



## Report from the General Manager's Office January 28, 2019

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

### **Memorial South Park – Senior's Fitness Area**

The new fitness area in Memorial South Park is under construction near the field house and recreational track. This project is the result of an [approved 2016 Board Motion for Seniors Fitness in Parks](#), subsequent positive public engagement and input from local residents, and Board [approval of the project location in November 2017](#). Features of this amenity area include a mix of equipment types that promote muscle strength, balance, flexibility, aerobic fitness and a reflexology path. Staff look forward to completing this project and hosting an opening event in April.

### **Playground Renewals**

The Park Development Team has been busy over the past few months providing information to residents and hosting engagement events about playground upgrades across the City. Eleven Park Board locations are in the process of being upgraded over the next two years, including Ash, Winona, Beaconsfield, Jones, Kaslo, Granville, Champlain Heights, Charleson, and Granville Parks and at Trout Lake and Thunderbird Community Centre preschools. The Jones Park project, in particular, has garnered much support from local residents thus far. This project includes seating areas, an improved entrance on Victoria Drive and a walking loop with exercise stations. A Board Memo will be provided with additional updates about the playground renewal program.

### **New Fieldhouse Residencies for 2019**

The Park Board welcomed a new contingent of artists, food/garden enthusiasts and athletes into parks across the city as part of its "Fieldhouse Activation Program". Since 2011, the Park Board has been repurposing fieldhouses in parks to enable residents to connect to creative activities that engage their neighborhoods. The six new artists and groups join 17 others already working in fieldhouse across the city.

### **Spanish Banks – Vandalism of Trees**

Eight trees at Spanish Banks have been intentionally vandalized, their tops sawed off and limbs removed. The trees are part of a grove of conifers at the foot of Tolmie Street. Park Board staff made the discovery on January 3 and has since worked with the Vancouver Police Dept. to investigate. The Park Board intends to seek stiff penalties for whoever is found responsible.

### **Vanier Park – Vandalism of Turf**

There was damage to the grass area of Vanier Park, near the boat launch, and west toward the Maritime Museum on the night of January 20. The Vancouver Police Dept. attended to the incident and located a suspect vehicle that fled through the park, prior to being identified.

### **Council Business:**

#### **City Participation in Women Deliver Conference 2019**

At the January 29 Council Meeting, Council will be receiving a [report on "City Participation in Women Deliver Conference 2019"](#). The Women Deliver Conference will be held in Vancouver from June 3 to 6, 2019 and it is the world's largest conference on gender equality and the health, rights, and well-being of girls and women in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The goal of the conference is to accelerate progress for women and girls everywhere. The conference will provide the City



with an opportunity to highlight its commitment to women's equity and advance goals included in the Women's Equity Strategy and City of Reconciliation. Park Board staff are participating on a cross departmental Steering Committee and have proposed a number of initiatives including the revival of the "[Remarkable Women Series](#)".

**Board Briefing Memos & Emails: January 15 to January 28, 2019**

Date	Topic
Jan 16	VanSplash Advisory Group Confirmation
Jan 24	Whirlpools at Dunbar, Kitsilano and Marpole Community Centres
Jan 28	Marpole Curling Club Location