



Park Board General Manager's Report April 16, 2018

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

PARK DEVELOPMENT

Playground Renewals

The Clark Park Playground renovation is nearly complete and the Douglas Park playground construction is underway. Recently, staff issued a public request for proposal for the design and community engagement work needed for 11 playgrounds at Collingwood, Winona, Jones, Ash, Beaconsfield, Champlain Heights, Charleson, John Hendry (east), Kaslo, Granville Parks and the Thunderbird Community Centre Daycare, setting the stage for delivery of a number of much needed playground renewal projects. Construction will occur in 2019 with funding from both the current and the upcoming capital plans.

Park Washroom Renovations

The public tender for the park washroom renovation project was posted on March 23, 2018 and will close on May 2, 2018. The much anticipated renovation of Jonathan Rogers, Clinton, Falaise Parks and Third Beach and Lumberman's Arch washrooms in Stanley Park will soon be underway. The Falaise Park washroom renovation will begin in June, and is targeted for completion in October. The Jonathan Rogers and Clinton Park washrooms will also begin in June and are targeted for completion in January 2019. Renovation of the Lumberman's Arch and Third Beach washrooms will begin in September, to minimize disruption to park patrons in the busy summer season. A more detailed update on these projects, washroom priorities, and an approach for future washroom planning is forthcoming. Park Board staff are working closely with REFM in this renovation project.

PARK PLANNING AND RESEARCH

On Water

In mid-March, staff led round 2 of the public engagement process seeking feedback about the [On Water](#) draft vision and principles and early ideas for actions and recommendations. 942 people participated in the online survey. Staff will lead a final round of public engagement in late May.

North East False Creek (NEFC)

In May, staff will meet with the Tsleil-Waututh Technical Team to ensure indigenous design principles are reflected in the revised concept design. Staff will also host an [NEFC](#) workshop with the Chinatown community to present the new park identity and explore programming options in the revised design of Andy Livingstone Park.

Tree Sales

Online tree sales will go live May 1, 2018 with the pick-up events running from May 12 to 13. You can view the [types of trees that will be available](#) as well as create a "wish list" for the upcoming event [online](#).

Neighbourhood Matching Fund

Applications are due on April 15, 2018 for [community projects that support neighbourhood-based](#) groups to make creative improvements related to local food, stewardship or art on public land.



Public Engagement

On March 8, approximately 200 people attended an open house about the proposed location for the interim skate plaza to replace the current [Downtown Plaza Skate Park](#) under the Georgia Viaducts.

PARK OPERATIONS

Stanley Park Pathway

The Stanley Park Pathway section along the north side of Lost Lagoon had drainage/flooding issues. Stanley Park operations extensively raised and refinished the pathway to improve access during winter and spring. The work also involved improving drainage under the pathway to stop pooling and allow water to move from the north side into the lagoon.

RECREATION

Vancouver Youth Week

BC Youth Week is a provincial celebration of youth held annually during the first week of May. It is a week of fun-filled interaction and celebration intended to build a strong connection between youth and their communities. The Park Board Community Workers, in partnership with local youth, have organized several events including a Skate Event, Basketball Tournament, Multicultural Carnival, Movie Day, Eco-Friendly Night Market, Scavenger Hunt and Music Lessons.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Cambie Corridor – Phase 3

On April 17, 2018, Council will be receiving a report on the [Cambie Corridor – Phase 3](#) which is the final phase of a comprehensive three phase planning program. Phase 3 connects the overall fabric of neighborhoods within the Corridor and delivers a final Public Benefits Strategy (PBS), Public Realm Plan and a final, comprehensive Cambie Corridor Plan.

The PBS reflects the needs of, and provides directions for, public amenities and infrastructure in the Corridor north of W. 57th Avenue. The Corridor is currently well-served for park land given the current population, and has access to a variety of amenities that support healthy and social lifestyles, including three community centres (Douglas Park, Hillcrest and Marpole-Oakridge), two branch libraries (Terry Salmen branch and Oakridge branch), an ice rink, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, cultural facilities and a Seniors center. The majority of the new investments in the PBS are for affordable housing, community facilities (including childcare), parks, and transportation improvements to support the anticipated population growth.

