



PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS — November 3, 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

Bard on the Beach Pilot – Report Back

The Board approved the [Bard on the Beach Pilot - Report Back report](#), which outlined information on the Bard on the Beach Shakespeare Festival Pilot Program, in addition to approving the continuation of the program. This program enables the Bard on the Beach (BOTB) mainstage arches to remain onsite at Seákw/Vanier Park during the event's off season between November 2025 and March 2026, and conditionally in future years.

This program was recommended following the events growth and maturity over the past three and a half decades, and the corresponding financial and operational challenges faced by BOTB and Park Board. This program has led to important savings in BOTB's seasonal set-up and tear down, nighttime visibility and increased safety in the park, and expanded public use access for potential winter activations and programming of the mainstage arches.

Vancouver Technical School Synthetic Turf Field – Joint Use Agreement

The Board approved the [Vancouver Technical School Synthetic Turf Joint Use Agreement report](#), which authorized staff to negotiate and enter into a Joint Use Agreement with the Vancouver School Board (VSB) for the joint use and operation of the synthetic turf field at Vancouver Technical School. Key terms in the agreement would include that VSB retains the right to use the field during school hours for school events, and the Park Board has the right to use the field for community sport groups outside of school hours. The Park Board would maintain and repair the field, and VSB would compensate the Park Board annually for their proportional share of the cost of field maintenance and repair.

Stanley Park Hemlock Looper Response and Mitigation Plan Phase 3 – Contract Award

The Board approved the [Stanley Park Hemlock Looper Response and Mitigation Plan Phase 3 - Contract Award report](#), which authorized staff to negotiate and enter into a contract with Blackwell Consulting Ltd., for the continued forest mitigation and restoration works in Stanley Park to address risks associated with the hemlock looper moth outbreak. This would be the final phase of work and estimated to be completed between Q4 2025 and Q1 2027.

Phase 3 of this hemlock looper mitigation and restoration work in Stanley Park will focus on a 40m assessment and treatment buffer along trails within the remaining interior forested areas that were not included in earlier phases. In addition, a limited number of hazard trees identified outside of the 40m treatment buffer will be treated to further reduce risk to the public. These areas include Lees Trail, Lovers Walk, Tatlow Walk and perimeter trails around Beaver Lake.

CHAIR'S REPORT

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

- Commissioner Digby attended Board meetings with Thunderbird, Mount Pleasant, Kerrisdale and Champlain Heights CCA in his role as liaison



- Commissioners Digby and Jensen attended the celebration dinner for Mike Cotter who retired as GM of the Jericho Sailing Centre after 37 years.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

The General Manager presented an overview of the GM's Report:

- Sustenance Festival – Throughout October and November, the Land and Food System and community partners hosted land and food-inspired workshops.
- Sustenance Festival at Community Centres – Many Community Centre Associations offer food focused programs year-round, with offerings ranging from education and cooking classes to food security programs as seen at Strathcona and Kitsilano Community Centres
- George Wainborn Park Temporary Fencing – Temporary fencing is targeted to be installed the week of November 10 to address concerns related to unsanctioned off-leash dog activity
- Villages Planning Program – Engagement on Emerging Directions is launching November 5 and will be a key part of the upcoming Vancouver Official Development Plan. Park Board staff will be looking at opportunities for new parks and green space in large redevelopment sites.
- Council Agenda Items
 - Council to receive a report on November 4, 2025, titled "[Vancouver Community Sport Event Grants – Fall 2025 Intake](#)"
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 - Council to receive a report on November 4, 2025, titled "[Auditor General Committee Recommendations Transmittal Record](#)"
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 - Council to receive a report on November 5, 2025, titled "[Contract Award for Construction Services – Arbutus Greenway and West 41st Avenue Intersection Improvements](#)"
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 - Council to consider a motion on November 5, 2025, titled "[Ensuring Continuity of the Women's Equity Strategy Following the Closure of the Equity Office](#)"
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 - Council to consider a motion on November 5, 2025, titled "[Advancing a Gender-Based Violence Prevention Strategy](#)"
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NEXT MEETINGS

The next Special Budget meeting is scheduled for November 24, 2025

The next Committee and Board meetings are scheduled for December 8, 2025

