



GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

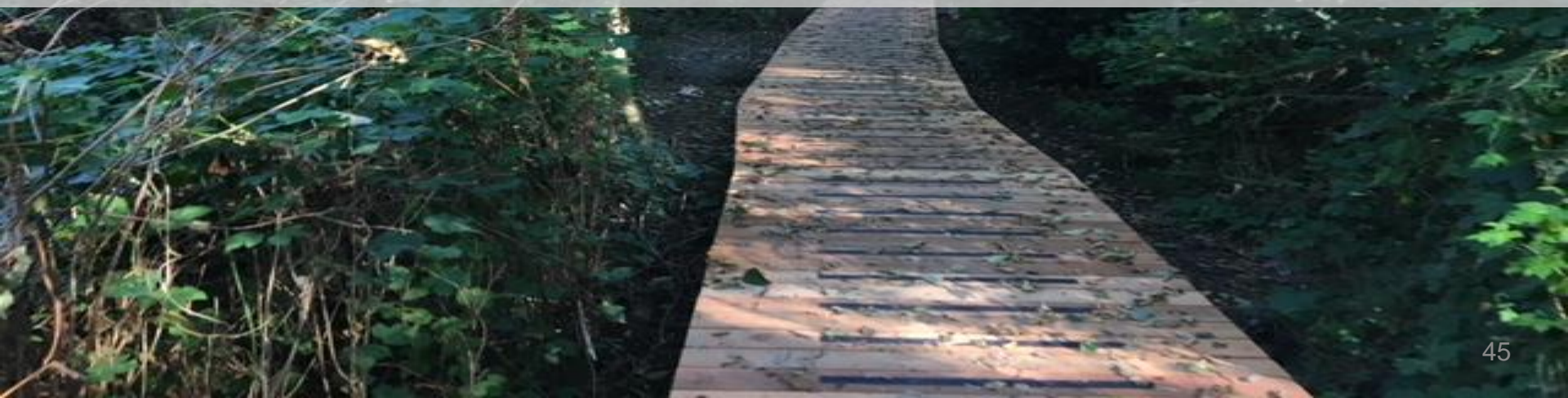
Regular Park Board Meeting
Monday, September 17, 2018





- Phase 1 of restoration project completed in early September
- Phase II will be tendered late this fall with construction expected to begin spring/summer 2019

- Renovation project is expected to be 95% complete by end of Sep 2018;
- Work in Community Park included new & upgraded walking trails, improved access and sloped walkways, new creek crossing, new dog park;
- Work in Renfrew Ravine Park included a renewed park edge along Renfrew Street, blackberry removal, native planting, opportunities for community and art planning initiatives



Park Planning – Urban Forest Tree Sale

- Fall Tree Sale is underway: pre-purchase online; pick-up Sep 23/18
- 1500 trees available, including patio planter options and edible varieties.





- First development permit application will be reviewed by the Development Permit Board on October 29, 2018;
- Staff have finalized park transfer agreement, which is being considered by Council for enactment of the rezoning of the Oakridge site.

Park Operations – Japanese Beetle Eradication

- Initial treatment was completed by Jun 30;
- CFIA continue to monitor and have issued 4 more treatment notices;
- Second round of treatment began on Aug 9, to be completed by Sep 30.



- Due to extreme hot weather and fire restriction conditions, a special mobile unit was put in place to monitor fire risks in Stanley Park;
- Daily patrols during high risk period



- Significant increase of tents, garbage, and problematic behavior over summer;
- Ongoing challenges with park security and cleanliness;
- Number of actions underway in response, with additional staff deployed.



Recreation – Youth Services Camp Sasamat

- Hosted the 2nd annual city-wide camping trip to Camp Sasamat;
- Financial barriers minimized for vulnerable youth to participate;
- 80+ youth took part in a variety of activities, such as team building, swimming, kayaking, archery, high and low ropes and hiking.





- On September 8, 60+ people took part in a jam packed day of training.
- Topics included: End Gang Life, Trauma Informed Care, Autism Awareness, Child Protection, Healthy Boundaries and Youth Engagement presentations.



- Park Board received a 2018 REACH Grant from the Michael Smith Foundation.
- Goal of the grant is for “adapting community centres to enhance exercise in spinal cord injury”.



- Access and Inclusion Team assisted with hosting first Two-Spirit Pride Celebration;
- 130 attendees, with representation from the Tsleil-Waututh and Squamish Nations;
- Ongoing engagement strategy being developed

- Park Board held its first Youth LGBTQ2+ Pride swim at Templeton Pool in August.
- Participants had the chance to meet each other and parents could ask questions regarding community resources.



- Park Board participated in Pride Parade with diversity themed float;
- Access & Inclusion staff hosted community engagement tent;
- “My pronoun is” buttons very popular, with enquiries received from other municipalities and organizations.





- “All the Trees” interactive art project by Artist in Residence Holly Schmidt receiving enthusiastic media and public attention internationally;
- Part of Beat a Path year-long project;
- Encourages visitors to engage with trees in and around Jericho Park in West Point Grey;
- 30 tagged trees invite public to send a personal message to the tree.



- Stanley Park hosted first ever SKOOKUM Festival September 7,8 & 9.
- Festival was a celebration of music, food and art, and showcased culture of our three Host Nations.
- Over 50,000 attendees passed through the gates.

Special Event – Bird Festival

- In August, Vancouver hosted both the inaugural Vancouver International Bird Festival and the 27th International Ornithological Congress.
- Festival opened with a parade along the seawall to celebrate local and migratory birds from our communities



Council Business: Ensuring Drinking Water is Lead-free



On September 18, Council will discuss the motion “Ensuring Drinking Water in Vancouver Public Facilities is Lead-Free” which will direct staff to review any testing results for drinking water lead levels in City and Park Board facilities.



Council Business: Oakridge Centre Redevelopment

On September 19, Council will consider an enactment report for the Oakridge Centre Redevelopment; new 9-acre park to be conveyed as air parcel.



Board Briefing Memos: August 2 to September 10, 2018



Date:	Issued By:	Topic
Aug 2	Dave Hutch- Acting Director, Park Planning and Development	Sea Level Rise Planning Update
Aug 3	Dave Hutch – Acting Director, Park Planning and Development	BC Hydro Proposal for Lord Roberts Annex and Nelson Park Phase 2
Aug 21	Shauna Wilton – Deputy General Manager	Park Stewards Pilot Program
Sep 10	Shauna Wilton – Deputy General Manager	Andy Livingstone Park Service Overview

