



## Park Board Liaison Report July 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 July 2018. The meetings scheduled for this month were held on July 9, 19, and 23. The complete and official minutes can be found on the [Park Board website](#).*

### JULY 9, 2018

#### **Britannia Renewal Master Plan**

City of Vancouver Facilities Planning staff presented the Britannia renewal plan to the Park Board and it was unanimously endorsed. The [Britannia Master Plan](#) provides a clear long-term framework to guide development of the Britannia site. The Master Plan was shaped by site partners and community priorities established through a robust year-long public engagement process. The first two phases of implementation are scheduled to include a replacement ice rink, larger fitness centre and multi-purpose recreation spaces, and a new community-plus indoor pool designed to better serve the community's varied aquatic needs.

#### **Oakridge Centre Redevelopment – New Park Concept**

The Board approved the concept plan for a new nine acre public park -- the first of its kind of this scale in Vancouver. The new [public park at Oakridge Centre](#) will offer a unique community experience in this developing area and become a destination park for the entire city. Featuring a series of unique but interconnected spaces, woven together with a rich Pacific Northwest landscape and an 800m jogging and walking track, this new park will provide a balance of active and tranquil spaces to support a wide range of activities. Applying a rich layer of ecological and horticultural design, the park will redefine what is possible for a rooftop landscape.

#### **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.

### JULY 19, 2018

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

The Board approved the [Park Board 2019-2022 Capital Plan](#), which was developed through a collaborative process with the City that included extensive public engagement. It is the largest capital plan in the history of the Park Board and it signifies a new era in the development and renewal of Vancouver's park and recreation system. The 2019-2022 City-wide Capital Plan includes \$2.8 billion of strategic capital investments over the next four years, of which the Park Board will see an investment of **\$399 million** or roughly **14%** of the City's whole plan.

The presentation also highlighted accomplishments delivered from the 2015-2018 Capital Plan, including: completion of the New Brighton Park Salt Marsh; planting over 70,000 trees; moving forward with major plans such as VanPlay and VanSplash; renewing aging infrastructure; and completion of the Killarney Seniors Centre.



**JULY 23, 2018**

## **CHAIR'S REPORT**

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

- Jun 21: Media event announcing the VSO's Symphony at Sunset
- Jun 22: 30th Annual Dragon Boat Festival at Creekside Park
- Jun 23: Annual Douglas Park Community Day
- Jun 23: Annual Point Grey Fiesta at Trimble Park
- Jun 24: Quilchena Skate Park opening
- Jun 26: Unveiling of the installation of "Paradise Has Many Gates" at Vanier Park
- Jun 28: Opening of the Killarney Senior Centre at Killarney Community Centre
- July 01: Canada Day celebrations at various locations
- July 14: Symphony at Sunset, in celebration of the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra's 100th anniversary at Sunset Beach Park
- July 15: Annual Walk with the Dragon S.U.C.C.E.S.S. fundraiser at Stanley Park
- July 16: Corpse flower ("Uncle Fester") media event at the Bloedel Conservatory
- July 19: Media event regarding the expansion of local food in parks and community centres
- July 21: African Descent Festival at Thornton Park
- July 22: Pride Sports Day in Stanley Park.

## **STAFF REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS**

### **Exploring Park Board's Colonial Roots and Current Practices**

Staff presented initial findings from an analysis of the [Vancouver Park Board's colonial roots](#). The report outlined a few areas of broad colonial impacts and how they have been embedded at the Park Board throughout its history. These include dispossession, archeological disturbance, cultural erasure of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh peoples, and prioritizing non-Indigenous ways of knowing (i.e., overlooking Indigenous knowledge and expertise in land stewardship).

Given environmental, political, and population pressures on public green space, the report recommended a paradigm shift to include and respect local Indigenous worldviews and expertise. In order to achieve this paradigm shift, the "truth-telling" phase of truth and reconciliation must be fully explored to understand how the Park Board's current mode of operating came to be, and to better position the organization to embark on true reconciliation with First Nations people, and work together to build a more resilient, more equitable city.

The Board approved the recommendation for staff to conduct a more comprehensive audit to further explore how colonial worldviews and practices have been embedded in the Park Board's



policies and practices, as well as to seek an opportunity to formally acknowledge and apologize to representatives of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh peoples for the colonial history and actions of the Vancouver Park Board.

### **VanPlay - Parks & Recreation Inventory & Analysis and Goals**

The Board approved the first two deliverables of the [VanPlay project](#): the “Inventory and Analysis” and “Goals” reports. The first report provides an introduction to the Park Board’s assets, programs and operations with a compendium of the current state of Vancouver’s parks and recreation system. This thorough inventory and analysis provides the groundwork for the future goals, actions and strategies outlined in the remainder of the master plan’s components. The second report provides a set of 10 aspirational goal statements to shape the next 25 years statements and set the course for parks and recreation into the future. Each action is supported by an explanation of work currently underway, along with trends and issues of note which describe “why” these are so important to take on, or continue to take on. The goals were developed through Park Board Commissioner, public, partner, staff and stakeholder input, as well as from research into best practices and precedents from around the world. These documents set the stage for the final two components of the Master Plan: “Strategic Big Moves” and the “Playbook”, which will be presented for Board consideration in 2019.

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### **MOTIONS on NOTICE**

#### **Activating Community Space in Chinatown**

The motion was withdrawn by the mover.

#### **Learning from Children’s Experience with Playgrounds**

The Board directed staff to implement a policy and practice of [evaluating new playgrounds](#) within one to two years of completion. The evaluations will include reports from children and caregivers who use the playgrounds, as well as any community organizations that contributed to the construction costs. Results will be published and provided annually.

### **NEXT MONTH’S MEETINGS**

There are no meetings in the month of August. In the month of September, the Park Board will be meeting on September 17, at 2099 Beach Avenue.