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# COVID-19 PANDEMIC Parks & Recreation Reopening & Recovery Update

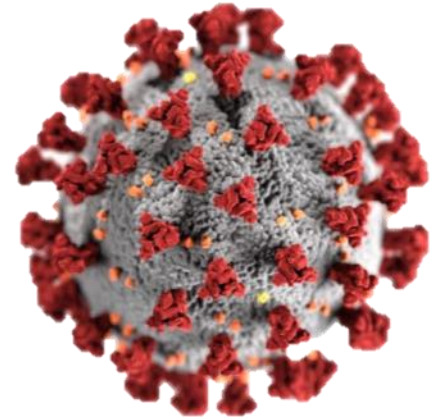
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# Purpose of Presentation

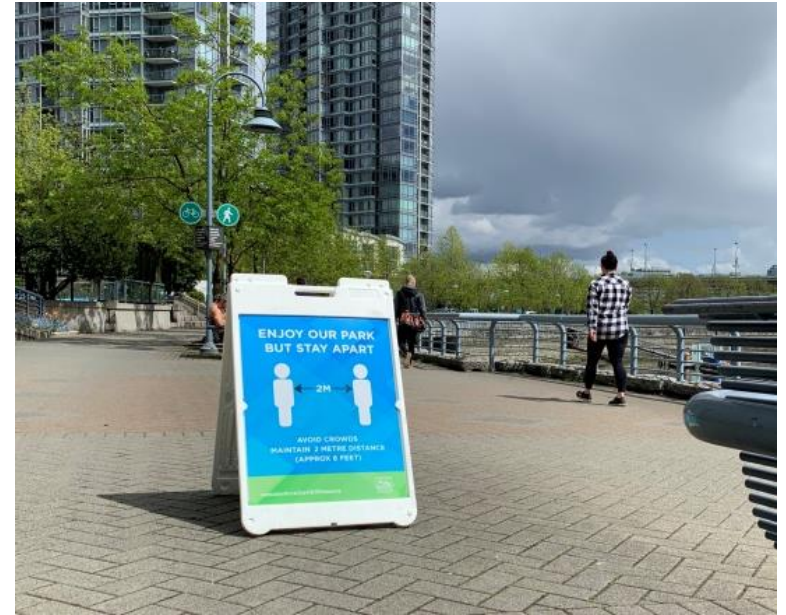
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The purpose of this presentation is to provide an update on the COVID-19 reopening and recovery strategy.



# Outline

- Reopened Facilities
- Reopening Approach
- Draft Proposed Phasing
- Financial Overview
- Next steps
- Q&A and Discussion







# Reopened Facilities





# Background – Open and Reopened Services



# Background – Recently Reopened Services



**Tennis Courts**



**Off-Leash Areas**



**Parking Lots**



# Reopening Approach



# Vancouver Park Board: REOPENING & RECOVERY

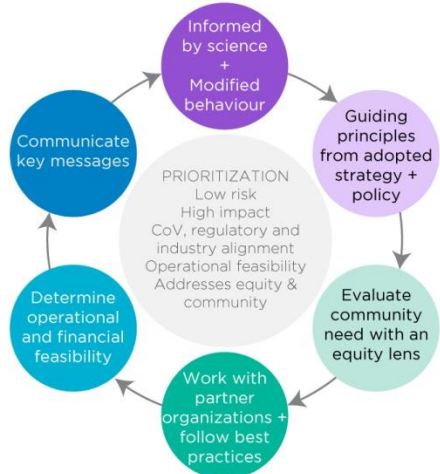
Vancouver residents have led by example over the past weeks in their conscientious response to the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result of this helpful behaviour, the BC government has now indicated it is safe to begin opening facilities. The Park Board, informed by existing policy and best practices, has developed a roadmap to guide decision making for reopening and recovery to ensure facilities and programs are brought back online thoughtfully and safely.

## Guiding Principles

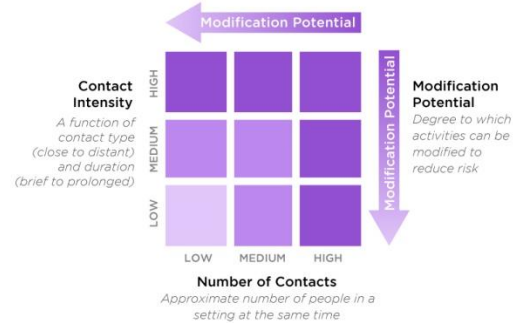


The Park Board's principles of decolonization asks us to be **transparent**, **equitable**, and to centre community **health & wellness** and **non-colonial perspectives**. These principles and current Park Board and City strategies inform the development of the guiding principles and phased reopening and recovery plan.

