



Park Board General Manager's Office Report – May 25, 2020

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

Retirement of Malcolm Bromley, General Manager – May 29, 2020

I would like to take a moment to acknowledge that tonight marks the last Park Board public meeting for our General Manager, Malcolm Bromley.

Malcolm started his career at the Park Board in 2010. Prior to moving to Vancouver, Malcolm was the Director for Recreation, City of Toronto, where he provided strategic leadership and management of recreation services for Canada's largest municipal infrastructure including Aquatics, Active Living, sport Development and Community Programs. During Malcolm's tenure at the Vancouver Park Board, he led the organization through many significant and groundbreaking initiatives, including:

- The passing of a bylaw banning captive cetaceans from Vancouver parks;
- Board approval of new Joint Operating Agreements with Community Center Associations, the renewed JOA affirms the Vancouver Park Board's continued commitment to community engagement through a strong working relationship with the CCAs;
- Development of several progressive Board approved strategies, including:
 - [Local Food Action Plan](#) (2013);
 - [Rewilding Vancouver Action Plan](#) (2014);
 - [Urban Forest Strategy](#) (2014);
 - [Building a Path to Parks and Recreation for All](#) (2014);
 - [Bird Strategy](#) (2015);
 - [Biodiversity Strategy](#) (2016);
 - [People, Parks and Dogs Strategy](#) (2017);
 - [Park Board Concession Strategy](#) (2019); and
 - [VanPlay](#), the Parks & Recreation Services Master Plan that included 4 reports: [Inventory and Analysis](#) & [10 Goals to Shape the Next 25 Years](#); the [Strategic Bold Moves](#) & [The Playbook, Implementation Plan](#) (2018/2019);
- 2018 saw the introduction of an innovative park concept for the nine acre public park as part of the redevelopment at Oakridge Centre;
- Malcolm was a driving force in the process of implementing Reconciliation throughout the organization and enabling staff the space to undertake the ongoing Reconciliation work:
 - Stanley Park Intergovernmental Committee established with representatives from the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations & Park Board.
 - [Eleven Reconciliation strategies](#) approved in response to TRC Calls to Action (2016);
 - [Reconciliation Mission, Vision, and Values](#) (2018) adopted as a foundation for Reconciliation within the organization;
 - Comprehensive [Colonial Audit](#) undertaken to identify opportunities (short & long term) to improve policies and practices with regard to Reconciliation (2018);
 - Hiring of first Reconciliation Planner and Archaeologist.

We truly appreciate his visionary leadership and dedication to public service, and wish him some much deserved rest and relaxation for his retirement.



Upcoming Council Business (related to or impacting parks & recreation):

- Presentation on [COVID-19 Pandemic Impacts: Financial Mitigation and Restoration of City Service Plan](#);
- Report on [Sewage and Rainwater Management Plan for Vancouver](#);
- Member Motions on:
 - [Allowing Responsible Alcohol Consumption in Vancouver Parks and Beaches](#);
 - [Designating Public Space for Responsible Consumption of Alcohol](#);
- Presentation on the [City's COVID-19 Recovery Program Overview](#) & Core Guiding Questions;
- Report on [Quarterly Capital Budget Adjustments and Closeouts](#) - the report notes a request for Council approval of an increase of \$6.4 million to Multi-Year Capital Projects Budgets (funded from the 2019-2022 Capital Plan and budget reallocations); expenditures in 2020 relating to the increases to Multi-Year Capital Project Budgets will be managed within the current overall 2020 Annual Capital Expenditure Budget of \$701.8 million.

Board Briefing Memos & Emails: May 12 to May 25, 2020

Date	Topic
May 13	COVID-19: Impacts on Outdoor Pools and Beaches
May 15	Asset Management Consulting Request for Proposal
May 15	Tennis Management Services in Stanley Park RFP Update
May 22	COVID-19 Parks & Recreation Reopening & Recovery
May 25	FortisBC Gas Main Replacement at Riverfront Park
May 25	Alcohol Consumption at Parks & Beaches - Update