

# CHAIR'S ANNUAL REPORT

## 2017 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Park Board Committee Meeting  
December 11, 2017  
*Reconvened December 19, 2017*



# Snow and Ice: Warming Centres

## WARMING SHELTERS

CREEKSIDE  
WEST END  
KITSILANO  
THE HALL ON VENABLES (BRITANNIA)

OPEN: 9 PM (OVERNIGHT)



Community Centres were activated as warming centres for the homeless.

# Snow and Ice : Skating on Trout Lake



Skating on Trout Lake for first time in 20 years – enhanced ice patrol.

# Snow and Ice : New Equipment



New equipment: 3 new briners, 3 new trucks with plows and salters, new JD Mowers for use on seawall and sidewalks.

# Seniors: Ground breaking for Killarney Seniors' Centre and new senior centre at Sunset



# Joint Operating Agreement



- 18 month consultation led to new JOA effective January 1, 2018
- Nine centres have signed
- Significant benefits to public – greater access to recreation city wide, elimination of barriers, financial transparency

# Cetaceans



Park Board approves amendments to Park Control By-laws governing importation and display of cetaceans in Vancouver Parks.



- Launch new Foundation in 2018
- Strategic and fundraising plans developed
- Transitional Leader hired for Foundation



# Reconciliation with First Nations



# Reconciliation : Stanley Park Intergovernmental Working Group



# Reconciliation: Siwash Rock Renaming & RISE



- Siwash Rock Renaming
- Implementation of RISE strategy at five community centres, employing young urban aboriginals

# Reconciliation: New Roles & Engagement



- Hiring of Reconciliation Planner Rena Soutar and Engagement Stanley Park Planner Emily Dunlop



- Aboriginal engagement for New Brighton Salt Marsh
- Medicine wheel garden at John Henry Park, built for Wild Salmon Caravan



# Reconciliation: Canada 150+ - Thunderbird Sharing Ceremony & Gathering of Canoes



# New Parks: Northeast False Creek



# New Parks: East Fraser Lands – Area 2



**FORESHORE PARK**

**NEIGHBOURHOOD PARK SOUTH**

**SOUTH KINROSS PARK**

**MIDDLE KINROSS PARK**

**NORTH KINROSS PARK**



# New Parks: Smithe and Richards



Final stages of permitting process, construction is targeted for Summer 2018.



# New Parks: Oakridge Centre Redevelopment



# Park and Playground Renewals: Creekside



Park Board completed the new Creekside Playground in August 2017. It is one of the most accessible playgrounds in Vancouver.

# Park and Playground Renewals: Andy Livingstone



Park Board built a new playground at Andy Livingstone Park near Crosstown Elementary.

# Park and Playground Renewals: WC Shelley, Oxford, Major Matthews, Hinge Park and Prospect Point



# Park and Playground Renewals: Kitsilano Beach Basketball courts



The basketball courts at Kits Beach were enhanced with resurfacing of courts and new basketball hoops in partnership with Canada One Athletic Foundation.



