



Report from the General Manager's Office May 13, 2019

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

Tree Sale – May 11 and 12

The Vancouver Park Board's popular \$10 spring tree sale concluded this past weekend with 2,825 trees sold among 30 different varieties which included the Victoria Southern magnolia, Golden Sentinel columnar apples, Yamhill hazelnut, Inaba Shidare Japanese maple, Celestial dogwood, Saratoga gingko. Seven varieties of patio-sized trees were also included for sale.

Gordon Park / David Thompson Secondary Land Exchange

Vancouver School Board (VSB) staff are proposing a land exchange to construct a new David Thompson Secondary school at the existing north end of Gordon Park. This would be subject to an agreement between the VSB and Park Board. This exchange is to be presented by VSB staff to their Facilities Planning Committee for decision on May 15. An exchange would result in a net benefit to Gordon Park. VSB would provide alternate sites to accommodate park users displaced during new school construction. Should the VSB Planning Committee approve the exchange, a report for decision will be brought to the Park Board in the next three months.

China Creek North Park and Glen Pump Station

Work is underway for the construction of a new playground and an engineering pump station building (with a new public washroom) as well as improvements to accessibility and connectivity. Estimated completion is in July which is a month behind schedule as additional time was needed over the winter months to address removal of soil affected by Japanese beetles and contamination. Construction contract award for the Glen Pump Station was awarded in mid-March. Work includes construction of an accessible public washroom with completion scheduled for 2020.

Stanley Park Seawall and Pavement Repairs

Work which includes filling of voids and cavities, stabilizing bulging and undermined foundations and installing rock rip rap for protection at the base of the wall is well underway and expected to be completed by the end of summer.

Repaving of roads in Stanley and in Queen Elizabeth Parks have been underway and will be completed in May. The Stanley Park road repaving required overnight work by Park Board and City staff supported by archaeological monitors from the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations to ensure protection of park resources and minimize disruption to park events and visitors.

Council Business

On May 14, 2019, Council will be considering the following Motions on Notice that have relationship with the Park Board:

1. [Formalize the False Creek to the Fraser River Blueways](#)
2. [Dealing with Doggie Doo Doo in Support of Vancouver's Zero Waste Goal and Cleaner Parks and Streets](#)
3. [Recovering Outstanding City of Vancouver Related Costs from 4/20 Vancouver 2019 held in Sunset Beach Park and Affirm Support for the Mandatory Event Permit Process for Large Events and Festivals in the City of Vancouver](#)



Items of interest to the Park Board at the April 24 and 29 meeting of the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services:

1. [Climate Emergency Response](#) which includes the carbon reduction strategy aimed at reducing carbon emissions and addressing the serious threat of climate change. The strategy focused on six big moves to reduce pollution from buildings and included 53 quick-start action plans that can be implemented right away.
2. [Single-use Item Reduction Strategy](#) – ban on foam cups and take-out containers will begin January 1, 2020 and ban on the use of plastic straws will begin April 2020.
3. [False Creek Community Panel Report](#) – report was received by Council.

Board Briefing Memos & Emails: April 16 to May 13, 2019

Date	Topic
Apr 18	Park Board Success Plan
Apr 18	Council Agenda Items (April 24) of Park Board Interest
Apr 24	Sunken Sail Boat Update
Apr 25	Oppenheimer Park Update
Apr 25	Sunken Sail Boat Update
Apr 27	Wind Storm Update
Apr 29	VanPlay – Approach to Recreational Cycling
May 1	Thunderbird Evacuation – Water Main Burst
May 2	Communications Staff Change
May 2	Canada Goose Egg Addling Program
May 3	Removal of Fencing at Oppenheimer Park
May 8	“On Water” Strategy Update
May 9	VanSlam Earthquake Drill
May 13	West End Waterfront Master Plan RFE012