



Park Board General Manager's Report July 9, 2018

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

PARK DEVELOPMENT

Playground Replacement at Andy Livingstone Park

A new play structure has been ordered featuring climbing nets and new rubber surface to replace the previous structure that was removed due to fire damage in April 2018. Construction is targeted for October 2018.

Senior's Fitness Area at Memorial South Park

Staff are finalizing the construction package for the new senior's fitness area at Memorial South Park and collecting competitive bids through August. Construction is anticipated to begin in the early fall.

RECREATION

Beach Mats at Kitsilano Beach

The new accessible beach mat installed at Kitsilano Beach in May continues to receive compliments from users. The mat will remain at the beach all year, like its counterpart at English Bay. New signage has been installed to assist users in locating the mat. In addition, following a recommendation from the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee, a medium height log is now located adjacent to the end of each mat to ease the transfer of an individual from a mobility device to the beach.

Water Wheelchairs

Water wheelchairs are now available at Kitsilano, Second Beach, and New Brighton pools as well as at the following beaches: English Bay, Kits, Jericho, Second Beach, Spanish Banks East and West, and Trout Lake. They have generated significant interest since their purchase earlier this spring and lifeguards report that the chairs have already been utilized nine times in June. Work continues on developing a booking process and a comprehensive communications plan to ensure even greater access.

SPECIAL EVENTS

VSO Symphony at Sunset

On Saturday July 14, the Park Board will be hosting the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra at a free outdoor concert at Sunset Beach Park. This event delivers on the "[Symphony in the Park](#)" Board motion and coincides with the VSO's 100th anniversary celebration. The concert will consist of a pre-show program performed by student ensembles from the VSO School of Music at 7:15pm, followed by a sunset concert performed by the VSO from 8:30pm to 10:00pm. All are welcome to attend this all-ages event.



COUNCIL BUSINESS

Vancouver Community Sport Hosting Grants – Summer 2018 Intake

On July 10, 2018, Council will be receiving a report recommending six (6) new [Community Sport Hosting Grants](#) totalling \$41,000. All Community Sport Hosting Grant applications are reviewed by a panel comprised of representatives from the Park Board, City of Vancouver and other key stakeholders in the sport hosting community. Applications received include four local and regional sport tournaments and two new annual events. The current balance of the 2018 Vancouver Community Sport Hosting Budget is \$204,929.

Rezoning Plaza of Nations in Northeast False Creek (750-772 Pacific Boulevard)

The [rezoning application for the Plaza of Nations site](#) is scheduled to go to a public hearing on July 10, 2018. Should this 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.

Britannia Renewal Master Plan

On July 11, 2018, the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services will receive a report on the [Britannia Renewal Master Plan](#), which is the culmination of a comprehensive multiple-partner planning and community engagement process. The Master Plan lays out a long-term vision for the renewal of the Britannia Community Services Centre (BCSC) and the 18 acre site on which it sits. The project represents a significant collaboration of the five (5) site partners – the City of Vancouver, the Britannia Community Services Centre Society, Vancouver School Board, Vancouver Public Library, and the Vancouver Park Board. The Master Plan was shaped by site partners and community priorities established through a robust year-long public engagement process.

Arbutus Greenway – Design Vision and Implementation Strategy

On July 11, 2018, the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services will also receive a report on the [Arbutus Greenway](#) recommending that Council endorse the design vision and implementation strategy. This strategy includes continued collaboration with the Park Board to integrate the greenway design with existing and planned parks adjacent to the corridor. The Arbutus Greenway passes adjacent to six parks (Fir and 6th, Delamont, Quilchena, Kerrisdale, Riverview and William Mackie), and is in close proximity to several others. These parks are recognized as highly complementary by offering opportunities for expanded public space along the route, as well as potential co-location of amenities such as washrooms.

Board Briefing Memos – June 15 to July 9, 2018

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