# Park and Playground Renewals: Mount Pleasant Basketball Court Mural & Quilchena Park Skateboard Facility



# Park and Playground Renewals: China Creek North, Brewers and Clinton Park Concept Plans Approved



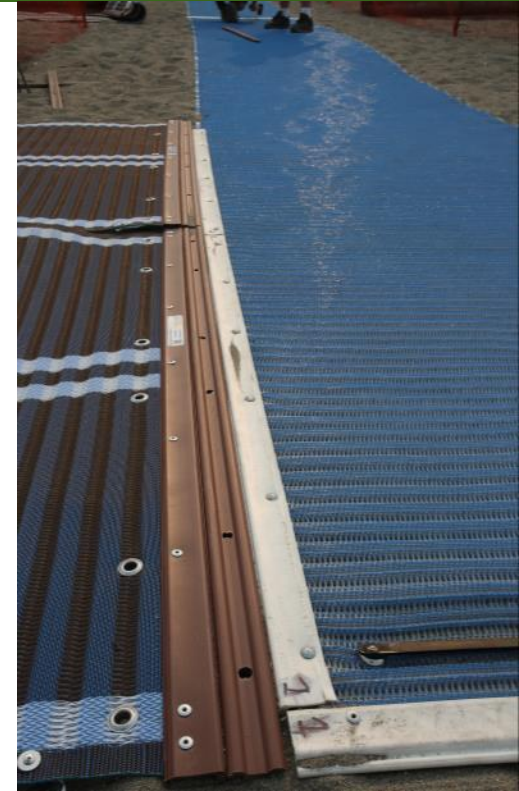
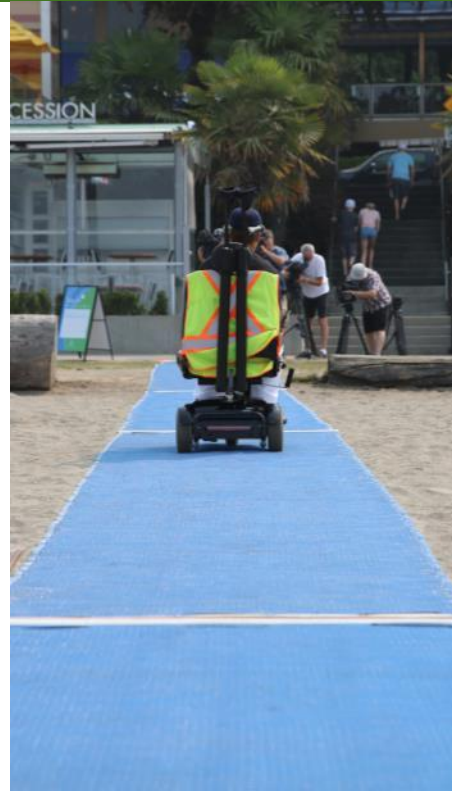
# Accessibility & Inclusion: Challenger Field



The Challenger Field in partnership with Jays Care, Vancouver Canadians and Variety Club was completed this past year at Riley Park.



# Accessibility & Inclusion: Beach Mats



Beaches in Vancouver became more accessible this summer with the installation of Beach mats at English Bay. Expansion is planned for Summer 2018.

# Accessibility & Inclusion: Jericho Pier



Board approved concept for renewed Jericho Pier with accessible floating dock for disabled sailors.



# Accessibility & Inclusion: Trans Facilitators & Leisure Access Upgrades



Josie Pearce and Ben Keane-O'Hara were hired as Facilitators – Trans, Gender Diverse & Two-Spirit Inclusion to support recreation.



A subsidy was created for low income residents in Strathcona to access programs at the community centre.

