



Park Board General Manager's Report July 24, 2017

The following report is intended to provide an overview and update on recent and upcoming activities within the Park Board.

PARK DEVELOPMENT

Dr. Sun Yat Sen Garden Pond

The Dr. Sun Yat Sen Garden Pond renewal was substantially complete on June 21, 2017 and the park re-opened to the public. We are pleased to announce the successful return of the koi on July 5, 2017. This project was a recipient of a Parks Canada heritage grant and the federal staff representative toured the completed work and is very happy with the results.

Playgrounds

The Creekside playground project is behind schedule due to contractor caused delays. The opening is now scheduled for the end of July 2017 or early August 2017 as soon as the rubber surface installation is completed. Staff are keeping the project website, information signs, and email correspondence with local residents up to date.

The Clark Park and Douglas Park playground projects are ready for construction tender in August 2017. These include donations from Stratford Hall School for Clark Park and the Douglas Park Community Association for Douglas Park. Staff will prepare a Board Report about the Douglas Park playground construction project contract award for consideration this fall.

PARK PLANNING & RESEARCH

On Water - Non-Motorized Boating Strategy

A preliminary survey is currently online to gather input on what non-motorized aquatic activities users participate in and some of the barriers and challenges faced by potential, past and current users. Staff have been attending summer events related to non-motorized boating to advertise the survey which closes on Monday, August 14, 2017.

June 17, 2017: Mountain Equipment Co-op Paddlefest

June 23-25, 2017: International Dragon Boat Festival

July 14-15, 2017: Gathering of Canoes and Pulling Together Canoe Journey events

Strathcona Park Impact Assessment and Mitigation Strategies

Park Board staff and their consultant team have begun the Strathcona Park Impact Assessment and Mitigation Strategies process. Public engagement will start in late August in concert with Engineering staff, with a meeting of key park stakeholder representatives. The first of two open houses and TalkVancouver surveys are slated for September (to be confirmed in coordination with City Engineering). Staff will update the Board after phase 1 consultation has been summarized. A second round of engagement will be held later in the fall to review draft mitigation strategies. Park Board staff will provide a progress report for City Engineering staff to incorporate into a Council report, slated for late fall, on the False Creek Flats Arterial Overpass Project.

Tree Sales

The Park Board is holding pop-up tree sales through the summer to facilitate ongoing outreach. There will be a fall tree sale in mid-September 2017.



North East False Creek (NEFC) Parks and Open Spaces

The first public event was a presentation by James Corner on June 7, 2017, which is [available online](#). The design team and staff met with Tseil-Waututh and Musqueam representatives as well as members of the Urban Aboriginal's People Advisory Committee on June 8, 2017. On June 10, 2017, over 3,000 people attended an open house on Carrall Street, where the park design, [Draft Area Plan](#), street design and the developers' rezoning packages were presented. On June 12, 2017, James Corner presented the draft park concept to Council. Over 8,000 survey responses on the draft area plan were received. These results are being analyzed by staff.

The design team is refining the park design this summer based on the external and internal feedback. We anticipate a final presentation of the design by James Corner to the Park Board in October. Meanwhile, a 50% detailed design submission for the street design is being reviewed by staff, in advance of a 90% submission in the fall.

Preliminary rezoning applications are currently under review for staff comments. The full rezoning applications integrating staff comments will happen concurrently with the public consultation events in October.

VanPlay - Parks and Recreation Services Master Plan

The VanPlay Public Engagement Tour continued for a second month in June with the remainder of the eleven events city-wide, ending the first phase of engagement at the Sunset Community Centre on Canada Day. The project website remains live and will do so, though the survey closed on July 7, 2017.

The next Board update will be in September 2017 with round 2 of engagement commencing then.

Upcoming Public Engagement:

Marpole Oakridge Community Centre - September

The Park Board is leading the community engagement process which is set to begin in September 2017.

Memorial South - August 2, 2017

This is the first of two open houses which aims to explore the prospect of 'age friendly' exercise equipment in the Park.

East Fraser Lands - September 9, 2017

This is the final open house to present the preferred concept for the three new parks based on community input.



