



## Park Board General Manager's Report April 30, 2018

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

### PARK DEVELOPMENT

#### **Stanley Park Drive – Paving Project**

In collaboration with Engineering, a \$1M pavement project was completed last week on Stanley Park Drive near the Georgia Street entrance and by Lumberman's Arch. Due to the sensitivity of the area, project planning included discussions with the Stanley Park Intergovernmental Working Group, and archaeological monitors, overseen by our Park Board archaeologist Geordie Howe, were present during the actual removal and re-paving work. The project also involved coordination with key stakeholders in the park such as AAA Horse & Carriage and the Vancouver Aquarium, as well as traffic re-routing. A second phase of repaving work will take place in September along the lane off Beach Avenue, by the Park Board Administration office and the tennis courts.

#### **Memorial South Park Seniors Fitness Area**

The location for [age friendly fitness equipment in Memorial South Park](#) was approved by the Board in late November 2017. Since that time, staff have been busy sourcing suitable equipment and preparing construction drawings in-house. The target is to tender the construction work in June so that the project can be on schedule for a late summer/early fall start later this year.

#### **China Creek Park Upgrades**

Detailed design plans for the [renewed playground and pathways at China Creek North Park](#) are nearly complete and it is expected the construction contract will be tendered in June. The related pump station project will proceed on a later timeline as building permits are required.

### PARK PLANNING AND RESEARCH

#### **VanPlay**

Phase 3 community and stakeholder engagement will commence in mid-May to seek feedback on [VanPlay](#) goal statements. There will be an online survey as well as a Community Dialogue event with the Commissioners that is currently planned for early June.

#### **Water Conservation Planning**

One of the priorities identified in the [water conservation strategy](#) approved by the Board in September 2017 included using groundwater for greywater applications. A well drilling project is now proceeding at VanDusen Botanical Gardens with a contract to be awarded to a geotechnical/hydrogeological engineering firm for supervision of the work.

Another water conservation priority was to retrofit once-through water features such as the Charleson Park waterfall and Lumberman's Arch spray park. Both projects are now proceeding, with a design & construction administration contract to be awarded to an engineering firm.



### **Environmental Stewardship**

The Park Board's [Environmental Education and Stewardship Action Plan](#) aims to increase awareness and enhance nature experiences for the public. On April 21, staff participated in Earth Day at Everett Crowley Park and facilitated a community planting. With the help of community volunteers, 500 trees and shrubs were added to one of the key forest restoration sites within the park.

## **PARK OPERATIONS**

### **Habitat Island**

Park Operations staff undertook a major clean-up and renovation of Habitat Island beginning in mid-March. For safety reasons, the island is currently closed to the public until one of the decayed wildlife poles that is at risk of falling can be removed. This work will occur when the Northern Flicker nest housed in the pole is no longer active.

## **RECREATION**

### **Move for Health Month**

Fitness Services is collaborating with our marketing team to promote exercise and healthy living during Move for Health Month starting on May 8. We will be offering eight free events, as well as a draw for a LifeFitness ICS Indoor Cycle with a personal console. There will be a Functional Movement Screening event to assess imbalances that may limit performance or cause pain, and an opportunity to meet with one of our Personal Trainers for assessment and advice. We will also be offering nutrition, blood pressure, and diabetes screenings in partnership with the Vancouver Coastal Health Healthy Living Program and Diabetes Canada. We will continue to work with Diabetes Canada during World Diabetes month in the fall, and will be offering additional health screenings and follow-up plans for individuals who score moderate to high on the risk assessment.

### **Reconciliation In Action Event (RIA)**

Community Youth Workers from Strathcona, Ray-Cam and Britannia, in partnership with RISE Leaders (Responsible Indigenous Strategy for Empowerment) and Our Place, are working on the next Reconciliation in Action Event being held at Strathcona Community Centre on June 15. This event will have a youth focus with youth driven activities over multiple stations. In preparation, the youth workers and RISE Leaders are partnering with Arts Programmers to host a workshop entitled "Reframing Relations" that was developed by Indigenous artists through the Community Arts Council. Art will be used to have candid discussions around reconciliation, with the end product being a spoken word performance at the RIA Event.

### **City Wide Youth Council**

The City Wide Youth Council is made up of youth from across the city. Currently they are conducting a city-wide survey on youth spaces and the requirements for a space to be considered a youth space. They are looking for input from young people between the ages of 10-18 years on what they feel they need to feel comfortable and connected to their communities. They also recently hosted a [Neighbourhood Cleanup Party](#) and created a video shoot to help promote the initiative.



## COUNCIL BUSINESS

### **Cambie Corridor – Phase 3 (Unfinished Business)**

On April 17, 2018, Council received a report on the [Cambie Corridor – Phase 3](#) which was referred to the April 18 Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting to hear from speakers. Council concluded hearing from speakers on April 19 and referred discussion and decision on this matter to the Regular Council Meeting scheduled for May 1, 2018.

### **Board Briefing Memos – April 16 to April 30, 2018**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Issued By:</b>	<b>Topic</b>
Apr 18	Malcolm Bromley – General Manager	4/20 Protest Event at Sunset Beach Park 2018
Apr 19	Tiina Mack – Manager, Park Development	Creek Daylighting in Tatlow and Volunteer Parks Update
Apr 20	Steve Jackson – Director, Finance	Capital Plan 2019-2022 – Park Board Process Update