

# **General Manager's Monthly Report**

Park Board Regular Meeting March 27, 2017



## Park Development



## **South False Creek Seawall**

- Improvements currently being constructed through Sutcliffe Park
- Completion in late spring 2017
- No construction May 19 September 4, 2017 due to increased use of seawall
- Replacement cherry trees will be planted in Fall 2017

## Park Development - South False Creek Seawall





## Park Development



## **Lost Lagoon Fountain**

- PWL Partnership in the process of being awarded a contract to design renovation and restoration work
- Fountain's mechanical/electrical room was flooded in the spring of 2016 and has not been in operation since that time
- PB staff have applied for a federal heritage grant to fund a portion of the project
- Restoration work expected to be completed spring 2018, subject to funding availability

## Park Development – Lost Lagoon Fountain

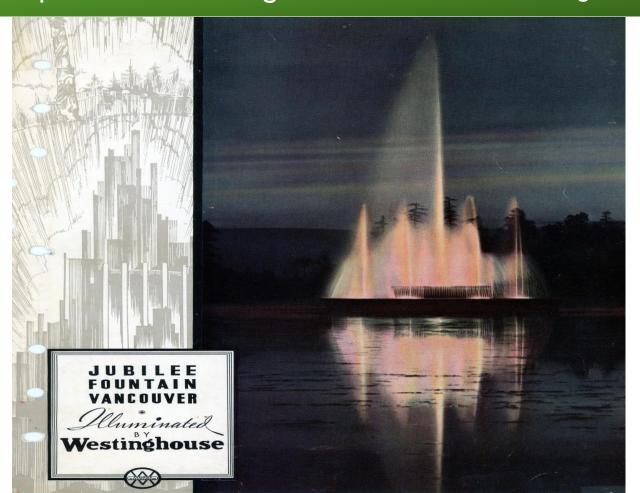


## **Lost Lagoon Fountain – 1936 Construction**



## Park Development - Lost Lagoon Fountain - Westinghouse Ad







## Park Development



## **Kits Beach Park (Western Path)**

- Park Board staff have compiled results of November 2016 open house
- Preference for path option #1 follows the existing informal path; concerns in which the path exits onto Balsam Street
  - PB staff working with Engineering to resolve areas of concern
  - PB staff to meet with Kits Point Resident's Association
  - PB staff to present preferred final design to the Board in late spring 2017

## WHICH PATH WILL YOU CHOOSE? - Help us shape Kitsilano Beach Park

We want to hear from you.

The Vancouver Park Board is seeking a solution to the worn, diagonal path on the west edge of Kitsilano Beach Park. The informal path connects to the Balsam Street portion of the Point Grey bike path.

In 2015, Board staff installed a temporary orange snow-fence to prevent bike traffic from short-cutting across the park. However, the re-routing of cyclists resulted in safety concerns from park users and cyclists.

In response to these concerns, Board staff worked collaboratively with City of Vancouver Engineering to develop two solutions that respect the safety and accessibility needs of all users. Two path options are presented below for your feedback.

> Please let us know your preferred option by January 16, 2017. Complete the survey at: vancouver.ca/kits-beach-path

### **Existing Conditions** Kitsilano Beach Park Worn path Walking path St Balsam Shared path

#### OPTION #1

## Kitsilano Beach Park Service driveway One parking space removed Bike path - Option Walking path Shared path Cornwall Ave

- Follows the existing informal path and experiences gradual grade change

- Provides a safe entrance and exit to and from Balsam Street

Option #1 Path Characteristics:

Setback from the intersection of Balsam and Cornwall

#### **OPTION #2**



Option #2 Path Characteristics: - Requires slightly less paying within the park

- Provides a safe entrance and exit to and from Balsam Street

Is closer to the intersection of Balsam and Cornwall









## **People Parks & Dogs Strategy**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of engagement currently underway
- Final report will be presented to the Board for review in June 2017

## Indigenous/Non-Indigenous Reconciliation Art Program

- Report finalized from five-session consultation process
- Report will guide development of new funding program



### Parks and Recreation Services Master Plan

- Consultants completed review of data, policy and literature that will guide content development and community engagement
- Memo to Commissioners outlining the engagement strategy will be provided prior to launch targeted last week of April 2017

## North East False Creek Parks and Open Spaces

Design exploration underway



## Public Engagement for Current and Development Projects

- People Parks & Dogs Strategy Phase 2 of engagement completed March 4, 2017
- Parks and Recreation Services Master Plan launch event planned for last week of April 2017
- North East False Creek stage 1 of engagement summary completed; public consultation planned for early June 2017



## Public Engagement for Current and Development Projects

- Tatlow Creek Daylighting open house conducted March 8, 2017; online survey still open until April 3, 2017
- Brewers Creek Park Renewal open house conducted February 27, 2017; survey still open



### Recreation



- Recreation working with the City of Vancouver, Vancouver School Board and Britannia Society to transfer pool and rink operations and maintenance to Park Board by May 7, 2017.
- Kensington child care options currently being evaluated including rebuilding hall.
- Ongoing meetings with Vancouver Public Library to discuss potential collaboration such as training, programming, staff at the front line supporting each other, etc.

## Recreation



- Ongoing meetings with Social Policy and Cultural Services to discuss opportunities to collaborate within our service delivery areas such as food, security, childcare, arts and culture, etc.
- CCA/JOA Legal issues review underway; 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting being held April 1, 2017.

## Communications



- Heron Cam Year 3
- VanDusen Garden Award
- Easter Train Media Event April 6, 2017
- Spring Tree Sale April 29 to 30, 2017
- Parks and Recreation Services
  Master Plan Launch last week of April 2017