BUSINESS SERVICES

New Harbour Green Restaurant Site - Sequoia Harbour Air

As part of the development permit and building permit approval process a text amendment to the current zoning of the Harbour Green site was required to accommodate design features such as an overhanging roof. The text amendment was approved at the June 13, 2017, Council meeting. The development permit process is expected to take 9-12 months with approval anticipated to be in early 2018. Construction is approximately 12 months and we anticipate opening in Spring of 2019.

Stanley Park Brewing

Development and building permits are currently under review for Stanley Park Brewing who will be opening up at the old Fish House location in Stanley Park. The lease is currently under reviewed. Once the lease, development and building permits are in place improvements to the building will begin in the fall. We anticipate an opening in Spring of 2018.

Water Bike Rental Service at Vanier Park

The Park Board's new water bike rental service approved on May 1, 2017, initiated operations on June 24, 2017. Early response to this new aquatic experience, operated by BC Water Bikes Ltd., has been very positive. We look forward to the continued growth of the service in the coming months as awareness increases and our great summer weather continues.

"Kisses for Bees" Temporary Pollinator Installation at Cathedral Square Park

This temporary pollinator installation, approved on June 19, 2017, was installed at Cathedral Square Park on June 23, 2017. The installation, which is designed to animate Cathedral Square Park and educate Vancouverites on the challenges and issues facing pollinators and bee health, has become a popular photo location and remained in place until July 23, 2017.

Uninterrupted Cinematic Project

'Uninterrupted', the Canada 150+ cinematic public artwork project, approved on October 3, 2016, officially kicked off its screenings on June 28, 2017, and will continue until September 24, 2017. The production provides an intimate look at the life cycle of one of the coast's most revered creatures, the sockeye salmon, by combining awe-inspiring underwater footage with exquisitely captured ambient sound and music. The film presentation, which utilizes the underside of the Cambie Street Bridge and Coopers Park, serves as both a work of art and a tool for promoting conservation

OTHERS

Doors Open Vancouver

237 members of the public visited the Park Board Administration Building located at 2099 Beach Avenue compared to 50+ in 2015. The Boardroom was dedicated to Women as Creators and Champions and via video screen, posters and volunteer facilitators, Park Board showcased women, past and present, which have had an impact on the Park Board and beyond. We had displays for the City Bird, Recreation, pollinators and their importance to parks, the Heron Cam, Park Ranger activation and VanPlay surveys available on site. The Park Board's Archaeologist hosted multiple tours throughout the day with a focus on Squamish, Musqueam and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations. From the award-winning Campos Studio, Architect Javier Campos hosted afternoon tours answering questions about the architectural significance of the building.

List of Briefing Memos Issued for the period of June 28 to July 21, 2017

Date Issued	Issued By	Topic
June 28, 2017	Donnie Rosa - Director, Recreation	Beach Accessibility Improvements
July 5, 2017	Dave Hutch - Manager, Planning and Research	Water Conservation in Parks - Progress Update and Next Steps
July 13, 2017	Donnie Rosa - Director, Recreation	Violence Risk Assessments
July 17, 2017	Tiina Mack - Manager, Park Development	Kitsilano Beach Park (Bike Path)
July 17, 2017	Nick Page - Biologist	New Brighton Salt Marsh
July 17, 2017	Dave Hutch - Manager, Planning and Research	Stan Stronge Therapy Pool
July 18, 2017	Malcolm Bromley - General Manager	Northeast False Creek: Temporary Park Proposal by Concord Pacific
July 21, 2017	Dave Hutch - Manager, Planning and Research	Marpole Community Centre Renewal - Location Validation and Needs Assessment Study

Park Board related items at the July 26, 2017 meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Policy and Strategic Priorities:

- Vancouver City-wide Development Cost Levy Update (2017-2026)
- Smithe and Richards Park - Update
The park design was approved by Park Board Commissioners in May 2016. The new park will serve over 10,000 residents and 17,000 employees within a five-minute walk to the park site. The project is required to go before the Urban Design Panel on July 26, 2017. The Urban Design Panel advises City Council on development proposals.