## Reopening Process



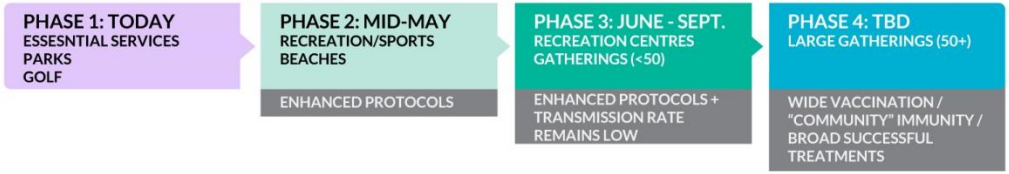
## Risk-based Decision-making



## Reopening Protocols



## BC's Four-Stage Restart Plan





# Coordination, Guidelines and Insights

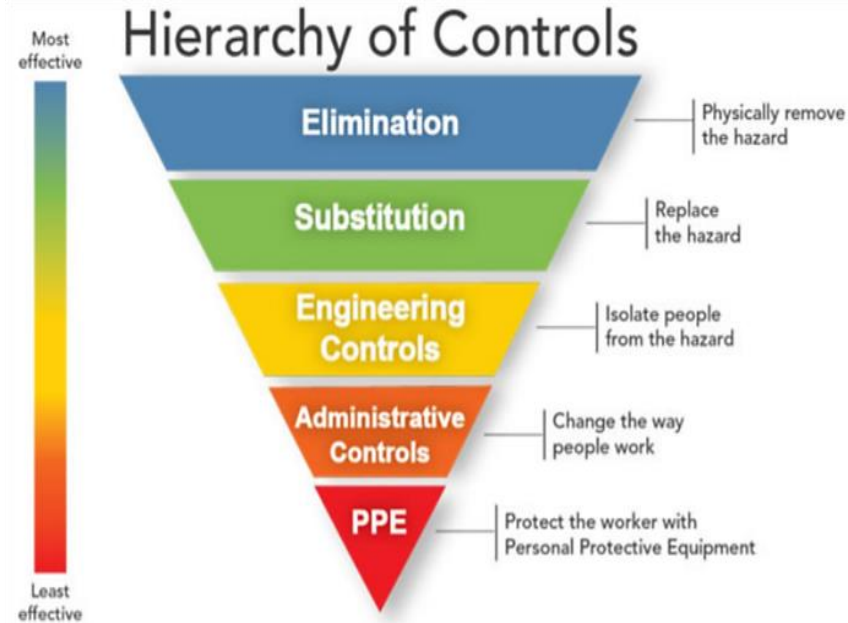


- Provincial orders and phasing
- New WorkSafe BC requirements
- Vancouver Coastal Health advice
- BC Recreation and Parks Association guidelines
- ViaSport and sport governing bodies
- Canadian Recreation and Parks Association forum
- Metro Vancouver (Regional Parks Advisory Committee) coordination
- Other municipalities
- Internal departmental support



## Guidelines issued May 19 call for:

- A **COVID-19 Safety Plan** that is available to the public
- A **Hierarchy of Controls** approach that considers the elimination of hazards first, and PPE as a final precaution.
- Creation of an **Exposure Control Plan**, with clear steps on how to respond to a possible COVID-19 exposure
- Updated **General Operating Guidelines** with policies and communications for both employees and customers, and guidance for physical distancing, sanitation and hygiene.





