



## PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS — November 24, 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

#### 2026 Fees & Charges – Parks & Recreation

The Board approved the [2026 Fees & Charges – Parks and Recreation](#) with [amendments](#). Park Board approved a new [Comprehensive Fee-setting Framework](#) in April 2025, which provides a consistent, rational, and defensible policy for setting fees, connecting the level of investment in public services to the range of benefits provided to residents of Vancouver. For 2026, as approved in the Budget outlook report for 2026-2030, a baseline recommended fee increase of 4% - 5% is required to reflect the inflationary factors for city services. The recommended use fee increases are expected to generate an incremental increase of approximately \$1.9M in base budget gross revenues, which have been included in the Draft 2026 Operating Budget.

Further, the Board approved an amendment to request Council to provide additional operating funding in the amount of \$800k in order to hold community centre recreation admission and passes, lessons, programs, and permit fees at a 0% increase for 2026, consistent with the "[Zero Means Zero](#)" commitment to protect community centres and their programming.

#### 2026 Operating & Capital Budgets - Parks & Recreation - Zero Percent Tax Increase

The Board approved the [2026 Operating and Capital Budgets](#) with [amendments](#). The proposed 2026 Operating Budget is comprised of \$191,957,410 in expenditures and transfers, funded by \$96,998,508 in revenues and \$94,958,902 of tax-based operating funds. The proposed 2026 Capital Budget supports the delivery of the 2023-2026 Capital Plan. Being the last year of the Capital Plan, staff are prioritizing the completion of existing multi-year projects. The proposed 2026 Expenditure budget consists of \$126,361,215 in costs to be incurred in 2026. This includes a portion of costs from new multi-year projects that commence in 2026.

The Board also approved amendments requesting that City Council provide additional funding to ensure essential park and recreation services are not eroded under the Zero Means Zero budget, including \$1.1M in one-time funding to Urban Forestry for stump removal and continued restoration of the urban tree canopy, and \$1.5M in additional Park Operations funding to improve maintenance standards and outdoor sports field during the 2026 FIFA hosting year. Further, staff were directed to report back to the Board in 2026 on a quarterly basis on changes made to staffing levels, compared to 2025.

### NEXT MEETINGS

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

