



Park Board General Manager's Report January 29, 2018

PARK DEVELOPMENT

Stream Restoration in Tatlow and Volunteer Parks

Work is progressing well on the Tatlow and Volunteer Parks stream restoration project. Park Board staff are working with the City of Vancouver's Engineering Department and consultants to create an ecologically diverse stream corridor; improve shoreline access through new paths; restore riparian and shoreline habitat for birds and wildlife, and improve rainwater management. The refined concept plan was well received at the final open-house on January 27, 2018, and the online engagement survey is open until Feb 13. Staff plan to bring final recommendations to the Board in early spring, with construction targeted for early fall (subject to approval).

Stanley Park Seawall Renewal - Phase I and II

After some difficulty obtaining the necessary Fisheries, Port, and archeological permits through 2017, the project is now on track. Phase I repairs will begin in late March, and a new tender package for the Phase II work will be issued subsequently.

Park Renewals: Renfrew Ravine & Community Park and Douglas Park Playground

Multiple bids were received for both projects by the January submission deadlines. Projects are on budget. Staff plan to bring contract award recommendations to the Board in February.

PARK PLANNING & RESEARCH

VanPlay (Parks and Recreation Services Master Plan)

The VanPlay team has synthesized Phase 1 and 2 results from community, staff and stakeholder consultation into a draft set of six "big moves". Commissioners will have an opportunity to provide feedback on these draft strategies in early February. Once finalized, these 6 big moves will set directions for the remainder of the project.

VanPlay "Deep Dive" workshops have now begun and will continue to be held throughout February. These self-directed, independently hosted workbooks provide an opportunity for organized groups to contribute to the Playbook. The first Deep Dive event was held on January 26 at the Trout Lake Community Centre, where Youth Leaders and over 130 adolescents from throughout the city participated and shared their visions for the future of parks and recreation and considered how to reach these goals.

On Water (Non-Motorized Boating Strategy)

The project team is currently developing an update for the Board on the schedule and public engagement approach that will inform the Strategy. Round 2 of public engagement will run from mid-February to mid-March. The project team is looking for feedback on the draft Vision and Principles and seeking early ideas for recommendations. The team will use this input to develop a draft strategy, which will be the focus of the third round of engagement in the spring.

Water Conservation Planning

A Request for Proposal (RFP) for design work to recirculate the Charleson Park waterfall and to capture and convey water from Lumberman's Arch spray park to Beaver Lake was posted on January 26, 2018. As well, a consultant is currently working on identifying water use efficiency opportunities for the surface features at VanDusen Gardens.



Northeast False Creek Park (NEFC) Park

The Northeast False Creek (NEFC) team continues to work with the Indigenous Engagement Working Group on analyzing input from the local First Nations and urban Indigenous people. The design team has advanced preliminary work on the East Park waterfront and expect to start refining the concept design in February. A workshop with the Chinese Benevolent Association and other community members was held on Jan 27/18 to identify opportunities to better connect the neighborhood, the park, the waterfront, and the new events and entertainment district. Staff will review and potentially confirm the design direction at the next quarterly meeting with the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations.

OTHER ITEMS

Holiday event attendance

The 33rd annual VanDusen Festival of Lights welcomed a record 146,000 visitors, a 19% increase over the previous year. For the third year in a row, the Bloedel Conservatory was home to Vancouver's most affordable holiday activation - "Arctic Oasis". The event attracted over 29,000 visitors, a 60% jump over last year. The 20th annual Bright Nights event in Stanley Park had Ridership of 181,000, a 6 % increase over last year.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

United 2026 Bid

On January 30, 2018, Council will be receiving a [report on the United 2026 Bid](#) that summarizes the progress of Vancouver's Host City candidacy as part of the United Bid to host the 2026 FIFA World Cup. It requests Council's consideration and direction on key issues, highlights aspects related to the bid, and reviews the Host City obligations contained in the agreements required for signing to move forward. Included are recommendations for the Park Board to approve the signing and delivery of the related Training Site Agreement. Additional information will come to the Board.

Vancouver Community Sport Hosting Grants - Winter 2017/2018 Intake

On January 30, 2018, Council will also receive a report recommending 5 new [Community Sport Hosting Grants](#) totaling \$30,200. All Sport Hosting Grant applications are reviewed by a panel of representatives from the Park Board, City of Vancouver and other key stakeholders in the sport hosting community. Applications support a variety of community sport events and initiatives including two sanctioned national championships in badminton, one national championship for athletes who have received an organ transplant, and two local events hosted at Britannia Community Centre and Vancouver Technical. The current approved 2018 Vancouver Sport Hosting budget is \$216,487.

Northeast False Creek Plan ("NEFC Plan") and Viaducts Replacement Project

On January 31, 2018, the Standing Committee on City Finance & Services will receive a report recommending a comprehensive [plan for Northeast False Creek](#) (NEFC) that responds to previous direction, and that will guide the twenty year build-out of the neighborhood without the viaducts. This will provide opportunities, among others, for approximately 32 acres of new and renewed parks and open spaces, including more than one kilometer of new waterfront seawall designed for recreation and also resilience against sea level rise for a vulnerable portion of the Downtown.



Board Briefing Memos - January 16 to 29, 2018

Date:	Issued By:	Topic
Jan 24	Dave Hutch - Manager, Planning and Research	Northeast False Creek Plan - January Project Update
Jan 26	Donnie Rosa - Director of Recreation	Positive Ticketing Initiative