Still Creek Enhancement Project – Renfrew Street and East 14th Avenue Viewing Platform

On April 17, 2018, Council will also be receiving a report on the [Still Creek Enhancement Project](#) – Renfrew Street and East 14th Avenue Viewing Platform which involves the design and construction of an accessible viewing platform adjacent to the sidewalk that facilitates views of a portion of Still Creek. Typically, the City's Engineering staff would manage the construction of the work based on approved plan. However, the Park Board is currently undertaking park renewal work in Renfrew Ravine and Renfrew Community Park which included the viewing



platform. Park Board will manage the tender process and construction of the viewing platform, working collaboratively with Metro Vancouver and the City's Engineering and Planning departments on the approval of design plans. To coordinate with the timing of this fall's salmon run, construction of the viewing platform will take place between June and September 2018.

Motion on Notice: Jurisdiction, Land Use and Biodiversity of Langara Golf Course

On April 17, 2018, Council will be considering a [motion on notice regarding Langara Golf Course](#) that asks Council to acknowledge that the golf course be respected as protected park land under the jurisdiction and governance of the Vancouver Park Board and that staff be directed to take any steps necessary to ensure this legally. The motion also asks Council to acknowledge that Langara Golf Course is a diverse natural area and any change of land use could adversely affect the biodiversity and wildlife in the area. As well, there is a request for Council to increase the Park Board's budget to compensate for any expected lost revenue in the next year as a result of Council delaying the contract approval for the drainage improvements to the course.

Vancouver Community Sport Hosting Grants – Spring 2018 Intake

On April 18, 2018, the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services will be receiving a report recommending 4 new [Community Sport Hosting Grants](#) totalling \$14,600. All Sport Hosting Grant applications are reviewed by a panel comprised of representatives from the Park Board, City of Vancouver, and other key stakeholders in the sport hosting community. Applications received include two unique local events bringing track and field and equestrian to the downtown core, an annual ultimate tournament coinciding with Pride weekend and a series of skateboarding events around the city this summer. The current balance of the 2018 Vancouver Sport Hosting budget is \$214,529.

Drinking Water Conservation By-Law

On April 18, 2018, the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services will also receive a report on the proposed [Drinking Water Conservation By-Law](#) to align with the Metro Vancouver Drinking Water Conservation Plan.

The proposed by-law aligns with the watering restrictions and process set out in the regional Drinking Water Conservation Plan with some additional changes which included recommending a new separate category of restrictions to cover water use by governments/schools/parks. Vancouver has not yet included this separate restriction category, but includes all the restrictions for special uses such as playing fields and water play parks within the non-residential category. The Park Board will continue to follow its 2017 [Water Conservation Action Plan](#) which has further-reaching water conservation impacts than just the watering restrictions denoted in the by-law.

Special Meeting: Apology for Historical Discrimination Against the Chinese People

The Mayor has called a Special Council meeting on April 22, 2018 at 2:00pm to issue an Official Apology to the Chinese Community. The meeting will be held at the Chinese Cultural Centre.



Board Briefing Memos – March 7 to April 16, 2018

Date:	Issued By:	Topic
Mar 7	Dave Hutch – Manager, Planning and Research	Relocation of Still Creek Community Garden to Slocan Park
Mar 9	Dave Hutch – Manager, Planning and Research	Cambie Corridor Projects: Langara Gardens and Heather Street Lands Policy Statements
Mar 13	Dave Hutch – Manager, Planning and Research	VanPlay Updated Project Schedule
Mar 21	Shauna Wilton – Deputy General Manager	Vancouver Botanical Gardens Association Update
Mar 23	Tiina Mack – Manager, Park Development	Notice of Upcoming Pump Stations Replacement Project
Mar 28	Malcolm Bromley – General Manager	Spanish Banks Pay Parking
Mar 29	Donnie Rosa – Director, Recreation	Fieldhouse Activation Program
Apr 4	Malcolm Bromley – General Manager	Work Plan Priorities 2018
Apr 4	Tiina Mack – Manager, Park Development	Northeast False Creek Interim Skate Park
Apr 5	Malcolm Bromley – General Manager	VanSplash: Vancouver Aquatics Strategy – Next Steps
Apr 6	Malcolm Bromley – General Manager	Sustainability & Straws at Concessions and Golf Clubhouses
Apr 10, 11 & 13	Malcolm Bromley – General Manager	BC Hydro Substation Project at Nelson Park
Apr 12	Danica Djurkovic - Director, Facilities Planning & Development	Britannia Renewal Master Plan Update