



PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS — July 20, 2026 —

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](#).

This Special Board meeting was held under sections 4.5 of the Procedure By-law to consider overflow business from July 13, 2026.

STAFF REPORTS / PRESENTATIONS

BC Hydro Rights-of-Way in Nelson Park - Agreements Amendments

The Board approved the [report](#) with [amendments](#), which authorizes staff to execute agreements with BC Hydro for the West End Substation Project at 1030 Bute Street. Staff were also directed to work collaboratively with Nelson Park Community Garden to identify suitable temporary and permanent growing areas to maintain long-term viability of the Nelson Park Community Garden, including facilitation of the relocation and preservation, where practical, of the garden's apiary, accessible garden plots, mature perennial plantings, native species, pollinator habitat, and other significant ecological and heritage garden assets.

The Board further directed staff to work with BC Hydro to ensure the public washroom facilities are durable temporary toilets that maintain wheelchair accessibility, and that options to potentially use the Nelson Street Statutory Right of Way for the transmission segment are explored.

Construction for the project is targeted to begin in the fall of 2026. Once complete, the substation will provide resilient power infrastructure for residents and businesses in a growing downtown.

Seasons in the Park Restaurant - Lease Extension

The Board approved the [report](#) on consent, which authorizes staff to enter into negotiations with Sequoia Company of Restaurants Inc. related to the restaurant at Queen Elizabeth Park. Sequoia seeks securing a nine-year eleven-month lease extension to continue to operate Seasons in the Park.

In exchange for continuing to offer locals and visitors an excellent food and beverage experience and event space, Sequoia will undertake approximately \$200,000 in much needed building envelope repairs to the facility on behalf of the City and Park Board. They commit to ongoing annual maintenance and repairs to the entire building and are open to increasing their current market rent contribution.

The Teahouse in Stanley Park Restaurant - Lease Extension

The Board approved the [report](#) on consent, which authorizes staff to enter into negotiations with the Sequoia Company of Restaurants Inc. related to the restaurant in Stanley Park. Sequoia seeks securing a nine-year eleven-month lease extension to continue to operate The Teahouse in Stanley Park.

In exchange for continuing to offer locals and visitors an excellent food and beverage experience and event space, Sequoia is committed to continue to operate the restaurant. They are prepared to undertake approximately \$130,000 in site improvements, and continue to maintain, repair and fund the facility.



Vancouver Aquatic Centre Demolition - Contract Award

The Board approved the [report](#), which authorizes staff to execute a construction contract for demolition services of the existing Vancouver Aquatic Centre with Heatherbrae Builders Co. Ltd for an estimated value of \$3.5M.

Future construction phases of the project will be brought forward for Park Board approval separately, as and when required by the Procurement Policy.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next Committee and Board meetings are scheduled for July 27, 2026.