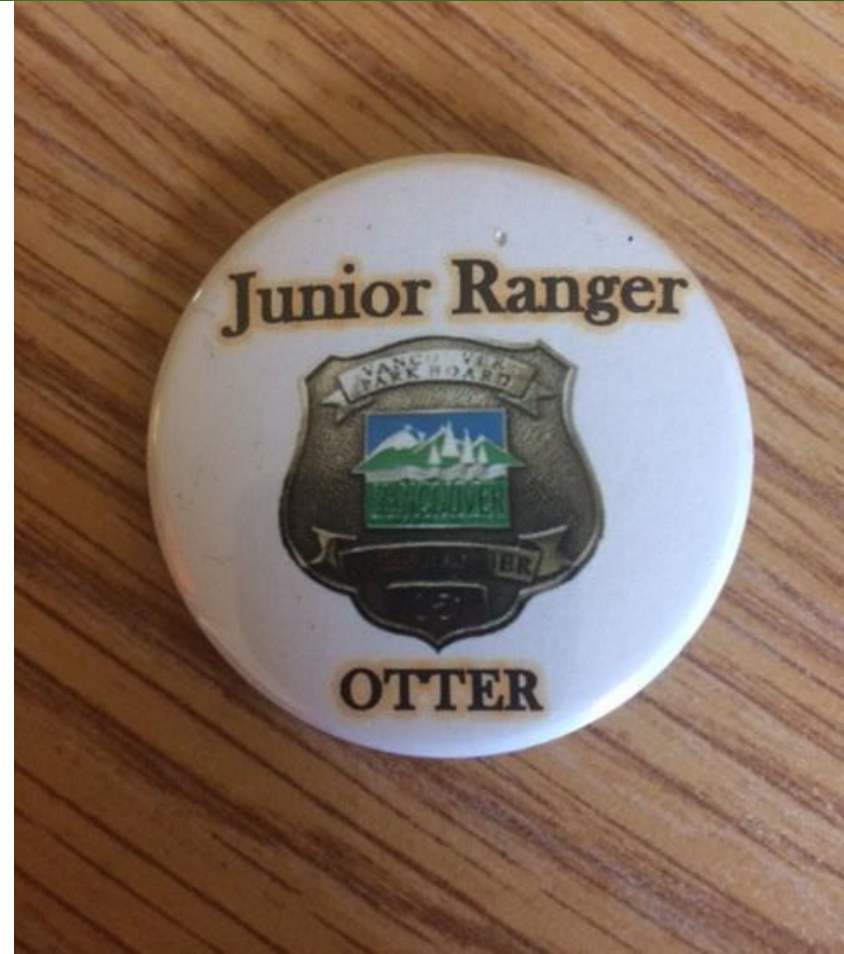
# Park Safety, Cleanliness and Security: 6 new FT and 12 AUX Rangers



# Park Safety, Cleanliness and Security: New Ranger Station, Andy Livingstone Park & Funding to upgrade Park Washrooms



# Park Safety, Cleanliness and Security: Jr Ranger Program in development



# Natural Areas/Biodiversity: New Brighton Park Salt Marsh



A salt marsh was established in New Brighton Park to restore fish and wildlife habitat in Burrard Inlet.

# Natural Areas/Biodiversity: Tatlow & Volunteer Parks, Daylighting of Stream





# Natural Areas/Biodiversity: Water conservation

Trout Lake only topped up  
to maintain lake level.



All spray parks now have  
push buttons.



# Natural Areas/Biodiversity: Park Stewards and Neighbourhood Matching Fund



Increased support for local food, biodiversity, and urban forest projects .

# Natural Areas/Biodiversity : Pollinators at Cathedral Square & 5<sup>th</sup> & Pine



# Natural Areas/Biodiversity: Birds



- Feather friendly window treatment 2099 Beach
- Park Board involvement in City Bird competition, crowning Anna's Hummingbird
- Planning support for 2018 World Ornithological Congress

# Urban Forest Strategy: Spring and Fall Tree Sales



Spring and fall tree sales for  
Vancouver residents  
including balcony species:  
9000 trees in 2017<sup>55</sup>

# Urban Forest Strategy: Nursery Rebate Program, New Mapping Tools and Selective Planting



**TREE VANCOUVER**

Vancouver residents can **purchase a tree**, valued at \$50 or higher, for **\$20 off**.  
Ask our sales staff for details.

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- Nursery rebate program for trees purchased
- Development of new mapping tools for monitoring the urban forest
- Selective planting of resilient species

# Special Events: “ Uninterrupted” Salmon Spectacle



Cinematic experience in Coopers Park which showcased Pacific salmon migration to urban audiences



# Special Events: Kitsilano Bathtub Races

Bathtub races  
returning to  
English Bay for  
first time in 20  
years during  
KitsFest, August  
2018.





# Special Events: Gourmet Cirque Cabaret



Board approved  
Gourmet Cirque  
Cabaret for north  
parking lot of QE Park  
beginning in  
November 2018.

