



# GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Regular Park Board Meeting  
Tuesday, December 19, 2017



# Park Development: Renfrew Ravine and Community Park Renewal



- Master Plan for the Ravine and Community Park completed in 2013;
- Construction drawings and tender package prepared in late November 2017;
- Work to include educational signs, new enclosed dog off-leash area, new trails, and fencing to protect environmentally sensitive area;
- Construction contract award and work expected to be completed in 2018.







- Donation agreement finalized with Kitsilano CCA for design and construction of children's spray park renewal;
- Engagement to start Spring of 2018;
- Construction to follow in late 2018;
- Targeted spray park re-opening in 2019.

- Project team currently compiling inventory, asset analysis and utilization information, and framing the regulatory context for the study area;
- Staff Advisory Committee, Stakeholder Working Group, and Regulatory Working Group to convene in January 2018 to review baseline information and inform the upcoming engagement process for 2018.



- RFP issued for development of a long-range strategy for track and field sports;
- Staff aiming to commence strategy in early 2018;
- Public consultation anticipated in Spring 2018;
- Report for board consideration to be presented by Summer of 2018.





- Staff workshop held mid-Nov 2017 to review needs and gaps;
- External Advisory Committee met twice to provide input regarding community engagement efforts;
- Community open house Jan 17, 2018;
- Talk Vancouver survey live 2<sup>nd</sup> week of January 2018
- Pop-up activities scheduled early February 2018





- Continuing key stakeholder engagement;
- Desire for an Indigenous People's gathering space
- NEFC Area Plan to Council in early 2018
- Refined Park Concept Design to Park Board in mid-2018





## VanDusen Botanical Garden Wins Wedding Industry Award

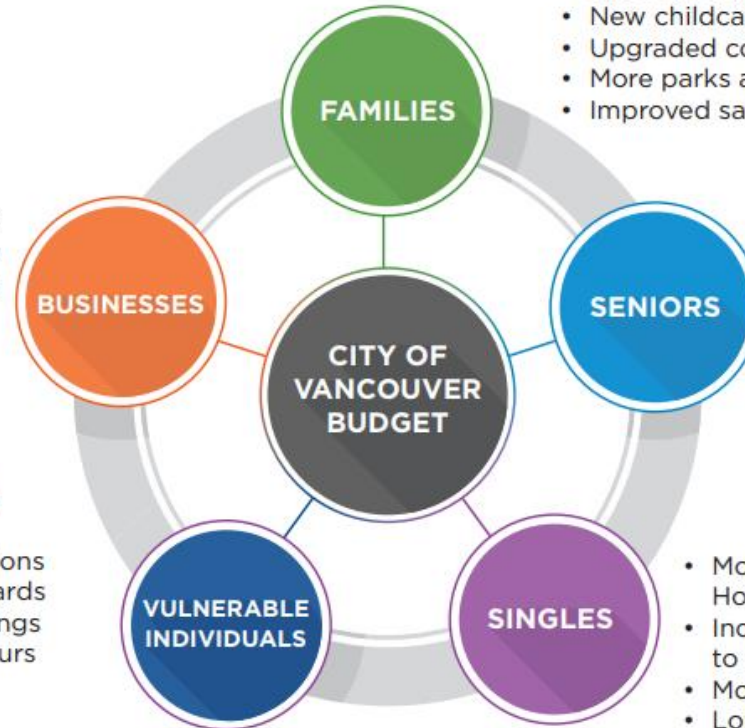
- “Best Wedding Reception Venue” in BC in 2017
- Finalist in the “Best Wedding Ceremony Venue” category



## 2018 Capital and Operating Budget approved by Council on Dec 12, 2017.

- Faster approval to renovate
- Public safety improvements including more police officers
- Development of neighbourhood plans including Cambie Corridor
- Grants to support organizations that do street clean up

- More access to winter shelters, warming centres and temporary modular homes
- More grants for social organizations
- Improved enforcement of standards in single-room occupancy buildings
- Expanded community centre hours at Oppenheimer Park
- A new Indigenous Healing and Wellness Centre in Downtown Eastside



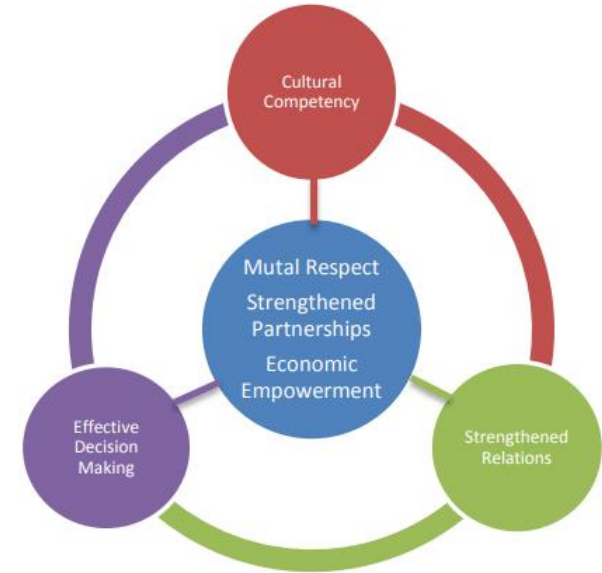
- More affordable housing available, sooner
- New childcare facilities
- Upgraded community centres and a new pool
- More parks and open spaces
- Improved safety and security at City facilities and in parks

- An expanded central library
- A new seniors centre
- Better clearing of snow and ice from streets and sidewalks
- Modern fire equipment and upgraded firehalls
- Water and sewer upgrades

- More rental units available through the Empty Homes Tax and new Short-term Rental regulations
- Increases to grants for arts and culture including to support the Creative City Strategy
- More vibrant public spaces and street activations
- Long-term planning for Downtown Vancouver and other neighbourhoods

## City of Reconciliation Update to Council on Dec 13, 2017

- Highlighted 2017 actions & learnings
- Referenced Park Board Reconciliation Coordinator



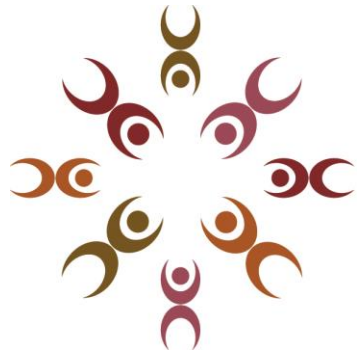
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## Vancouver Commemorates Canada 150+ Final Report to Council Dec 13, 2017

- Summarized goals, actions, outcomes & indicators
- Proposed creation of a Cultural Reconciliation reserve fund
- Recommended assisting & collaborating with Park Board to support reconciliation projects



# Canada 150+

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Dec 15, 2017 to Jan 7, 2018

