



## Park Board Liaison Report June 2018

*The following information is intended to provide a brief overview of the Board's governance work at the regular Committee and Board and meetings held in June 2018. The two meetings scheduled for this month are June 4 and June 18. The complete and official minutes can be found on the [Park Board website](#).*

### JUNE 4, 2018

#### STAFF REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

##### Horticultural Excellence in Vancouver Parks

The Board received an update on the [work done by the Park Board's horticultural department](#). A team of 36 gardeners maintains over 1,020,217 square meters of annuals, perennials, roses, naturalized areas, shrubs, water features, and vegetable gardens. Every year, over 428,000 plants are grown at the Sunset Nursery for spring and summer flowerbed displays. The horticultural team's work supports important initiatives such as the [Local Food Action Plan](#), [Biodiversity Strategy](#), and [Urban Forest Strategy](#).

##### Vancouver Mural Festival Celebration Concert – Special Event

The Board approved an application for the [Vancouver Mural Festival Celebration Concert](#) to host an outdoor music concert at Jonathan Rogers Park on Saturday, August 11, 2018, from 6:00pm to 9:30pm which includes a licenced area. The Festival will be a family-friendly concert event which celebrates the creativity and culture of the Mount Pleasant community, and which is produced by a local team who live and work in the neighbourhood.

##### Draft 2019-2022 Park Board Capital Plan

The Board received a [report reference on the Draft 2019-2022 Park Board Capital Plan](#) that reviewed the Capital Plan development process, high-level priorities impacting capital planning and results of phase 1 public engagement. The Park and Open Spaces budget of \$264 million proposed to be allocated as follows:

- Park land acquisition budget of \$80 million (30%)
- Urban forests and natural areas budget of \$14.4 million (6%)
- Seawall and waterfront budget of \$24.4 million (9%)
- Programmed activity areas budget of \$24.4 million (9%)
- Park amenities budget of \$89.4 million (34%)
- General features and infrastructure budget of \$10.9 million (4%)
- Park buildings budget of \$21 million (8%)

The Community Facilities and Civic Facilities budget of \$332 million is proposed to be allocated as follows:

- Recreation facilities budget of \$114 million
- Service yards budget of \$9 million
- Reminder to non- Park Board related areas

Staff have been holding stakeholder meetings asking for submissions on up to 3 capital project ideas involving any Park Board facility or park for consideration in the 2019-2022 Capital Plan. This information will be considered in the process to finalize the Capital Plan, and will inform the prioritisation of projects over the four year period as annual capital budgets are developed. The final report will be coming back to the Board for a decision in the coming weeks.



**JUNE 18, 2018**

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

Park Board Chair Mackinnon highlighted the participation of Park Board Commissioners at the following community events:

- May 15: Naming of fifth City poet laureate, Christie Charles
- May 18: Media unveiling of the \$3.3 million renovation of Kits Pool
- May 20: 131st anniversary celebration of Engine 374 at the Roundhouse Community Centre
- May 23: City's proclamation of the Year of the Queer celebrating the contributions of the LGBTQ community to arts and culture
- May 27: 21st annual Salmonberry Days Community Fair
- May 27: Third anniversary of the spill of 2,700 litres of toxic bunker fuel into English Bay by the MV Marathassa
- May 30: Annual LINK event showcasing dance residencies from community centres across the City
- May 30: Open house regarding the expansion of Cooper's Park
- May 30: Open houses to refine strategies and actions to make non-motorized watercraft recreation safe, accessible and inclusive
- Jun 02: Marpole Community Festival
- Jun 02: Champlain Heights Community Festival
- Jun 02: Celebration of the unique works that Arts and Health participants have produced highlighting ways to think about and serve the aging population
- Jun 06: VanPlay community dialogue
- Jun 07: KitsFest media launch
- Jun 09: 3th annual Moresports Soccer Jam
- Jun 12: Media event announcing the Canada Day Drumming celebration with participation by 12 cities
- Jun 12: Review of the draft 2019–2022 Capital Plan and shared priorities with community centre association (CCA) representatives and other stakeholders
- Jun 15: Reconciliation in Action event to explore the meaning of reconciliation and the role all can take in making reconciliation a reality.

**STAFF REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS**

**African Descent Festival – Special Event**

The Board approved the organizers of the [African Descent Festival](#) to obtain a Special Event Permit with a maximum capacity of 100 guests from the BC Liquor Control & Licensing Branch, to serve alcohol at their event in Thornton Park on July 21 & 22, 2018. The African Descent Festival is an emerging and recurring summer event that promotes unity and inclusivity amongst all Vancouverites.



### **Langara Golf Course - Drainage Improvement & Consideration of Alternate Uses**

The Board requested that City Council authorize staff to enter into a contract to complete the recommended [drainage system upgrades at Langara Golf Course](#). In response to the March 14, 2018, City Council motion regarding potential collaboration with the City of Vancouver on the future of Langara Golf Course, the Board directed staff to continue with the relevant Park Board planning initiatives currently underway, including VanPlay, VanSplash, and the Track & Field Strategy, as well as with the implementation of the Biodiversity Strategy.

### **GM'S REPORT**

The General Manager provided his report to the Board highlighting current Park Board projects and initiatives. The full [GM's report](#) is available on the Park Board website.

### **MOTIONS on NOTICE**

#### **Strengthening Access to Recreation Programs for Children and Youth in Care and Aging Out of Care**

The Board approved a motion asking staff to report back on ways to increase the opportunities for children and youth in care to participate in recreation activities and programs.

#### **Creating a Public Square Legacy in Chinatown**

The Board will ask City staff to explore the opportunity to work on a redesign of the courtyard between Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden and Pender Street to create a public square in the area. The project may include an exterior architectural review, potential for light and/or art installations, and other design strategies that would open the plaza and encourage broader usage.

#### **Enhancing the Park Board's Digital Platform**

The Board directed staff to work on enhancing the current online platform to increase the ease of booking a Park Board or partner facility.

### **NEXT MONTH'S MEETINGS**

In the month of July, the Park Board will be meeting on July 9 and July 23, at 2099 Beach Avenue.