# Special Events: Skookum Fest in Stanley Park



**SKOOKUM**  
MUSIC. FOOD. ART.

SEPTEMBER 7-9, 2018  
STANLEY PARK  
VANCOUVER, BC

# Special Events: New Riley Park Farmers Market, Our CityRide, National Skate Day



CANADA 150  
SKATING DAY

LET'S GLIDE  
INTO WINTER  
BY SKATING  
ON DECEMBER 10!



Canada

A promotional graphic for "Canada 150 Skating Day". It features a young girl in a red hat and striped shirt holding a pair of ice skates. The text is set against a light blue background with a stylized snowflake graphic.

# Sport Hosting: Rugby Canada Match vs NZ All Blacks, Worked with Partners on Bid for 2026 FIFA World Cup



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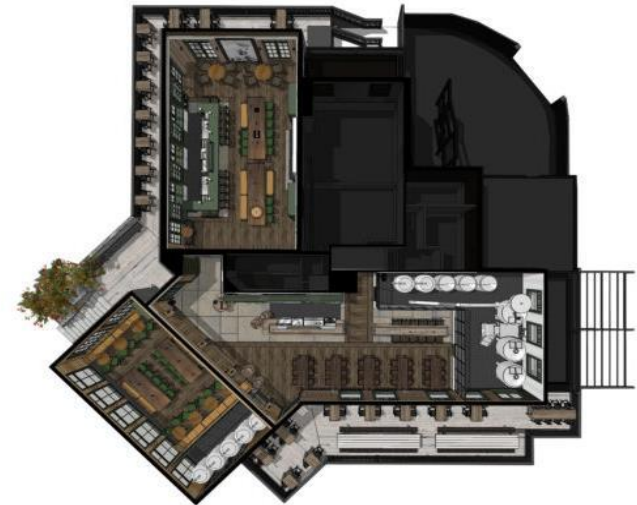
# Food in Parks: Concession Strategy



- Interim new concession strategy presented
- New menu offerings for 2018: more fresh and seasonal, gluten free, low carb
- Pilot of beer and wine on beach

