



Park Board General Manager's Report July 10, 2023

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

VanDusen hosts Fleurs De Villes

Fleurs de Villes showcased their world-renowned floral show at VanDusen Botanical Garden for the first time ever. From June 9 to 18, visitors were able to walk through unique floral installations and fresh floral mannequins, all inspired by iconic global destinations. Over 8000 visitors visited this floral exhibition.

Art in the Park at Andy Livingstone Park

The Vancouver Park Board's Urban Park Activation Team, in partnership with the Carnegie Community Center, is excited to announce that the Art in the Park project for 2023 in Andy Livingstone Park launched on Wednesday June 28. The opening featured a welcoming by Musqueam Elder Larry Grant, as well as a performance by the Carnegie Ixwst'í:lem Drum Group.

This project brings together artist Jenie Gao and the Carnegie's Elders in Residence Elder Marr Dorvault and Elder Leslie Nelson in the creation of a community engaged art project in Andy Livingstone Park to bridge communities together to make art and share stories. A welcoming space for members of the community to connect and come to know one another, Art in the Park works with a "harm reduction through the arts" lens, supporting collaborative art making and sharing Indigenous cultural practice. It creates a space where creative connection works to reduce neighbourhood tensions around rapid gentrification and stigma related to substance use and homelessness and build communities of care.

Art in the Park will be held twice a week on Wednesday and Sunday afternoons from 2-6pm in the plaza at Keefer Pl & Taylor St. The project runs until September 20.

Sport Field Strategy Update – Phase 3 Engagement

On Friday, July 7, staff launched the final round of engagement for the Sport Field Strategy. In this round of engagement, staff are seeking feedback on proposed 'big moves', which will inform the significant capital project types within the strategy's implementation plan. The [Shape Your City online page](#) is now available until July 23 with opportunities to participate in a survey, Q&A's and review project boards. These online materials will be available in English, Traditional Chinese, Simplified Chinese, Punjabi, Vietnamese, and Tagalog. The following opportunities are also being made available to provide input:

- Ongoing virtual user group and permit holder meetings
- In-person pop-up sessions in conjunction with events:
 - Hastings Community Centre – July 9 11am – 2pm, with the Hastings Summer Fun event
 - John Hendry Park (Trout Lake) – July 12 6:30-8:30pm, with the Music in the Park event
 - Connaught Park – July 15 11am – 3pm, with the Music in the Park event
 - Andy Livingstone Park – July 17 noon – 4pm, with the Ultimate Tournament event
 - South Vancouver - location and date TBD, with the ongoing efforts to engage residents of the Sunset neighbourhood



Upcoming Council Business (related to or impacting parks & recreation):

Council to receive a report on July 12 from the Chief Procurement Office regarding the [Pre-Qualification of Landscape and Civil Contractors](#). This report recommends Council authorize staff to implement the Parks Procurement Efficiency Program – Construction, which will pre-qualify certain landscape and civil contractors with some constraints.

Council to receive a report on July 12 regarding the [Hastings Park – PNE Master Plan Program: Amphitheatre Renewal Update](#). Report recommendations include Council approving the updated budget for the amphitheatre at Hastings Park.

Board Briefing Memos and Emails: June 27 to July 10, 2023

Date	Topic
June 29	Public Engagement on Sunset Neighbourhood Outdoor Amenities
June 29	2024 Budget Outlook
June 29	Stanley Park Mobility Study Update
June 29	Aquatic Staffing Update
June 30	Queen Elizabeth Park Master Plan
July 4	Sunset Seniors Centre Update
July 6	Sport Field Strategy Update
July 10	Stanley Park – Hemlock Looper and Wildfire Risk Mitigation