



Park Board Liaison Report July 2017

The following information is intended to provide a brief overview of the Board's governance work at the regular Committee and Board and meetings held in July 2017. The two meetings scheduled for this month are July 10 and July 24. The complete and official minutes can be found on the [Park Board website](#).

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STAFF REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

China Creek North Park Upgrades and Glen Pump Station

The Board approved [upgrades to China Creek North Park](#), which include improved pedestrian connections, accessibility and safety, a renewed playground, and re-surfacing of the fitness track. Additionally, the City of Vancouver's Engineering department will be upgrading the Glen Pump Station, which was built in 1977 and is reaching the end of its life. The pump station is a vital part of the overall sewage system and helps protect water quality by diverting sewage away from natural waterways. Another benefit of this Engineering funded project will be the construction of an accessible public washroom. This new amenity will feature an interpretive wall panel to highlight the unique history of the area.

Basketball Court Mural - Corporate Sponsorship Funding

The Board approved using the Corporate Sponsorship Fund for the installation and maintenance expenses of a [mural project on the basketball court in Mount Pleasant Park](#), which is part of the 2017 Mural Festival. This community-engaged project led by Scott Sueme, an established artist from the Mount Pleasant neighbourhood, will include youth participation in the process of creating the mural.

Vancouver Biennale 2018-2030 Partnership Agreement

The Board approved the recommendation to enter into a new [agreement with the Vancouver Biennale Foundation](#) to host three temporary artwork exhibitions between 2018 and 2030. The new agreement supports multi-use sculpture bases that could be used for multiple exhibits rather than being removed after each one. This will reduce installation & maintenance costs, as well as the need for archeological impact studies whenever a new base location is proposed. Fifteen exhibition sites will be identified, reviewed, and agreed upon by Biennale and Park Board for the entire 12 year period.

Bird Friendly Windows - Corporate Sponsorship Funding

The Board approved using the Corporate Sponsorship Fund to cover the cost of installing a [bird collision deterrent treatment to windows](#) at the Park Board Administration Building at 2099 Beach Avenue. The [Vancouver Bird Strategy](#), approved in January 2015, recommended applying and promoting voluntary bird friendly design guidelines for buildings and landscapes to reduce bird collisions.



Strathcona CCA Funding Model - Interim Strategy

Due to the high percentage of low-income and below living wage residents who live in the Strathcona area, the Strathcona Community Centre Association (SCCA) faces ongoing challenges in providing recreation programs that generate revenue while also ensuring no one is turned away for financial reasons. The Board motion, [Strathcona Community Centre Association Funding Model](#), directed staff to investigate interim and long term funding strategies.

Staff reported on an interim funding strategy, which involves piloting changes to the Leisure Access Program (LAP) coverage criteria:

- Adjust LAP income threshold to include subsidy for individuals and families at or below Living Wage;
- Adjust LAP subsidy rates to more accurately reflect ability to pay; and
- Park Board to fund LAP subsidy for Strathcona CCA recreation programs.

Staff plan to bring recommendations for long-term funding solutions to the Board by year end.

GM'S REPORT

The General Manager provided a report on some of the notable recent and upcoming activities reported on the following:

- Increased measures at Andy Livingstone Park
- Accessible beach mats to enable wheelchairs to access the beaches
- Dude Chilling Yoga will continue thanks to staff diligently working with organizers
- Public Engagement initiatives including: Vancouver Waterway Recreation Strategy, Hinge Park Playground Fence, Andy Livingstone Park (east) Playground Replacement.
- Briefing memos issued to Park Board Commissioners from June and July will be posted on the Board website.

NEXT MONTH'S MEETINGS

The next Committee and Regular Board meeting will be held on July 24, 2017, at 2099 Beach Avenue. There are no scheduled Board Meetings in the month of August for summer break. The Board will reconvene on September 18, 2017, at 2099 Beach Avenue.