# Restart Planning

- Departmental restart plans must include considerations:
  - Health and safety requirements
  - Risk and legal implications
  - Financial impacts
  - HR/staffing requirements
  - Resource requirements from other city departments (REFM, Engineering, IT, others)
  - Need for critical supplies (e.g., PPE)



# Proposed Phasing



# Reopening & Recovery: Working Draft Roadmap



## Phase 1

Up to Mid-May

- Van Dusen
- Golf Courses
- Tennis Courts
- Dog Off-Leash Areas

## Phase 2

Mid-May to June

- Parking (most lots)
- Playgrounds
- Outdoor Fitness
- Synthetic Turf Playing Fields (casual use)
- Skate Parks
- Bike Parks
- Pitch & Putt
- Disc Golf
- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Multi Court Sports

## Phase 3

June to September

- Stanley Park Road Access
- Lifeguard Beaches
- Outdoor Pools
- Drinking Fountains
- Concessions (golf & beaches)
- Community centre gyms, small programs & events
- Outdoor Camps & Programs
- Sport Field & Diamond Permits
- Special Events & Film (<50 people)
- Wading Pools & Spray Parks

## Phase 4

TBD

- Community Centre arenas, indoor pools, large programs and events (e.g. festivals, sporting events)
- Bloedel Conservatory
- Stanley Park Train
- Permitted Events & Indoor Facility rentals
- Special Events & Film (>50 people)

***All topics are subject to change and individual considerations***

# Reopening Services – Phase 2 Overview

- Outdoor Recreation Facilities
- Pitch & Putts
- Playgrounds & Outdoor Fitness Equipment
- Road Reallocation in Stanley Park





# Reopening Services – Outdoor Recreation Facilities



- *Baseball Diamonds and grass playing fields remained open*
  - Synthetic turf fields (13)
  - Skate parks (9)
  - Bike parks (2)
  - Disc golf (2)
  - Basketball and multi-court sports (42)
  - Volleyball courts (65)
  - Lacrosse (2)
  - Roller hockey courts (4)
- Will open for casual play only, no permits
  - Install signage where appropriate



# Reopening Services – Pitch & Putts



Golf courses opened May 1, 2020 with modifications for play, these will be adapted for pitch and putt.



# Reopening Services – Playgrounds & Outdoor Fitness



- Phase 1: School locations
  - Dickens Annex, Trafalgar, False Creek, Livingstone, Cross Town, Elsie Roy, Queen Victoria Annex, Carnarvon
- Phase 2: Rolling basis after monitoring period
  - Remaining 162 playgrounds
  - 11 outdoor fitness equipment sites



# Reopening Services – Stanley Park Road Reallocation



- Developing options for phased and multi-use approach to managing all transportation modes in the park
  - Thoughtful, balanced approach to reopening facilities in consultation with stakeholders
  - Dedicated cycling areas to enable physical distancing is a major driver
  - Providing access to park facilities for those with mobility needs is a top priority





# Reopening Services – Stanley Park Road Reallocation

## SHORT TERM IMPLEMENTATION

- Traffic Management
- Temporary Plan for all modes

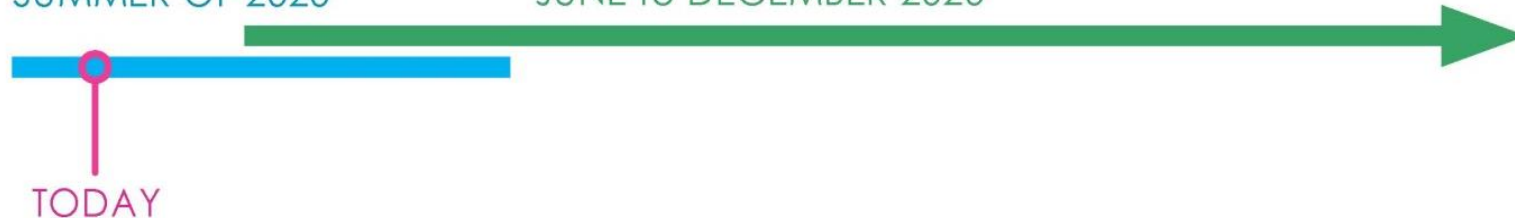
## LONG TERM PLANNING

- Comprehensive Planning Process
- Partnership with MST
- Potential Shuttle Service
- Coordination with West End Waterfront MP
- Public Engagement & Board Approvals at Key Milestones (TBD)

