



## PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

— July 21, 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

#### **Kitsilano Secondary School Synthetic Turf Field & Lighting – Report Back**

The Board approved [Option 2 of the report](#), which approved the reallocation and expenditure of capital funding for the Turf Renewal prior to the end of the Field turf's service life, by redirection funds from current Park Board projects at an estimated expenditure of \$1.3M. The lighting installation was approved at the earliest time agreed between the Vancouver School Board (VSB) and Park Board at an estimated expenditure of \$0.8M. Staff were directed to prepare a report to City Council recommending the approval of a construction licence agreement, a Joint Use Agreement, designation of the licensed area to be under the custody, care and management of the Park Board for the duration of the agreements, and expenditure of development cost levies for the lighting installation.

#### **Tree Related Maintenance Services Pre-Qualification – Contract Award**

The Board approved the [report with amendments](#) authorizing staff to negotiate an agreement for Tree Related Maintenance Services pre-qualification for a list of 8 vendors, with no single vendor receive awards exceeding \$750,000 without separate Board approval. The Park Board will prioritize ecological sustainability, transparency, and risk mitigation in the administration of the pre-qualification list. Further, the Board affirmed that it will retain full control over planning, design, implementation, public engagement and management of urban forestry initiatives, and well as retain oversight and approval authority over the allocation of funding for urban forestry projects.

#### **Stanley Park Hemlock Looper Response and Mitigation Plan – Phase 3**

The Board approved the [report with amendments](#) directing staff to advance treatment Option 3 for Phase 3 of the hemlock looper response. It was also specified that every effort be made to retain as many dead trees and fallen logs as possible to provide biological value to the ecosystem, and that each treatment area be independently reviewed by the Park Board's Urban Forestry team to examine the assessment before any treatment is undertaken.

### MEMBERS' MOTIONS

#### **Think Home Run**

The Board referred the [motion](#) to the September 15, 2025, Committee Meeting in order to hear from the public. This motion would direct staff to work collaboratively with Jericho Little League to explore the feasibility of constructing and operating an enclosed community baseball training facility at Carnarvon Park.

### CHAIR'S REPORT

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

- Commissioners Digby and Jensen celebrated the Kits Pool Opening
- Commissioner Jensen spoke at the one-year anniversary of Batch Kitsilano
- Commissioners attended the Jericho Sailing Centre 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



- Commissioner Jensen and VSB Chair Jung volunteered at the Union Gospel Mission's Summer BBQ in Oppenheimer Park
- Commissioner Jensen visited the newly renovated playground at Oppenheimer Park
- Commissioners attended the Celebration of Light show on July 19
- Commissioner Bastyovanszky attended the WESA playoffs at Strathcona Park
- Commissioner Bastyovanszky attended the Kitsilano Community Centre 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- Commissioners attended Bard on the Beach
- Commissioner Bastyovanszky attended the opening of the off-leash area at Emery Barnes Park
- Commissioner Bastyovanszky and VSB Chair Jung attended the Pride 5K Fun Run
- Commissioners Digby and Haer attended Greek Day on Broadway
- Commissioners Digby and Haer attended the Air India Memorial event in Stanley Park
- Commissioner Digby attended the Free the Fern event in Champlain Heights
- Commissioner Digby met with members of the Italian Cultural Centre to discuss the Beaconsfield Park sports field renewal
- Commissioner Digby attended Canada Day events at Kerrisdale Community Centre, Sunset Community Centre, and Kitsilano Beach
- Commissioner Digby attended Khatsahlano Street Party on July 5
- Commissioner Digby visited the FIFA Training Field at Killarney Park
- Commissioner Digby attended the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee and Kerrisdale CCA meeting in his role as liaison
- Chari Christensen attended the launch of the National Drowning Prevention Week, organized the by Lifesaving Society.

## GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- FWC26 Training Site at Killarney park – Construction Update – Staff have reached the halfway point of construction at Killarney Park's FIFA Venue Specific Training Site. The staff team meets monthly with Killarney CCA and staff, and the Vancouver School Board principals to keep them informed about the project as it progresses and to resolve any emergent issues. The project is on track to finish on budget as scheduled by the end of the year
- Solar Access Guidelines for Downtown Peninsula – Park Board staff collaborated with Planning Urban Design and Sustainability in bringing a report to Council on July 23 on Solar Access Guidelines, which aim to balance solar access in parks and public space with unique economic, geographic and development conditions.



- Urban Park Activation Summer 2025 – Recreation and Arts, Reconciliation and Culture staff highlighted a number of projects in parks that create opportunities for community connectedness and social belonging
- Brock House Summer Fair – The Brock House Society held their annual Summer Fair on July 12. The Fair welcomed over 2,000 individuals throughout the day, bringing together members, neighbours, local artisans, performers, and over 250 dedicated intergenerational volunteers.
- Council Agenda Items
  - Council to receive a report on July 23, 2025, titled “[City-Wide Design and Development Guidelines](#)”
  - Council to receive a report on July 23, 2025, titled “[Contract Award of Supply of Tree Related Maintenance Services Pre-Qualification](#)”
  - Council to receive a report on July 23, 2025, titled “[Contract Award for Supply of Contracted Janitorial Services](#)”
  - Council to consider a motion on July 23, 2025, titled “[Realizing the Full Potential of Exceptional Lands in Vancouver](#)”

## NEXT MEETINGS

The next Committee and Board meetings are scheduled for September 15, 2025

