



## Park Board General Manager's Report November 21, 2017

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

### PARK DEVELOPMENT

#### Playground Renewals - Update

The [Clark Park Playground construction](#) contract is awarded to Wilco Civil Contractors Inc., the same firm that recently built the Hillcrest and Riley Park renewal, Trillium Park North park site, and the Hastings Community Park baseball field projects. Construction work will begin in December.

Discussion between the new nature play suppliers and Douglas Park Community Association was completed in mid-November. Tender drawings are now being finalized for issue by the first week of December, and a construction contract award is targeted for January 2018.

#### Major Field Renewal Project

The Vancouver Park Board operates and maintains parks and sports fields for use by the public and sports organizations including the Vancouver Field Sport Federation (VFSF). To maximize playing capacity and to accommodate growth, capital funds are assigned for field upgrades in each capital plan cycle. After reviewing 19 possible locations, staff have identified two parks in collaboration with VFSF that warrant an upgrade to a Grade A field or fields: **Montgomery Park and Slocan Park**. In order to proceed to construction in 2018 within the \$1M available budget, a team of consultants will be retained by January 2018 to undertake detailed site investigations, and to prepare construction drawings and cost estimates for both locations. One location will be built in 2018 and the other in the 2019-2022 capital plan, subject to funding.

### PARKS FOUNDATION UPDATE

Laurie Clarke, Senior Fundraising Consultant, is now providing transitional leadership to the Foundation Project Team in preparation for the official launch of the Foundation. Work is well underway in terms of identifying the essential, priority next steps in establishing the Foundation and in engaging public support. The initial review of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Foundation, the fundraising Case for Support, and key policies and communications plan is now complete, and the tasks arising from the review are now assigned to the Project Team for further input and development.

### COUNCIL BUSINESS

#### Vancouver Public Bike Share Program

At its meeting on November 15, 2017, the Standing Committee of Council on City Finance and Services received an "[Update on Vancouver Public Bike Share Program](#)". The Public Bike Share system - Mobi by Shaw Go - was launched in Vancouver in 2016 and over one year of operations, has facilitated over 650,000 cycling trips from 123 stations on 1,300 bikes. The success of the first year suggests an optimistic outlook towards growth and expansion. Some by-law amendments will be required to facilitate expansion of public bike share throughout the City.



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

VanPlay Community Dialogue - November 29, 2017 at the Roundhouse Community Center  
 Bright Nights Christmas Train in Stanley Park - November 30 to January 6, 2018  
 VanDusen Festival of Lights - December 1, 2017 to January 7, 2018

**Board Briefing Memos - November 6 to 17, 2017**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Issued By:</b>	<b>Topic</b>
Nov 6	Donnie Rosa - Director, Recreation	Warming Centers at Park Board Facilities
Nov 8	Dave Hutch - Manager, Planning and Research	East-West Arterial Replacement Updat
Nov 9	Donnie Rosa - Director, Recreation	Autism Spectrum Disorder Awareness Training
Nov 10	Donnie Rosa - Director, Recreation	Joint Operating Agreement - Revised Appendix C Clauses
Nov 14	Dave Hutch - Manager, Planning and Research	Centerm Expansion Project Update
Nov 15	Malcolm Bromley - General Manager	Stanley Park Brewing - 8901 Stanley Park Drive (Former Fish House Restaurant)
Nov 17	Dave Hutch - Manager, Planning and Research	Northeast False Creek Park and Area Plan Update