- Operational Manual for “Car Free Day”
- Transportation Study RFP

**SHORT TERM IMPLEMENTATION**  
SUMMER OF 2020

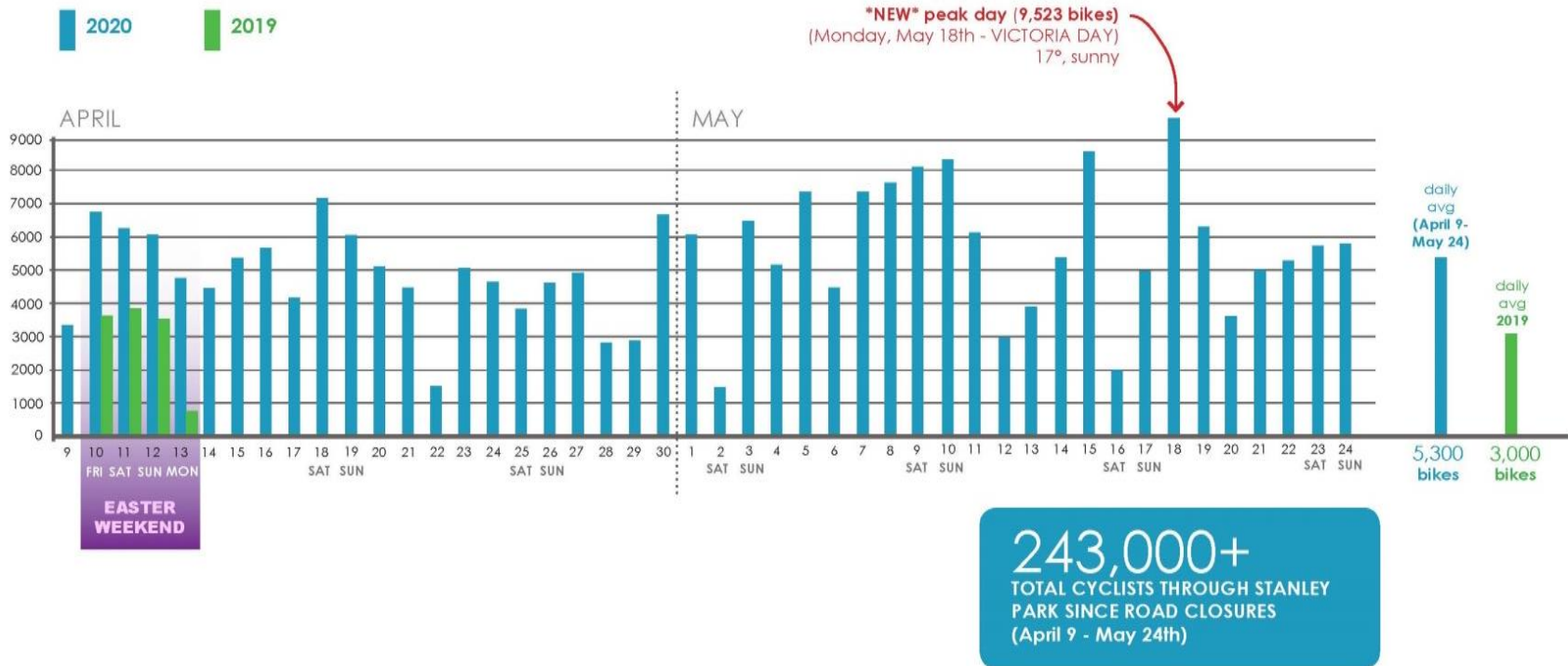
**LONG TERM PLANNING**  
JUNE to DECEMBER 2020



# Reopening Services – Stanley Park Road Reallocation



- Cycling data continues to show popularity of Stanley Park during closures





# Financial Overview





# Financial Update - Status

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- On May 11, 2020, the Park Board received an update on the financial implications of COVID-19.
- Recovery plans require business operations to return under modified operations to adhere to the Provincial Order.
- Revenue reductions were originally estimated at \$40M as a result of facility closures, updated estimate is a \$38M revenue loss based on the slow reopening.
- Steps taken by the Board, along with steps taken by the City have mitigated the need for further staffing reductions.
- Pressures remain for facility recovery as funding is reliant on financial support beyond user fees.

# Financial Update – Recovery Pressures

- A number of the Park Board's facilities remain closed, such as Community Centres and Outdoor Pools; the operation of these facilities are jointly funded through both user fees and property taxes.
- Recovery plans for these sites will need to be considered from a city-wide perspective in conjunction with other facility openings such as libraries.



# Reopening & Recovery – Next Steps



- Incorporate BC's Provincial and Industry guidelines
- Continue to refine Park Board reopening and recovery plans
  - Consult with key stakeholders
  - Determine feasibility
  - Prioritize services to be re-opened
- Provide regular Board updates







# Q&A