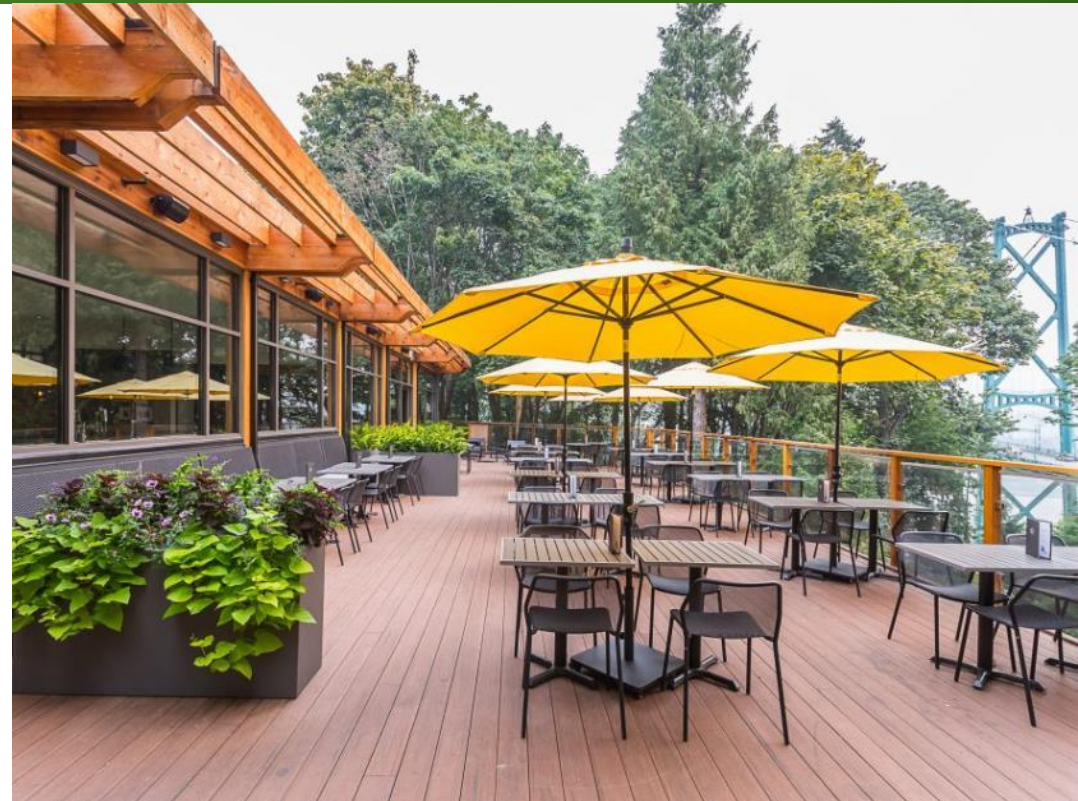


# Food in Parks: Stanley Park Brewing



Consultation with community on liquor license and anticipating an opening June 2018.

# Food in Parks: Prospect Point Cafe



Prospect Point Café was renovated and re-opened this past summer.

# Food in Parks: Riley Park Community Garden and Salmon Caravan at Trout Lake





# Public Engagement: Growth of Social Media



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BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Tweets **18.5K** Following **2,275** Followers **22.8K** Likes **1,656** Lists **10** Moments **1**

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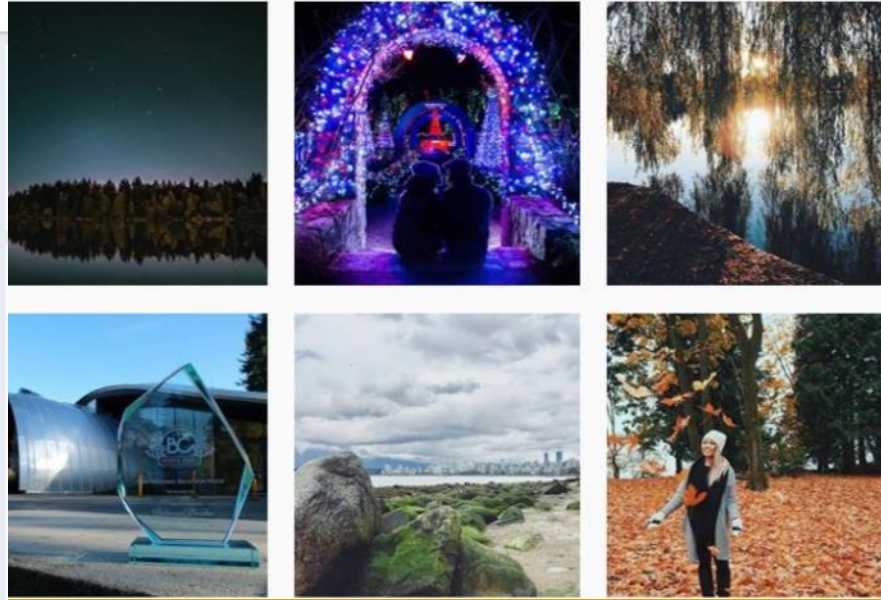
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[vancouver.ca/vanplay](http://vancouver.ca/vanplay)  
Joined March 2009  
7,859 Photos and videos

**Tweets** Tweets & replies Media

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Reminder: Renovation construction begins today on the east playground at #ClarkPark. The west playground will remain open during upgrades. [ow.ly/mQB030gX2zc](https://ow.ly/mQB030gX2zc)



- Cross channel audience 36, 332
- Engagement 66,260
- Twitter grew by 7 percent, Facebook 8 percent, Instagram 23 percent

# Public Engagement - Community Dialogues: VanPlay, Smart City Talks and CCA JOA at the Wosk Centre



Join The Park Board For A Community Dialogue:

