



ANNUAL REPORT

2016 Accomplishments

Park Board Committee Meeting
December 12, 2016





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Parks and Recreation for All



Accessible, diverse and quality amenities and services that encourage participation and meet current and future needs.

Parks and Recreation for All: New Parks



We opened two new parks in 2016 at Yukon & 17th and 5th & Pine, Vancouver's first pop-up park.



Parks and Recreation for All: Playground Renewals

Park Board built new playgrounds at McBride and Hastings Mill Parks in 2016. Playgrounds at Andy Livingstone and Creekside Parks are also under construction.



Parks and Recreation for All: Paddling Centre



Photo Credit: Concord Pacific

The new Paddling Centre opened in False Creek in April. The facility features storage buildings and floating docks plus entry/exit ramps to improve accessibility.



Parks and Recreation for All: Richard Saunders Baseball Field



Two baseball diamonds were upgraded in Hastings Community Park, with the main field named after long-time volunteer *Richard Saunders*, and the rookie field named *Volunteer Field*.



Parks and Recreation for All: Pickleball Courts



The game of pickleball is growing in popularity. To meet demands, the Park Board converted one tennis court at Queen Elizabeth Park into a tennis / pickleball court.

Parks and Recreation for All: Killarney Seniors Centre



Park Board approved the construction of the Killarney Seniors Centre. The new centre addresses a critical service gap for seniors in southeast Vancouver.

Parks and Recreation for All: Marpole-Oakridge Community Centre



Park Board approved a motion to renew Marpole-Oakridge Community Centre.



Parks and Recreation for All: Access to Services Without Fear



Park Board approved the *Access to Park Board Services Without Fear* policy.

Parks and Recreation for All: People, Parks and Dogs Strategy



Park Board began a public engagement process to introduce *People, Parks, and Dogs: A Strategy for Sharing Vancouver's Parks.*



Parks and Recreation for All: VanSplash Aquatics Strategy



VanSplash Aquatics Strategy -- the first step to improving access to aquatic services. Public feedback will help refine recommendations for a 10-year plan.

Parks and Recreation for All: Swim to Survive



Park Board partnered with the Lifesaving Society and Lifeguard Outreach Society and offered *Swim to Survive* program to 600 Vancouver youth.

Parks and Recreation for All: Improved Systems and Tools



VanDusen Garden and Pitch & Putt courses were added to *ActiveNet*. User friendly interface and more flexibility for tee time reservation system resulted in an improved customer experience for golf courses.



Parks and Recreation for All: Parks and Recreation Master Plan



The contract to develop the *Parks and Recreation Master Plan* was awarded in the fall. The Master Plan will guide operating practices for the next 25 years.

JOINT OPERATING AGREEMENT



Community Centre Associations

Vancouver Park Board

Renewed efforts were launched in the spring of 2016 to reach a new *Joint Operating Agreement* with Community Centre Associations.



Park Board approved a motion to increase *Accessibility to Public Washrooms* in the parks and recreation system.

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Leader in Greening

Through our actions
we demonstrate
leading green and
horticultural practices
and preserve, protect
and create green
space.



Leader in Greening: Urban Forest Strategy



In order to grow Vancouver's urban forest, close to 6,000 trees were sold to the city's residents, and 14,000 new trees were planted in 2016.



Leader in Greening: New Brighton Park Salt Marsh



New Brighton Park is getting a salt marsh to restore fish and wildlife habitat along the shore of Burrard Inlet.

Engaging People

**Working openly
together to understand
and achieve goals and
strengthen
relationships.**



Engaging People: Survivors Totem Pole

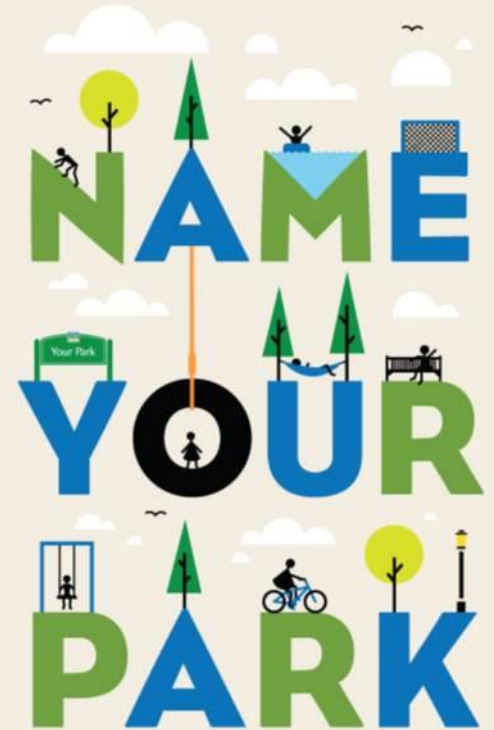


A 27-foot pole carved from a red cedar log from Haida Gwaii was installed during a potlatch ceremony in Pigeon Park in November.

Engaging People: Park Naming



Park Board is seeking suggestions from residents regarding permanent names for 20 new parks.



This park does not have an official name and we want your ideas! What would you call it? Let us know:

vancouver.ca/name-your-park

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Engaging People: Public Art



A new love locks sculpture, *Love in the Rain*, was installed in Queen Elizabeth Park.



Engaging People: Reconciliation with First Nations



Park Board continues to strengthen its relationship with the First Nations.

Engaging People: Sports Events

Several major sporting events were successfully hosted at Park Board facilities.



Excellence in Resource Management



Use existing resources effectively and efficiently, and be innovative in developing additional resources to deliver best value for money and meet community needs.

Excellence in Resource Management: VanDusen Festival of Lights



An expanded *Festival of Lights* enjoyed its most successful year in 2015. Almost 110,000 people visited, about 1,000 more than in the previous year.

Excellence in Resource Management: Langara Golf Course & Heather Civic Marina Upgrades



Langara Golf Course received a warm-up range and Heather Civic Marina's "M" float was replaced.



Excellence in Resource Management: Innovative Service Offerings



Beach chairs and umbrellas arrived at English Bay. A new Halloween event, *VanDusen Glow in the Garden* was successfully launched.



Excellence in Resource Management: Sustainability



The VanDusen Botanical Garden Visitor Centre became the first project in Vancouver to receive the Living Building Petal Certification.



Jody Taylor



In Memory of Park Board arborist Jody Taylor, who was fatally injured while working in Connaught Park.

