



Report from the General Manager's Office March 11, 2019

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

Burrard Marina Upgrades

The remaining sections of the new floats have been built and the contractor has scheduled installation of the new floats and new pilings this week. Substantial completion is expected by April 1, 2019.

Cedar Cottage Park

Cedar Cottage Park, located at Clark Drive and East 11th Avenue in the Kensington-Cedar Cottage Neighbourhood, is a small neighbourhood park built in the mid-1970. Staff are working to renew the playground to meet current standards for playground safety and to replace the tennis courts with a smaller sport court, pathways and more green space in addition to adding a new rain water feature. Re-grading for the new court will greatly improve access and safety in the park. Construction drawings are approximately 75% complete with tendering expected in Q2 and construction in Q3. The construction contract award will require Board approval before construction can begin.

Dr. Sun Yat Sen Courtyard

Park Board staff are working collaboratively with the Dr. Sun-Yat Sen Garden Society, the Chinese Cultural Centre and the City's Chinatown Transformation Team, to animate and improve the public courtyard adjacent to the garden and park. In February, staff installed LED string lights throughout the courtyard and also installed decorative wraps on the doors. New gates are being custom designed by JYW Architecture Inc., the same firm that designed the garden buildings, to allow for night time closure of the plaza. Public engagement about the gates is targeted for late April.

Heron Update

We are excited to share that as of today it looks as though the first cohort of our much loved Pacific Great Blue Herons have started returning to their colony next to the Park Board office. They have been spotted on West End roof tops throughout last week and just today there were at least a dozen getting reacquainted with their nests, and each other. The nests outside make up one of the largest urban colonies of these amazing birds and we are so pleased they are back for their 19th season. Last year there were 85 active nests and an estimated 98 fledglings raised.

Within the next week or so, we will be launching our ever-popular [HeronCam on Vancouver.ca](http://HeronCam.on.Vancouver.ca) in partnership with the Stanley Park Ecology Society. HeronCam gives residents a chance to witness all the heron action over the coming months, include their courtship, nesting, hatching and fledging.

Stanley Park Brewery

The remaining landscaping and exterior work will be completed in March and is anticipated to cause no disturbances to the herons. Completion and occupancy is expected for May 2019.



Council Business:

Vancouver Community Sport Hosting Grant-Spring 2019 Intake

On March 12, 2019, Council will be receiving a [report](#) recommending approval of eight (8) new Community Sport Hosting Grants applications totalling \$29,033. All 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 six (6) local and regional sport tournaments and two (2) new annual events.

Board Briefing Memos & Emails: February 25 to March 11, 2019

Date	Topic
Feb 27	Measles Outbreak and Community Center Precautions
Mar 4	Renewable Energy Strategy for Park Board Facilities
Mar 5	Symphony at Sunset 2019 Event Date
Mar 8	Oppenheimer Park Encampments and Support Services