## Downtown Urban Core



Video  
storytelling –  
VanPlay,  
Community  
Dialogues:  
Smart City  
Talks

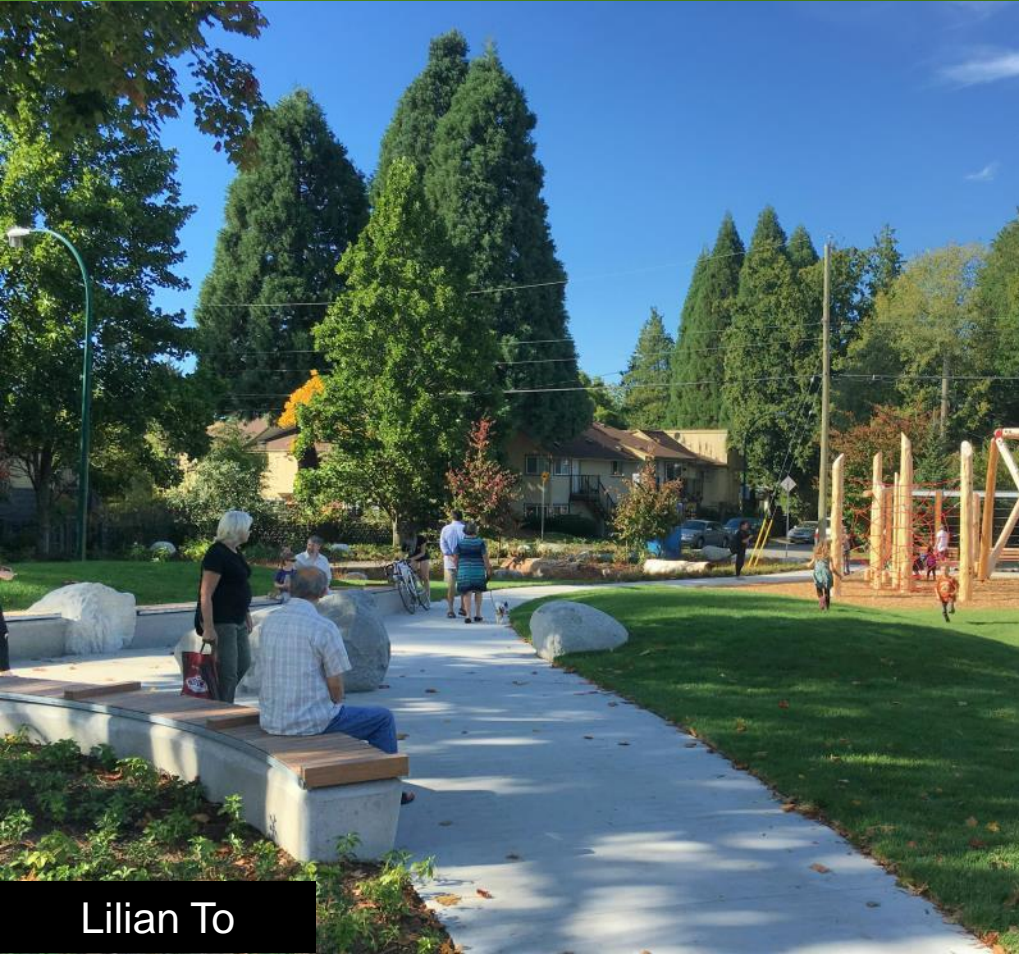
# IMAGINE THE FUTURE OF PARKS + RECREATION

- VANPLAY**
- SMART CITY TALKS**
- SEPTEMBER 20**
- COMMUNITY+VISION**
- OCTOBER 3**
- SPACE+EQUITY**
- OCTOBER 17**
- ECOLOGY+NATURE**
- NOVEMBER 1**
- CELEBRATION+DIVERSITY**
- NOVEMBER 15**
- RESILIENCE+WELLBEING**

