Recreation Services Plan, Operating & Capital Budgets, to clearly articulate any cuts to current service levels and Board priorities. Staff were also directed to provide an estimated budget for reference purposes on what operational spending would be required to improve operational levels to a point where parks and recreation spaces would be regularly maintained in good condition or better. Additionally, staff are to review with the VPD the amounts paid to monitor beaches where alcohol is allowed and the costs associated, and to identify the revenue impact of revenue enhancement activities taken under the Think Big Revenue Strategy and the projected parking fee increases on the 2026 budget in comparison to budgets since 2022.

Stanley Park Train – Report Back

The Board received an update on the [Stanley Park Train evaluation work to date](#) and outlook for 2025 operations. Staff presented information on the current state overview, risks associated with the train operations, and an assessment of business models. These models included evaluations on fixing the current train, replacing the train and tracks, and options for a third-party sponsorship. Staff are in the process of developing a Request for Expression of Interest for the Stanley Park Train site and anticipate that findings will be brought to the Board for decision in Q1 2026.

MEMBERS' MOTIONS

Accelerating the Turf Field Upgrade at Beaconsfield Park for Inclusion in the 2027–2030 Capital Plan

The Board [approved a motion](#) directing staff to prioritize the Beaconsfield Park gravel turf field update for inclusion in the 2027-2030 Capital Plan, recognizing the strategic opportunity presented by community demand, existing site readiness, and the global momentum of FIFA 2026. Staff were directed to report back to the Board no later than Q1 2026 with a detailed feasibility and funding framework to inform Capital Plan finalization and potential partnerships.

CHAIR'S REPORT

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

- Summary Commissioner Jensen attended the Childcare Council of Vancouver
- Commissioner Jensen attended the Raise the Roof event at the PNE
- Commissioner Jensen attended the Concord Pacific Dragonboat Festival



- Commissioner Jensen attended the open studio gathering for the International Artist Residency Program
- Commissioner Jensen attended the Douglas Park Fun Fair
- Commissioner Jensen attended the Hastings Community Association meeting
- Commissioner Jensen visited Bloedel Conservatory and VanDusen Botanical Garden to highlight the Access Policy
- Commissioners attended the Bard on the Beach opening night
- Commissioners attended the Theater Under The Stars performances of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and Legally Blonde
- Commissioners and GM Jackson attended Symphony at Sunset
- Commissioners attended a demo sailing of the Greenline Ferry
- Commissioner Bastyovanszky attended the VPL Board meeting
- Commissioner Bastyovanszky swam at Kitsilano Pool on opening day
- Commissioner Bastyovanszky attended the Stanley Park Open
- Commissioner Bastyovanszky attended the WESA Pageant 36th Anniversary

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- Disc Golf Plan Launch – Staff announced that work on the Disc Golf Plan began in late June 2025, with public engagement expected to take place in Summer 2025
- MacLean Park Spray Park and Fieldhouse Renewal – Design work is underway for the renewal of MacLean Park's spray park and fieldhouse washrooms, with a finalized concept plan expected in Fall 2025.
- Kitsilano Community Centre 75th Anniversary – Kitsilano Community Centre Association will be celebrating its 75th Anniversary on July 12, 2025.
- Symphony at Sunset – Symphony at Sunset took place on July 5, 2025, and achieved another record year with an estimated attendance of 15,000 people. The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra played music from Harry Potter, Star Wars, alongside other classical favourites.
- Council Agenda Items
 - Council to receive a report on July 8, 2025, titled "[Rupert and Renfrew Station Area Plan](#)"
 - Council to receive a report on July 9, 2025, titled "[2025 Community Services, Childcare and Other Grants](#)"
 - Council to receive a report on July 9, 2025, titled "[Contact Award for Operator \(Lease\) for VanDusen Botanical Garden Restaurant](#)"
 - Council to receive a report on July 9, 2025, titled "[Contact Award for Operator \(Lease\) for Kitsilano Beach Restaurant](#)"



- Council to receive a report on July 9, 2025, titled "[Downtown Eastside \(DTES\) Plan Implementation Grant Program Allocation 2025](#)"
- Council to consider a motion on July 9, 2025, titled "[Unlocking the Creative and Economic Potential of Vancouver's Railtown District](#)"

NEXT MEETINGS

The next Committee and Board meetings are scheduled for July 21, 2025

