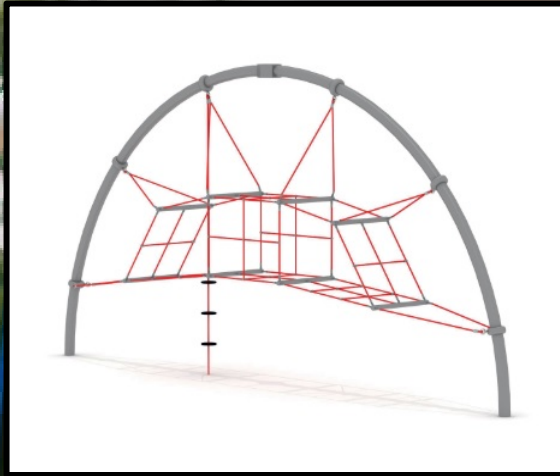




# GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Regular Park Board Meeting  
Monday, July 9, 2018





- New play structure features climbing nets and new rubber surface
- Construction targeted for October 2018



# Park Development – Senior's Fitness Area at Memorial South Park



- Construction package for the new senior's fitness area being finalized
- Competitive bids being collected until August 2018
- Construction anticipated to start in early fall



- Second accessible mat installed at Kitsilano Beach
- Beach mat will remain out all year
- New signage installed to assist in finding the mat
- Medium height log located adjacent to the end of each mat will ease transfer from a mobility device to the beach

# Recreation – Water Wheelchairs

- Water wheelchair has been used 9 times in June 2018
- Work continues on developing a booking process and a comprehensive communications plan to ensure even greater access



# Special Event - VSO Symphony at Sunset

- Saturday July 14, the Park Board will be hosting the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra at a free outdoor concert at Sunset Beach Park
- Delivers on the “Symphony in the Park” Board motion & coincides with the VSO’s 100th anniversary celebration
- All-ages event.



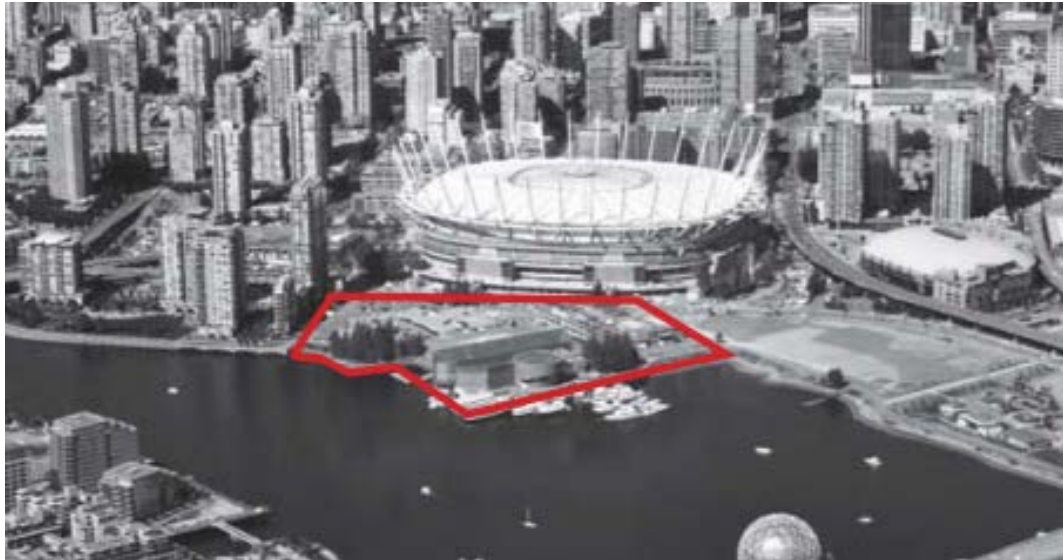


- Report recommends six new Sport Hosting Grants totaling \$41,000.
- Applications received include four local and regional sport tournaments and two new annual events.

