



## Park Board General Manager's Report June 4, 2018 Board Meeting

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

### PARK DEVELOPMENT

#### **Alder Bay Dock Concept Plans**

The Alder Bay dock, operated by the False Creek Community Centre Association, is a sheltered area that provides a great place for beginners of all ages and abilities to learn to paddle.

Staff are working with the False Creek Community Centre Association, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, with whom we have a lease arrangement for both the Centre and dock, and user groups to develop plans for an improved and accessible dock and related cost estimates as the existing dock has come of age and is due for replacement. We are also exploring areas to potentially provide new storage for boats and boat equipment. Once replacement costs are defined, funding sources can be considered, including the 2019-2022 Capital Plan and the False Creek Community Association's capital improvement budget. The next step for this project is a meeting with stakeholders and user groups in early June to review concept plan development. An Information Open House is tentatively scheduled for July 17, 2018 from 4:00pm to 7:00pm at False Creek Community Centre with representatives from the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation in attendance.

#### **Clark Park Playground**

The Clark Park east playground, recipient of a substantial donation from Stratford Hall School, is nearly ready to open. The new playground features a custom yellow cedar climbing structure with a crow's nest, a playhouse, spinning elements, a sand play area, an accessible and frost free drinking fountain with pet bowl and bottle filler, and ample new seating opportunities.

The last remaining safety deficiency items on the custom timber structure will be addressed in early June. Staff is working with Stratford Hall to schedule an opening celebration. A bronze plaque is in place which acknowledges the Stratford Hall community and names of individual donors for their contributions.

### RECREATION

#### **Update on the Opening of Outdoor Pools**

The Outdoor Pools & Beaches started service for the season on Saturday, May 19, 2018 at Kits Pool. Second Beach Pool and New Brighton Pool along with the eleven (11) lifeguard-supervised beaches also started service the same day. Under slightly overcast conditions, early birds reported enjoying a beautiful swim in the newly renovated Kits Pool, featured and celebrated in a media event on Friday, May 18, 2018. The \$3.3 million dollar renovation significantly improved the basin and water conservation that will last for years to come. Concrete remediation in the basin, gutters and deck; four (4) layers of new paint; new control joints to seal the pool; and electrical upgrades have all helped to make the pool better. The pool now conserves water much better and the provision of electrical power is a valued improvement for pool cleaning, maintenance and to reduce the carbon footprint.

Many faithful swimmers, who swim outdoors every year, were at the pool on opening day. Lifeguards greeted the first swimmers at Kits Pool with a welcoming line. Over the



weekend, attendance through the holiday Monday (Victoria Day) was strong with 3,925 total admissions broken down as follows (Kits Pool – 2,786; Second Beach – 602; New Brighton – 537); 2009 gaining admission with pass cards, showing that many swimmers are frequent visitors and opt for a pass.

Last year, during near record-setting temperatures of 26 Celsius, a full 8 degrees warmer than this year, attendance at Kits Pool was 3,930 and the weekend has a record of over 7,000 swimmers. We anticipate a week-end like that again!

### **Youth Policy Round-Table Discussions**

Canada is launching its first ever Youth Policy, a tool to help achieve goals that are important to youth and will have a meaningful, long-lasting impact for all young Canadians. There have been round-table discussions with youth around the country about youth policies. The second phase will be launched soon and the youth will be asked to provide input on the following topics:

- Environment and climate change
- Youth employment
- Mental health

The Park Board's Community Youth Workers are working towards scheduling the Vancouver discussion with the Deputy Minister of Youth on June 19, 2018 at Trout Lake Community Center.

### **Training for Summer Day Camps**

Our staff is busy planning for the training coming up in June for day camp and playground leaders. The training includes Risk Management, High Five, Fundamental Movement Skills, Back Pocket Games, and Arts and Crafts, Volunteers, Leadership and Inclusion.

They plan a summer of fun for day campers for camps inside and outside. The Park Board provides a variety of camps with focus on sports, recreation, arts and crafts, as well as swim and skate camps. Day campers meet new friends, play, discover parks and open spaces, games, arts and crafts and variety of sports and physical activities.

## **COUNCIL BUSINESS**

### **2019-2022 Draft Capital Plan**

On June 5, 2018, Council will be receiving a report on the 2019-2022 Draft Capital Plan seeking approval of the proposed borrowing limit to guide further work on the 2019-2022 Capital Plan, and authority to proceed with public engagement on the draft Capital Plan and report back with the final Capital Plan and associated plebiscite borrowing questions in July 2018.

### **Board Briefing Memos/Emails – May 15 to June 4, 2018**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Issued By:</b>	<b>Topic</b>
May 18	Shauna Wilton – Deputy General Manager	Park Washroom Renewals and Future Plans
May 25	Octavio Silva – Manager, Business Development	Beach Chair and Umbrella Rental Service at English Bay Beach



May 29	Donnie Rosa – Director, Recreation	Whirlpool Decommissioning at Dunbar, Kitsilano and Marpole Community Center
May 31	Donnie Rosa – Director, Recreation	Ammonia Safety in Rinks
May 29	Steve Jackson – Director, Financial Planning and Analysis	Draft 2019-2022 Park Board Capital Plan - Update
June 4	Donnie Rosa – Director, Recreation	Jericho Little League - Carnarvon Concession