



Park Board General Manager's Report June 18, 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 New Accessible Pathway

Staff worked with the Stanley Park Inter-Governmental Group and recently finalized plans to proceed with the construction of a new accessible pathway linking the Stanley Park seawall to the Info Booth and AAA Horse and Carriage terminal. Signs and fencing are being installed to protect a sensitive stand of cedar trees and to guide pedestrians to the marked crosswalks on Stanley Park Drive.

China Creek North Park Renewal

The China Creek North renewal project has been delayed slightly as the park falls within the Japanese beetle containment zone and the movement of soil and plant materials is restricted by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency. Staff recently revised drawings to accommodate the soil relocation required to construct the playground, pathways and stairways. Project completion is now targeted for mid-2019.

Sunset Park Renewal

The Sunset Park renewal is nearly complete and the parking lot is now open. A soft opening is scheduled for the end of June. The remaining work includes completion of the playground surfacing, dog off-leash area fencing, a few items in the service yard, and building garden boxes for a small community garden area that will be operated by the Sunset Community Centre Association.

PARK PLANNING AND RESEARCH

VanPlay Community Dialogue

Over 30 residents and stakeholders joined Commissioners and staff on June 6 to discuss VanPlay's 10 draft goal statements. This feedback, along with approximately 1000 online survey responses, will help us refine these important bold aspirations for the future of parks and recreation.

Arbutus Greenway Design Vision

Park Board staff and the Arbutus Greenway team are working on strategically coordinating the greenway's high-level design vision with future plans for the six (6) parks adjacent to the greenway (6th & Fir, Delamont, Quilchena, Kerrisdale, Riverview and William Mackie). The design vision will be shared with the Board and presented to Council in July.

Northeast False Creek Park Design

In April 2018, the NEFC team started to explore design strategies to reflect Indigenous values and principles in the park design. These design directions have received support from the Tsleil-Waututh Nation and the Urban Indigenous Peoples Advisory Committee. The design on the waterfront side of the park continues to progress and will be shared with the Musqueam Nation this month. Staff will reach out to park stakeholders and host a series of meetings in Chinatown to present the revised park principles and vision for a culturally vibrant park.



PARK OPERATIONS

Japanese Beetle Treatment

Discovery of the invasive Japanese beetle in the vicinity of False Creek has resulted in treatment and containment orders from the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) and the BC Ministry of Agriculture due to the environmental and economic implications of a widespread beetle infestation. Pesticide treatment at all impacted parks started on June 10 and is expected to be completed by the end of the month. As well, our GIS team developed an interactive open-data map that shows the public all areas undergoing treatment for Japanese Beetles.

RECREATION

Mobi Bike Share Vancity Community Pass Pilot Program

The Vancity Community Pass was launched last week; it is a Mobi bike share pilot program that offers low income residents access to bike shares at a subsidized cost of \$20 per year. All Park Board Leisure Access Program users will be eligible for this pass. Mobi staff will process all applications for the new Vancity Community Pass and so there will be very little administrative impact to Park Board staff. More information can be found on the [Mobi website](#).

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Northeast False Creek Rezoning (Plaza of Nations)

On June 19, 2018, Council will be considering a rezoning application for the Plaza of Nations site. Of particular interest to the Park Board are the proposed in-kind Community Amenity Contributions which include, a new community centre co-located with an ice rink. The ice rink will be mainly for public use, but will also function as a practice space for the Vancouver Canucks.

Board Briefing Memos – June 1 to June 15, 2018

Date:	Issued By:	Topic
June 4	Sadhu Johnston – City Manager and Malcolm Bromley – General Manager	Park Board Jurisdiction – Joint CoV/PB Review Project
June 4	Dave Hutch – Manager, Planning and Research	Reclining Figure Restoration Update
Jun 15	Donnie Rosa – Director of Recreation	Mobi Bike Share Vancity Community Pass