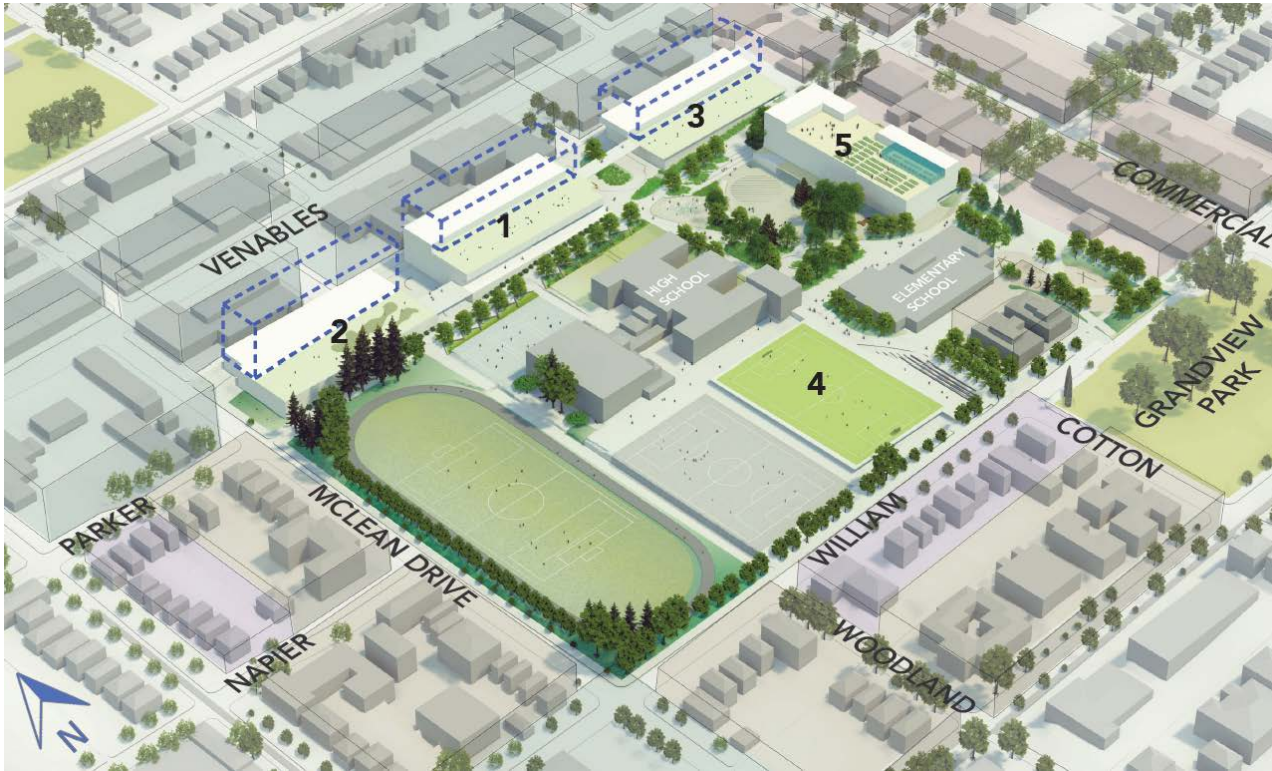


- Current balance of 2018 Vancouver Community Sport Hosting Budget is \$204,929.

- The rezoning application for the Plaza of Nations site is scheduled to go to a public hearing on July 10, 2018.
- Application be approved by Council, Canadian Metropolitan Properties will be required to deliver a community centre and ice rink as a community amenity for public use.







- Master Plan lays out a long-term vision for the renewal of the Britannia Community Services Centre and the 18 acre site on which it sits.
- Plan was shaped by Site Partners and community priorities established through a year-long public engagement process.

# Council Business – Arbutus Greenway

- July 11, 2018 – Arbutus Greenway: Design Vision and Implementation Strategy report to be presented to the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services
- Report recommends Council to endorse in principle the design vision and the implementation strategy
- Collaboration with the Park Board to integrate design and coordinate implementation with existing and planned parks



# Board Briefing Memos: June 15 to July 9, 2018



Date:	Issued By:	Topic
June 22	Donnie Rosa – Director, Recreation	Fieldhouse Activation Program – B Movie Factory Application
June 29	Shauna Wilton – Deputy General Manager	Legalization of Non-Medical Cannabis – Overview and Park Board Impacts
July 5	Shauna Wilton – Deputy General Manager	Beedie Development Group Special Event in Stanley Park
July 6	Dave Hutch – Manager, Planning and Research	Northeast False Creek Project Update – Community Centre and Ice Rink



# MOTION: Activating Community Space in Chinatown



MOVER: Commissioner Shum

WHEREAS:

1. The Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Courtyard (referred to as “Courtyard” from here on) located adjacent to the Chinese Cultural Centre (CCC) and the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Park and Garden is one of only two large, open, publicly accessible gathering spaces in Chinatown;
2. The CCC is a key cultural institution and community centre of Chinatown. The Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Garden is a top tourist destination in Vancouver recognized by Tourism Vancouver. Visitors to both the CCC and the Garden usually pass through the Courtyard, which is a public space that serves as a connector between a network of important community cultural assets in the heart of Chinatown. The CCC and the Chinatown community-at-large uses the Courtyard for special cultural events and celebrations throughout the year, such as the annual Spring Festival and Canada Day;

3. Outside of special events, the Courtyard is generally underutilized on a regular basis by community due to its inhospitable conditions and poor maintenance leading to a lack of sense of safety. I.e. Insufficient shade during the day, insufficient lighting during the evening, broken windows, insufficient seating, no bike racks, etc;
4. Neighbourhood groups and members want to activate the courtyard with more regularly planned and organically organized intergenerational activities for the neighbourhood, such as daily seniors morning and evening exercise, food pop-ups and outdoor movie nights. Many of these activities require accessible and upgraded permanent infrastructure for the Courtyard (e.g. water hookup, lighting);
5. The CCC hosts year-round weekend Chinese language and culture classes and programmes for school-aged children and youth and vibrant summer camps with students using the Courtyard as a playground before, during, and after class;

6. A renewed Courtyard that invites active vibrant public programming and is more welcoming to locals and tourists will benefit the local economy of Chinatown through potential increased visitation. This aligns with the Vancouver City Council adopted 2012 Chinatown Neighbourhood Plan & Economic Revitalization Strategy;
7. In 2014, Vancouver City Council adopted the Downtown Eastside Local Area Plan (DTES LAP) that states to “12.3.5. Ensure plazas and gathering spaces have infrastructure, (e.g. water, power, lighting, grey water disposal, and storage) to support community programming, and stewardship for all types of community events.” Chinatown is part of the DTES and the Courtyard is a recognized plaza and gathering space within that is under Parks Board’s responsibilities;
8. The Courtyard is under the jurisdiction of the Parks Board; and
9. Parks Board is undergoing capital budget planning for 2019 to 2022.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to allocate up to \$50,000 towards the improvement of the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Courtyard located adjacent to the Chinese Cultural Centre and the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Park and Garden in the 2019-2022 capital plan. Furthermore, should additional funds be required, that Park Board staff work with other levels of government, agencies, associations to seek additional improvement funds and partnerships.



