



GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Regular Park Board Meeting
Monday, September 11, 2023



- The newly formed Sport Field Improvement Team have completed a number of significant field renovation projects.
- Dozens of upgrades and renovations have been completed in the first year of our renewed focus on Sport Field Safety, playability, quality and consistency
- Recent upgrades include:
 - Douglas Park
 - Tisdall Park
 - Hillcrest Park Baseball Diamond



Sport Field Improvement – Douglas Park

- Complete infield replacement at Northwest and Southwest ball diamond (removing, regrading and resurfacing)
- Invasive weed species removed
- Infield/Outfield transition lip removed, plus extensive turfgrass field renovations.

Before:



After:



- Closed to the public in Spring of 2023 due to safety concerns stemming from uneven playing surface
- Removal of entire turfgrass surface, new soil mix, laser levelling and re-grading field surface, re-seeding
- Irrigation system completely replaced

Before:



After:



- Infield and outfield irrigation systems re-designed and replaced with solar powered electric control system
- Significant updates to infield base paths, pitchers mound and turfgrass surfaces.

Before:



After:



Kerrisdale Park - Point Grey School Track & Field Upgrades

- Upgrades to existing track and field facility recommended as part of the Track and Field Strategy approved Fall 2019
- Existing facility is one of the most-utilized in Vancouver but in need of upgrades
- Project includes replacement of existing track surface, upgraded and new jump and throw amenities, enhanced storage and seating and improvements to accessibility
- Competitive procurement process is currently underway to obtain qualified contractors to construct the upgrades. Staff anticipate updating the board on contract award in October 2023



Throughout the summer, staff have reduced hazards and wildfire risk throughout the park.

- 212 hazardous trees have been removed since June
- To offset extreme fire risk, water cannons and flusher trucks wet forest areas to reduce ignition likelihood
- Ranger patrols were increased to educate patrons on wildfire risk and to monitor for hazards
- Planting plans are being developed for 2023/2024 reforestation in areas where removals took place
- Consultant (Blackwell) have developed prescriptions for 2023/2024 treatments (report finalized in late Sept)
- Report back to the Board in Oct to outline work plan and timelines



Stanley Park Forest Management



vancouverboard Stanley Park

vancouverboard Misty trees and water cannons in the early morning light.

Thank you to all of our teams working hard to keep the Stanley Park forest stable and hydrated through wildfire season.

Heading into the park for a roll or a stroll? Please respect any temporary trail closures and give our crews plenty of space to work. This is for your - and their - safety as they manage hazard trees within the park.

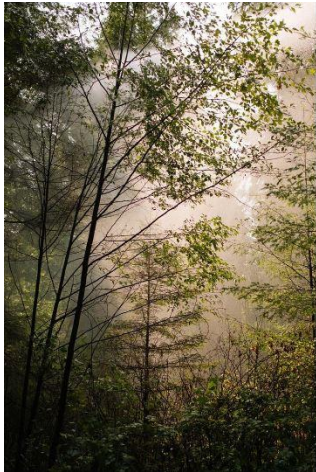
More info on how we are working to address wildfire risks and the ongoing looper moth infestation in Stanley Park at the link in our bio.

blancaurbina ❤️❤️❤️ thank you so much for taking care of the park. We all should be giving a hand and watering the street trees and other parks, it's a team effort to take care of

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The most recent looper moth outbreak in Vancouver's Stanley Park is having a major impact on the park's trees. @MistWGordon spoke to the park board about plans to help the park going forward.



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Drone Activation at Creekside Park

■ Background

- Vancouver's first ever live drone show taking place on September 15
- Related to the 700-person Open Air Gala at Science World (not a Park Board event)
- Park Board staff working closely with other partners/ agencies to support delivery
- Creekside Park identified as the safest drone launch/ landing area



- Creekside Park impacts:
 - 5:00pm – drone launch area set-up, including fencing
 - 9:00pm – clearing & securing of seawall for drone show flight path
 - 9:30pm – start of drone show
 - 9:45pm – end of drone show
 - 11:00pm – drone launch area tear-down complete
 - Park open for public use morning of September 16



Council to receive a report on September 13, 2023 titled “Contract Award for Architectural Consulting for Redevelopment of the Vancouver Aquatic Centre”, which would authorize City staff to enter into a contract for architectural consulting for the redevelopment of the Vancouver Aquatic Centre.

Council will also be receiving a report on September 13, 2023 titled “Approach to Identifying Opportunities for Increased Revenues for the 2024 Budget” for information on an update of the City’s assumptions with respect to generation of non-tax revenues in the 2023 Budget. These assumptions will inform the 2023 Draft Budget and include options to incorporate short-term revenue opportunities from the Park Board Think Big Strategy.

Date	Topic
July 20	Council Motion 'Making It Easier to Host Outdoor Festivals and Events in Vancouver' Update
July 31	South Vancouver, Marpole Neighborhoods & Memorial South Park Pond - Infrastructure Improvements
August 2	Sunset Community Outdoor Amenities - Public Engagement Update
August 10	People, Parks and Dogs Strategy (2017) – Time of Use Restrictions
August 31	Q2 2023 Financial Update
September 7	Facility Projects Update – Contract Award Decision

