



## **Park Board General Manager's Report September 25, 2023**

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

### **Burrard Slopes Park Engagement Launch**

Burrard Slopes Park is a new one-hectare neighbourhood park located near the border of the Kitsilano and Fairview neighborhoods. The project area currently includes 6th and Fir Park, 5th and Pine Pop-up Park, a portion of the Arbutus Greenway, and a series of buildings that will be removed. Round 1 public engagement will run from September 26 through October 15 with engagement activities including a survey, and background materials hosted on the City's Shape Your City platform. Posters announcing the project will be put up at the nearby public library, Firehall Branch, False Creek Community Centre and at local businesses as well as at the 6th and Fir Park. An in-person pop-up event will be held at 6th and Fir Park from 11am to 2pm on October 7.

Next steps include developing a preliminary concept plan for Round 2 engagement targeted for Spring 2024, and developing a preferred concept plan to be brought forward to the Board for decision in late 2024 to early 2025. The original Host First Nations Referral sent in 2020 has been updated to inform them of the engagement process and to invite their involvement in the development of the concept plan for the future park.

### **Broadway Public Realm Plan – Phase 1 Engagement**

City of Vancouver staff will be launching the first round of public engagement for the Broadway Public Realm Plan and Broadway Streetscape Plan on September 28, 2023. The work is being led by City of Vancouver Planning staff in collaboration with other City departments and Park Board Planning staff. As part of the Broadway Plan implementation, this work will identify what park, public open space, and street enhancements would best support the current need and future growth of the area. Detailed information and opportunities to provide input will be available on Shape Your City.

### **Rupert & Renfrew Stations Area Planning**

On September 25, City Council was briefed on the planning process for the area surrounding Rupert and Renfrew SkyTrain stations. This briefing outlined important steps towards ecosystem restoration and updating the Still Creek Rehabilitation and Enhancement Study, as the Rupert and Renfrew Station Area Plan boundary is mostly located in the Still Creek watershed. Still Creek is a unique watershed as it is one of the last salmon-bearing streams in Vancouver.

The Still Creek watershed enhancement has been guided in the past by a Council-endorsed study from 2002 that has become out of date. At the initiation of the Rupert and Renfrew Station Area planning process, Council approved a recommendation to update the study. ENG staff have recently completed the updated study and the results are informing Rupert and Renfrew's land use plan. They've engaged with and received comments from the Musqueam Indian band, Tsleil-Waututh Nation, and Squamish Nation on the report.

Other examples of park enhancements within the Area Planning include rainwater integration and ecosystem restoration project. Signage has been posted at candidate sites for wetlands in Falaise, Slocan, Beaconsfield, and Charles parks.

Pop-up engagements for the Still Creek Enhancement Project and Renfrew & Rupert Plan were included at the recent Renfrew Ravine Moon Festival on September 23. Other opportunities are scheduled in October and November, including the Still Creek Festival on November 4. Staff will be testing development scenarios and advancing policy work over the next few months, with a briefing to City Council and a launch of a Draft Plan engagement planned for Q1 2024.