



PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS — October 6 & 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

Imagine West End Waterfront Vision: Alternative Phase 1 – Report Back

The Board approved the West End Waterfront Alternative Phase 1 [report](#) directing staff to begin the detailed design work for Alexandra Park as the first phase of the Imagine West End Waterfront Vision implementation. The scope of detailed design is based off the approved concept in the Imagine West End Waterfront Vision and aims to ensure the park functions for multiple generations and maintains its neighbourhood feel. These include a new natural playground durable to high use, a large lawn area for public enjoyment, enhancing the existing tree canopy and opportunities to diversify planted areas, and accessibility improvements.

Procurement Policy Update – Report Back

The Board approved the Procurement Policy Update [report](#), which approves amendments to the Park Board Procurement Policy, including changes to the delegated authorities for procurement, and supersedes the existing Park Board Procurement Policy. Changes include removing all policy language that changes the Living Wage to Fair Wages and revised Park Board procurement authorities to reflect the Park Board Commitment Authority to \$2M.

T100 Vancouver Multisport Festival Triathlon – Special Event

The Board approved the [T100 Vancouver Multisport Festival Triathlon](#) special event, which received information back on the 2025 event, as well as approved the addition of the T100 Triathlon to the annual Calendar of Major Special Events starting in 2026. The three-day T100 event celebrated endurance sports at various locations across Vancouver and culminated with the triathlon event at Jericho Beach and Locarno Beach Parks. The event featured elite and amateur athlete triathlon races, junior/youth triathlons, school multisport activities, open water swim, 5km fun run, local vendor expo, endurance sport summit, and VIP hosting. It is expected that future Triathlons will be executed in much the same manner as the 2025 event, with any major changes subject to Board approval.

MEMBERS' MOTIONS

Think Home Run

The Board approved the [motion](#) with [amendments](#) directing staff to evaluate the proposal from the Jericho Little League in accordance with the Park Board's Unsolicited Proposal Process (UPP), clarifying whether it qualifies as a Tier 1 or Tier 2 project and ensuring alignment with the Board's established policies on community amenities, partnerships, sponsorships, and donations. Staff were also directed to report back to the Board on this proposal in the next UPP report to the Board.

Potential Disqualification of Commissioner Howard

The Board approved the [motion](#) with [amendments](#) reaffirming that the Park Board Commissioners are expected to attend all Board or Board Committee meetings, in person or via electronic means, otherwise a leave of absence is required. Further, the Board requested that the City review Commissioner Howard's actions in regard to the Conflict of Interest provisions of the Vancouver Charter. Further, if such actions are deemed to have disqualified Commissioner Howard from



holding office, the Board requests the City to make an application to the courts for declaration of disqualification of Commissioner Howard.

Affirming the Park Board's Commitment to Transgender Lives and Rights

The Board approved the [motion](#), which formally apologizes for harms caused to the transgender, gender diverse, and two-spirit (TGD2S) community by hosting the Harry Potter Forbidden Forest Experience event. The motion reaffirmed the Board's support of the lives and rights of TGD2S people, and that the Board will continue to celebrate and honor them and their communities and will continue to advocate for their needs and opportunities in the parks and recreation system.

Further, the motion directed staff to report back confirming that the Harry Potter event will run for one season only, with no renewal or extension. Staff were also directed to report back on concrete actions the Park Board can take to repair trust and address harm caused to TGD2S people and their communities as a result of hosting the event, and that deeper investigations into reputational aspects of potential hosted events be undertaken in future.

Enjoy the Sunset in Vancouver

The Board approved the [motion](#) with [amendments](#) directing staff to prepare a report summarizing costs, risks and benefits, as well as a by-law amendment for approval, regarding extending the public hours on ocean beaches facing English Bay. These amendments would include extending the public access hours from 10:00pm to 11:00pm from Victoria Day long weekend to BC Day, each year.

Think Free Play: Expanding Sports Access in Vancouver Through Self-Service Equipment

The Board approved the [motion](#), directing staff to work with Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities and Equip Sport to pilot a free sports equipment lending program in Vancouver parks and facilities, with a report back to the Board following the first year of implementation. The motion also affirmed and directed that accessibility, equity, and inclusion be prioritized in this initiative, ensuring residents of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds can participate in sport without financial or logistical barriers.

CHAIR'S REPORT

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

- Commissioners recognized National Truth and Reconciliation Day on September 30
- Commissioner Bastyovanszky attended the Roundhouse CCA meeting in his role as liaison
- Commissioner Digby attended Dog Day at the Dude in Dude Chilling (Guelph) Park
- Commissioner Digby attended International Spin Wool Outdoors Day at Trillium Park
- Commissioner Digby attended a Hogan's Alley Society event hosted at the greenspace at Gore & Union
- Chair Christensen and Commissioner Digby attended the Grandview-Woodlands Advisory Committee meeting
- Commissioner Digby attended the VanDusen Botanical Garden Association lecture covering the history and current collections at the garden



- Commissioner Digby attended the Day of Long Boat canoe races at Jericho Sailing Centre
- Commissioner Bastyovanszky attended the Canadian Women's rugby team viewing party at the Meraloma Clubhouse

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- Sport Court Renewal Program – The outdoor sport court renewal program is complete for 2025, with David Lam Park, Kaslo Park, and Norquay Park all receiving new high-quality surfacing.
- King Charles III Coronation Medal – Albery Sing Wai Lee, part president of Renfrew Park Community Association, received the King Charles III Coronation Medal in recognition of his service to the Vancouver-Kingsway neighbourhood
- Moberly Park Synthetic Turf Field and Fieldhouse – The concept design phase is underway for the new synthetic turf field project at Moberly Park, with a preliminary concept design shared to the public in Q4 2025.
- Ross Park Spray Park and Fieldhouse – The concept design phase for the new spray park, washroom building and playground renewal at Ross Park is underway. Preliminary concepts designs will be shared to the public in Q4 2025
- Council Agenda Items
 - Council to receive a report on October 7, 2025, titled "[Kitsilano Secondary Synthetic Turf Replacement and Sport Field Lighting – Licence Agreements, Custody, Care, Management of Land and Expenditure of Development Cost Levies](#)"
 - Council to receive a report on October 7, 2025, titled "[Auditor General Committee Recommendations Transmittal Report](#)"
 - Council to consider a motion on October 8, 2025, titled "[Zero Means Zero: Advancing a Zero Percent Property Tax Increase for 2026](#)"
 - Council to consider a motion on October 8, 2025, titled "[VanStat: A Pilot Program for Smart, Transparent, and Accountable City Services](#)"
 - Council to consider a motion on October 8, 2025, titled "[Protecting the Champlain Heights Forest Trail Network for Future Generations and Residents](#)"

NEXT MEETINGS

The next Committee and Board meetings are scheduled for October 20, 2025