ALL TALKS BEGIN 6:30 PM AT UBC ROBSON SQUARE  
TICKETS AT [URBANARIUM.ORG](http://URBANARIUM.ORG)



# Public Engagement: Park Naming – Slidey Slides, Lilian To and Sun Hop Parks



Lilian To

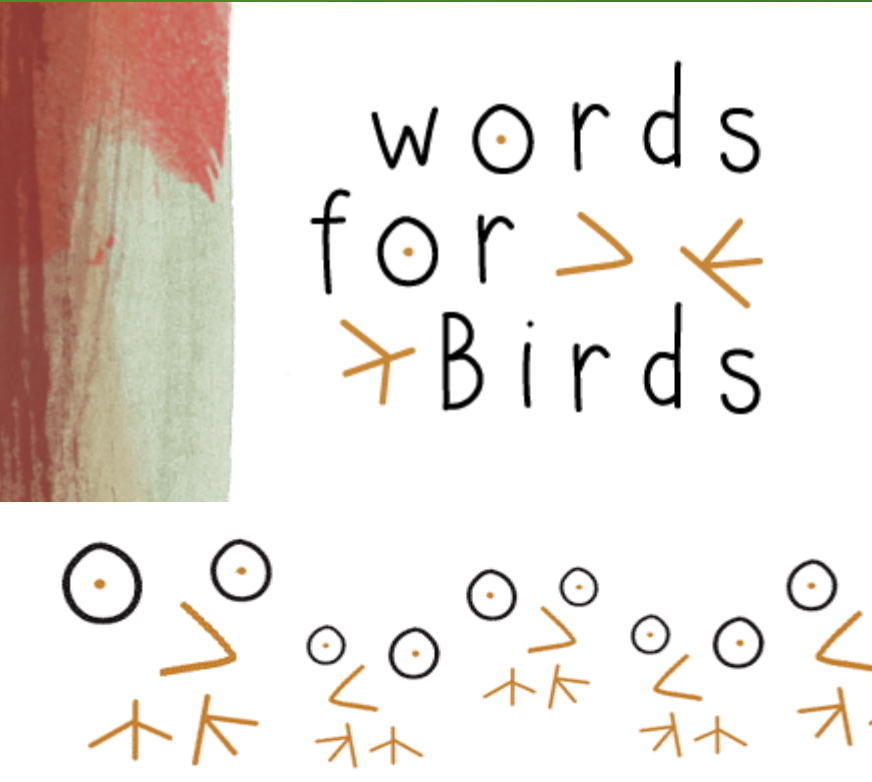


Sun Hop



Slidey Slides

# Public Engagement: Words for Birds



Park Board led, artistic engagement with public on attributes of a City Bird.

# Arts and Culture: Lumière Festival expansion, Senior Arts & Health & Field House Activations



# Arts and Culture: Irish Monument & Vancouver Biennale



Irish monument location approved and renewed partnership with the Vancouver Biennale.

# City-Wide Strategies: People, Parks and Dogs



Park Board approved a series of actions to improve shared use of parks by people and dogs.

# City-Wide Strategies: VanPlay – In progress



Year-long public conversation on the future of parks and recreation is now exploring city-wide opportunities and challenges.





## VANCOUVER'S Waterway Recreation Strategy

**on water**



# Aquatics: Swim to Survive



Park Board partnered with the Lifesaving Society and Lifeguard Outreach Society and offered *Swim to Survive* program to 2,000 Vancouver youth over three days.

# Aquatics: Kits Pool Rehabilitation Project



Kits Pool began a rehabilitation project which will result in cleaner, greener pool water with enhanced saltwater swimming experience for users.

# Aquatics: Record Swim Season in 2017



Second Beach and New Brighton Pool seasons were extended by additional 2 weeks



*VanSplash Aquatics Strategy  
will be considered by Park  
Board tonight!*





THANK YOU!!

