



## Park Board General Manager's Report November 6, 2017

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

### PARK DEVELOPMENT

#### Playground Renewals - Update

The [Clark Park Playground construction](#) contract has been re-tendered as it closed over budget. Discussion between the new nature play suppliers and Douglas Park Community Association are ongoing to ensure satisfaction with the [Douglas Park playground project](#).

#### Kitsilano Beach Seaside Greenway

The Kits Point Residents Association (KPRA) and HUB: Your Cycling Coalition continue to express a keen interest to staff and Commissioners to see the Park Board provide [pathway improvements for cyclists and pedestrians at Kitsilano Beach Park](#) in the near future. Additionally, approximately 80 emails have been received this fall from HUB members requesting solutions to cycling safety concerns at this location. This week, staff will send both these groups a letter that describes a strategy and timeline for pathway improvements in this popular waterfront park. This project has the potential to be considered as a construction project in the next capital plan 2019-22.

#### Quilchena Skateboard Park and Vanier Bike Park Upgrades

The [Quilchena Skateboard Park renewal](#) is underway. This work includes safety upgrades and a new central island feature. The current skateboard area design is challenging for users, especially beginners, and these upgrades will make the park safe and fun for skateboarders with a range of abilities and require less maintenance.

In 2009-2010, the Vancouver Park Board constructed the Vanier Park BMX/Mountain Bike Park with an emphasis on large gap-style jumps suitable for highly-skilled rider. Upgrades to the parks will include a new pump-track, a small dirt track designed with tight and banked corners, and small bumps forming a continuous loop with various route options. The intent for riders is to cycle around the track without pedaling, using momentum to maintain forward motion. The proposed pump-track will wind through a small portion of the existing forest, providing recreation in an urban-forest setting. Invasive species removal will be included in the work.

Both these projects are on schedule thus far, and completion will be weather dependent going forward.

### COUNCIL BUSINESS

#### South Vancouver Seniors Centre

On October 31, Council received a [Report Back on the Seniors Centre in South Vancouver/Sunset Area](#) recommending the new facility be located adjacent to the Sunset Community Centre Council - this location was approved by the Park Board on October 23. Council supported the recommendation, and further directed staff to form a building committee for the project.



**Vancouver Food Strategy & Action Plan Update**

On October 31, Council received an [update on the 2013 Food Strategy](#) and endorsed the Action Plan for 2017-2020. The Plan has several initiatives involving the Park Board, including local sustainable procurement (Park Board achieved its goal of 40% locally sourced food in 2015); supporting & enabling urban farming; and implementing the Park Board’s [Local Food Action Plan](#).

**Rain City Strategy - A Green Infrastructure and Urban Rainwater Management Initiative**

On November 1, the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities received a [report on the Rain City Strategy](#). This strategy guides sustainable water management, with an emphasis on green infrastructure and being more resourceful with urban rainwater. It intersects with the Park Board’s Urban Forest, Biodiversity, and Local Food Strategies, as well as with Board motions related to water conservation. It is anticipated that a high level implementation plan, including targets, will be presented to Council and the Park Board for approval in early summer 2018.

**Water Conservation Program Update**

The Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities received a [report on the Water Conservation Program](#) which provided an update on the Clean Water Work Plan and information on preliminary regional storage supply predictions, and described an integrated water conservation strategy to guide the next phase of the City’s efforts towards the Greenest City Clean Water 2020 target and beyond.

**Board Briefing Memos - October 24 to November 3, 2017**

Date:	Issued By:	Topic
Oct 24	Dave Hutch - Manager, Planning and Research	Park Board’s Involvement in Heather Street Lands - Consultation Update: Open House #2
Oct 26	Dave Hutch - Manager, Planning and Research	Arbutus Greenway: “Design Jam” Public Engagement Event
Oct 27	Tiina Mack - Manager, Park Development	Kitsilano Seaside Greenway - Emails from HUB members
Oct 30	Donnie Rosa - Director, Recreation	Recreation Fees for Pre-Schoolers and Families
Nov 2	Shauna Wilton - Deputy General Manager	Foundation Update
Nov 2	Shauna Wilton - Deputy General Manager	Security Manager Update
Nov 3	Malcolm Bromley - General Manager	Marpole Community Centre Location and Needs Assessment Study
Nov 3	Shauna Wilton - Deputy General Manager	Water Taxi/Ferry Service at Harbour Green Dock (Coal Harbour Marina)