



PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS — July 27, 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](#).

STAFF REPORTS / PRESENTATIONS

Allocation and Affiliation Policies

The Board approved the Affiliation and Allocation Policies through the [adoption of the report, as amended](#). The Allocation Policy will prioritize access to aquatics, arena, and outdoor sport facilities for user groups based on public benefit, safety, equity, and inclusion. The Allocation Policy will determine how permits to recreation facilities are strategically, consistently, and equitably distributed among user groups. The Board also directed staff to report back to the Board following the first allocation cycle on implementation, stakeholder feedback, exemptions, allocation impacts, and recommended refinements of the policies or implementation procedures.

Harbour Green Café – Operator Lease

The Board approved a [report](#) on consent, which authorizes staff to negotiate a new lease agreement with 0800044 BC Ltd, operating as Charqui and TacoLoco for the Harbour Green Park Café for an initial term of 5 years, with the option to renew for two additional five-year terms. The proposed concept would reactivate the space as a dual-brand waterfront food and beverage destination, combining TacoLoco's Mexican street food concept with Charqui's neighbourhood gastropub model.

Recognition of Jim Clive and Howard Kelsey – Report Back

The Board approved a [report](#), which honours Jim Clive and Howard Kelsey through interpretive signage at Kitsilano Beach Park in recognition for their contributions to Vancouver's athletic community, highlighting their legacies of teamwork, mentorship, and civic pride. Staff will be coordinating an event to unveil the signage when it is ready for installation.

Growing Canada's Community Canopies – Contract Award

The Board approved the [report](#), which authorizes staff to enter into a contract with Lee's Trees Ltd. For the Growing Canada's Community Canopies – Street Tree planting grant, for a term of 3 years and an estimated contract value of \$4.5M, to be funded through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), Growing Canada's Community Canopies grant (GCCC) and matched by the City's Housing Accelerator Funding. This project would expand the city's existing street tree planting program through the planting of approximately 3000 new street trees, focusing on low-canopy neighbourhoods. By strategically targeting these areas, the project seeks to rectify disparities in canopy distribution, mitigate environmental inequities, and increase biodiversity and ecosystem health.

FIFA World Cup 26 Vancouver – Killarney Park Venue Specific Training Site – Site Works Contract Amendment Award

The Board approved the report on [consent](#), which amends the City's existing agreement with Canadian Turner Construction Company Ltd, to add the remediation site works package necessary to return the Killarney park Venue-Specific Training Site for FIFA World Cup 26 Vancouver to its intended public park use.



CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Digby highlighted recent events attended by commissioners:

- FIFA Reception - Commissioners attended the FIFA Reception at Science World, hosted by the Lieutenant Governor of BC.
- Sunset Pool Announcement - Commissioners Haer and Viridi attended the announcement for the Sunset Community Centre pool.
- Liaison Roles – Comr. Digby - In his role as PB liaison, Chair Digby has attended meetings with the Vancouver City Planning Commissioner, the Champlain Heights CCA, and the Stanley Park Ecology AGM.
- Public Disco - Commissioner Jensen attended the Public Disco at the City Centre Artists Lodge
- Walk with the Dragon - Commissioner Jensen attended the Walk with the Dragon event in Stanley Park.
- Strathcona Pride - Commissioner Jensen attended Strathcona Pride at Strathcona Park
- Right to Vote Plaque - Commissioner Jensen spoke at the unveiling of the Right to Vote plaque at the Japanese Canadian War Memorial in Stanley Park.
- Langara 100th Anniversary - attended the 100th Anniversary Celebration of Langara Golf Course.
- Vancouver Folk Music Festival – Chair Digby attended the Vancouver Folk Music Festival.
- Vancouver Cultural Precinct - Chair Digby attended the launch of the Vancouver Cultural Precinct.
- Folk Nach Bhangra Competition - Commissioner Viridi attended the Folk Nach Bhangra Competition at Moberly Park alongside City Councillors and School Trustees.
- City Hall Speaking – Chair Digby spoke at City Hall on the matter of the capital plan on behalf of the park board.
- Park Visits – Comr. Jensen - Since the last meeting, Commissioner Jensen visited the almost-completed park at Main & 7th, Coal Harbour Community Centre, and a number of other parks around the city.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

- PIBC Award – On June 4, 2026, the Planning Institute of British Columbia awarded the Stanley Park Mobility Study and Honourable Mention in the Research & New Directions category.
- Little Mountain Public Plaza – On July 24, the City announced the completion of the Little Mountain City Building and Public Plaza.
- VanDusen Membership and Respite Fund – In January 2025, a new joint operating agreement between Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation (VBPR) and the Vancouver Botanical Gardens Association (VBGA) was implemented.



- Trillium Park Mural – A west wall mural was completed in July 2026 at Trillium Park to explore creative options to prevent vandalism.
- CRAB Park Art Project – In July 2025, several improvements were completed at CRAB Park, including a playground renewal and splash pad refresh. Park Board staff invited artists representing xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam Indian Band), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation), səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh Nation), and Urban Indigenous communities to engage with youth at the Ray Cam community centre to inform their artworks. The artwork is now designed into select playground panels and painted directly onto the splash pad surface.
- Cultural Fires in Parks – A new email contact has been created to receive enquiries regarding cultural fires in parks.
- New Artwork at səqəlxənəm ts'exwts'áxwi7 - The park's sky frame banners feature rotating designs by xʷməθkʷəy̓əm, Skwxwú7mesh, and səliłwətał artists. New banner designs will be installed this summer. Colourful park signage will soon be installed, featuring the park name and original banner artwork.
- Council Business (relating to or impacting parks & recreation)
 - Council Council to receive a report on July 28, 2026, titled "[Auditor General Committee Recommendations Transmittal Report](#)"
 - Council to receive a report on July 28, 2026, titled "[Rezoning: 906-982 West 18th Avenue, 907-975 West 19th Avenue and 3403-3415 Laurel Street](#)"
 - Council to receive a report on July 28, 2026, titled "[1905 Ogden Avenue: New Lease Agreement for the Vancouver Maritime Museum, and Sublease Agreement for the Operation of a Floating Barge with Hydrotherapy Activities, to be Located at the Heritage Harbour Marina](#)"

NEXT MEETINGS

The next Committee and Board meetings are scheduled for October 26, 2026.