



PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS — September 15 & 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

Auditor General – Report Back

The Board approved the [Auditor General – Report Back](#) with [amendments](#) directing staff to endorse the 13 recommendations presented in the report, and to work with the City's REFM, Finance, and other relevant departments to implement them, consistent with the Boards September 9, 2024, motion on the governance of facilities asset management and capital maintenance. The Board invited the Auditor General to commence another performance audit as soon as possible.

Park Board Code of Conduct Policy Amendments – Report Back

The Board approved the [Park Board Code of Conduct Policy](#) amendments outlined in the report. These amendments include proposed changes at outlined in the 2022 and 2023 Annual Reports provided by the Integrity Commissioner, as well as minor/housekeeping amendments as set out in the 2024 Annual Report and 2025 report by Reece Harding.

Stanley Park Mobility Study

The Board approved the [Stanley Park Mobility Study](#) with [amendments](#) directing staff to initiate scoping work with TransLink and the City of Vancouver's engineering department for a new Stanley park Drive bus service and to include it as a priority planning initiative for inclusion in the 2026 Service Plan, and that this transit implementation aim to maintain the current Beach Avenue traffic configuration. Staff were also directed to report back on the design and cost of a permanent separated bike lane on Stanley Park Drive in time for projected costs to be included in the 2027-2030 Capital Plan.

Park Board's 2025 Indigenous Peoples' Day Month & Day Activities

The Board received a [presentation](#) showcasing the work Park Board staff and partners did to deliver educational programming and celebrations to the public for National Indigenous History Month and National Indigenous Peoples' Day in June 2025. Events included one city-wide arts event, 17 events and activations in community centres, in parks and on city streets, three Recreation sport and wellness initiatives, one staff education program, and the installation of Every Child Matters & Survivors flags flown at Morton Park.

Staff also highlighted 2026 planning initiatives with increasing interdepartmental leadership and involvement, growing existing projects and working to increase public and staff participation, and growing opportunities to benefit Indigenous organizations and individuals.

MEMBERS' MOTIONS

Potential Disqualification of Commissioner Howard

The Board referred the [motion](#) to the October 6, 2025, Committee Meeting in order to hear from the public. This motion would seek legal counsel for review and confirmation of the applicability of Section 144 of the Vancouver Charter to Commissioner Howard's attendance records.



CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Christensen highlighted recent events attended by Commissioners:

- Commissioner Jensen visited the False Creek Farmers Market at their temporary home in Olympic Village
- Commissioner Jensen met with Andrew from Buckets & Borders at their newly designed and resurfaced basketball and tennis courts at Britannia
- Commissioners Digby and Jensen participated in the 2025 Vancouver Pride Parade. This year's float theme was "Everybody Plays – VanPlay", highlighting all things fabulous, sporty, and playful. Commissioner Jensen also had the opportunity to speak with PM Mark Carney during the parade
- Commissioner Bastiovanszky participated in the Vancouver International Pride Tennis Tournament
- Chair Christensen spoke at the WNBA Line 'Em Up event to promote female participation in sport, and foster greater access and inclusion in community drop-in basketball.
- Commissioner Bastiovanszky attended KitsFest, and Commissioner Jensen also met with Howard Kelsey at the KitsFest Wrap-up event to celebrate the success of the event
- Commissioners Bastiovanszky and Jensen attended the Astro Arts Festival
- Commissioner Bastiovanszky attended the SLGBTQ+ Advisory Committee meeting in his role as liaison
- Commissioners attended the Great Outdoors Comedy Festival in Stanley Park.
- Commissioner Bastiovanszky attended Bike the Night with HUB Cycling
- Commissioner Digby documented the algae growth on Lost Lagoon in late July, and again on September 12
- Commissioner Digby attended CCA meetings at Dunbar, Kerrisdale, Britannia, Thunderbird, Champlain Heights and Mount Pleasant Community Centres, as well as the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Council in his role as liaison
- Commissioners attended the reopening of the Dancing Waters fountain at Queen Elizabeth Park following significant repair work.
- Commissioner Jensen visited the Vancouver Lawn Bowling Club at Queen Elizabeth Park and met with club members
- Chair Christensen attended the PNE Fair with her family.
- Commissioner Digby attended the Coal Harbour 25th Anniversary celebration, where he provided words of welcome and greeting, as well as cutting of the cake to mark this milestone.
- Commissioner Digby attended the HMCS Discovery Change of Command ceremony at Deadman's Island
- Chair Christensen and her family enjoyed visiting many different Vancouver parks, playgrounds, splash pads, wading pools and community celebrations this summer.



GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- Summer Day Camps 2025 – Community Centre Associations with support from the Park Board had another successful Summer Day Camp season.
- 2025 Inner-City Youth Golf Program – The Inner-City Youth Golf Program was conducted from August 25 to August 29 at McCleery Golf Course, with 25 children in attendance from three community centres in the Downtown East Side neighbourhood
- Tatlow Playground Renewal – Improvements to the playground at Tatlow Park were recently completed and reopened to the community in August
- Collingwood Park Renewal – Improvements to Collingwood park were completed in July, with additional improvements occurring in 2025 when the existing fieldhouse is scheduled to be replaced
- Prince Edward Playground and Spray Park Improvements – Improvement work at Price Edward Park was completed in May to address ongoing issues and enhance the play experience.
- Heather Park Off Leash Area – The new off-leash dog area at Heather Park opened this spring and increases access for dog off-leash activity for two underserved neighbourhoods: Mount Pleasant and Fairview.
- Granville Park Off Leash Area – The new off-leash area at Granville Park opened this summer and serves two priority areas: Kitsilano and Fairview
- Emery Barnes Off Leash Area Renewal – Improvements to the off-leash area at Emery Barnes Park was completed in July 2025.
- CRAB Park Improvements – Improvements to the playground and splash pad at CRAB Park were completed in early August 2025 following the donation of \$1M from the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority to offset the impacts of the Centerm Expansion Project and South Shore Access Project.
- Andy Livingstone Fence Pilot – Staff have installed a new fence along the northern edge of the playground used by Crosstown Elementary at Andy Livingstone Park to better delineate and define the space used for school programming.
- Queen Elizabeth Park Upgrades – Several enhancements at Queen Elizabeth park were completed in-house, including a new water wheel for Bloedel Conservatory and improvements to the arched bridge at the Quarry Garden.
- United Way Chili Wook-off Booth Awards – Staff participated in the United Way Chili Cook-off fundraising campaign, with Park Board staff earning the Best Booth and Peoples' Choice awards
- Council Agenda Items
 - Council Council to receive a report on September 16, 2025, titled "[Public Realm Advertising Framework](#)"
 - Council to receive a report on September 17, 2025, titled "[Contract Award for Operator \(Lease\) for VanDusen Botanical Garden Restaurant](#)".



- Council to consider a motion on September 17, 2025, titled "[Prioritizing the Completion and Delivery of Community Facilities and Infrastructure in the 2027-2030 Capital Plan](#)"
- Council to consider a motion on September 17, 2025, titled "[Accelerating the Turf Field Upgrade at Beaconsfield Park for Inclusion in the 2027-2030 Capital Plan](#)"
- Council to consider a motion on September 17, 2025, titled "[Greening the City – Enhancing Livability and the Tree Canopy Through Healthy Afforestation](#)"
- Council to receive a report on September 18, 2025, titled "[Audit of Recreation Facility Asset Management](#)"

NEXT MEETINGS

The next Committee and Board meetings are scheduled for October 6, 2025

