



GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Regular Park Board Meeting
Monday, November 3, 2025



- Sustenance Festival is a food-focused platform celebrating land and food-inspired workshops and events.
- Since 2009, this festival has provided a unique space to explore growing concerns about food
- This year, the Land and Food Systems team hosted a panel discussion with international food leaders and educators.
- Throughout October and November 24 community food partner organizations also hosted events



- Many of the Community Centre Associations are offering programs during the Sustenance Festival
 - Strathcona offered a 4-part Kurdish cooking series
 - Renfrew Park's Community Kitchen for 2SLGBTQIA+ cooked Bánh Tráng Nướng
 - Hastings is holding a Canning 101 session



George Wainborn Park Temporary Fencing

- Temporary fencing will be installed at George Wainborn Park playground to address safety concerns due to unsanctioned dog off-leash activity.
- New signage will also be installed to remind the public of by-law requirements.
- Construction signage was posted the week of October 27 and implementation targeted for the week of Nov 10.
- Staff will monitor the effectiveness of the fence and consider adjustments as required.



- Engagement on Emerging Directions starts November 5, 2025
- The Villages Planning Program focuses on enabling Missing Middle housing and strengthening 17 local commercial areas.
- Led by CoV Planning with support from Park Planning
- Population growth is anticipated to be gradual and dispersed.
- Staff will be looking for opportunities for new park and green space in large redevelopment sites
- Final draft plan expected to go to Council for decision in Q2 2026



Council Items related to Parks & Recreation



- Council to receive a report on November 4, 2025 titled “[Vancouver Community Sport Event Grants – Fall 2025 Intake](#)”
- Council to receive a report on November 4, 2025, titled “[Auditor General Committee Recommendations Transmittal Record](#)”
- Council to receive a report on November 5, 2025, titled “[Contract Award for Construction Services – Arbutus Greenway and West 41st Avenue Intersection Improvements](#)”
- 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](#)”
- Council to consider a motion on November 5, 2025, titled “[Advancing a Gender-Based Violence Prevention Strategy](#)”

Date	Topic
October 21	Kerrisdale Arena Opening - Update
October 24	Refabrication of <i>Plenty</i> Sculpture at Hillcrest Park

