

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

*The Distance
Between Us Will
Hold Us Together*

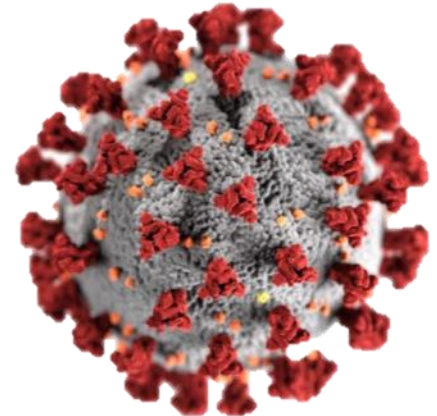


Park Board Regular Meeting
Monday, June 8, 2020



Purpose of Presentation

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



- Reopening and Recovery
 - Process Overview
 - Open Since May 25th
 - Under Review
 - Related Initiatives
- Financial Overview
- Next Steps
- Q&A and Discussion





Reopening and Recovery Overview

Vancouver Park Board: REOPENING & RECOVERY

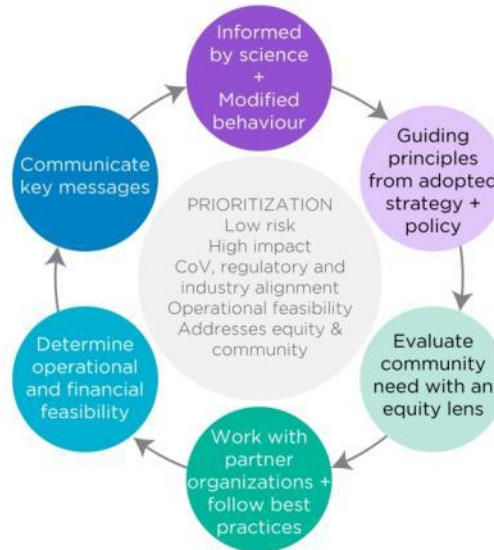
Vancouver residents have led by example over the past weeks in their conscientious response to the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result of this helpful behaviour, the BC government has now indicated it is safe to begin opening facilities. The Park Board, informed by existing policy and best practices, has 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

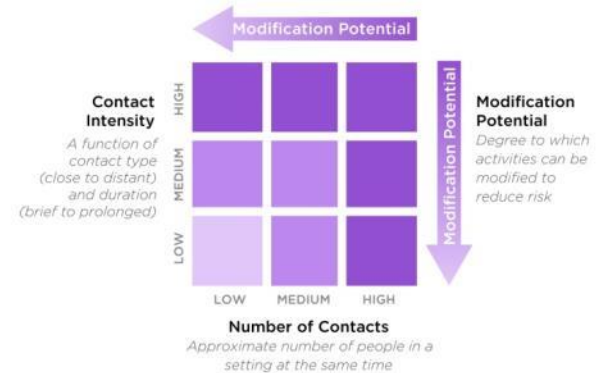


The Park Board's principles of decolonization asks us to be **transparent**, **equitable**, and to centre community **health & wellness** and **non-colonial perspectives**. These principles and current Park Board and City strategies inform the development of the guiding principles and phased reopening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

Reopening Process



Risk-based Decision-making



Coordination, Guidelines and Insights



Reopening and Recovery: Draft Roadmap

PHASE 1

-  VanDusen
-  Tennis
-  Golf
-  Off-Leash Areas
-  Parking
-  Bike Park
-  Outdoor Fitness
-  Volleyball
-  Disc Golf
-  Synthetic Turf
-  Roller Hockey
-  Skate Park
-  Basketball
-  Lacrosse
-  Playgrounds
-  Pitch & Putt
-  Special Events & Film (<50)

REOPENED

PHASE 2 & 3

-  Swimming Beaches
-  Outdoor Pools
-  Summer Day Camps
-  Sports Field Permits
-  Stanley Park Road Reallocation
-  Spray Parks
-  Wading Pools
-  Bloedel Conservatory
-  Concessions
-  Community Centres (e.g. gyms)
-  Indoor Pools
-  Arenas
-  Permitted Events & Facility Rentals
-  Stanley Park Train

UNDER REVIEW

PHASE 4

-  Large Sporting Events
-  Large Community Centre Programs
-  Large Special Events

Reopening and Recovery: Open Since May 25th



Reopened Services: Outdoor Recreation Facilities

**Synthetic
Turf (13)**



**Skate
Parks (9)**



**Basketball
Courts (42)**



**Lacrosse
Boxes (2)**



**Outdoor
Fitness (11)**



**Pitch and
Putt (3)**



Disc Golf (2)



**Volleyball
Courts (65)**



**Roller
Hockey (4)**



**Bike
Parks (2)**



**Playgrounds
(166)**



Reopened Services – Special Events & Filming

- Special event and film permitting operations restored first week of June
- Special Events & Filming office now processing 200+ existing and new applications for initiatives of 50 people or less, including:
 - Small events
 - Weddings
 - Picnics
 - Private recreation activities
 - Filming
- Initiatives will be reviewed and processed using newly developed COVID-19 Special Event Framework (endorsed by EOC and public health authorities)
- Framework is scalable and ensures consistency for events City-Wide



Reopened Services – Monitoring

Staff are monitoring facilities for a successful restart, including:

- Number of users/visitors (when known)
- Financial Impact (where available/applicable)
- Feedback from Park Champions and Park Rangers on physical distancing measures and crowding
- Any issues encountered with reopening
- Suggestions for further modifications



Reopening and Recovery: Under Review

Reopening Services In Progress – Overview



Swimming Beaches



Summer Day Camps



Outdoor Pools



Sports Field Permits



Road Reallocation Project
Stanley Park update

Reopening Services – Swimming Beaches

- Beaches are currently open but are not guarded
- Lifesaving Society's updated guidelines issued May 19th outline COVID-19 specific training and PPE requirements that will enable lifeguards to be recertified, trained and hired
- Staff are assessing financial impact, HR requirements, health and safety and training protocols, critical supplies and communications requirements in order to provide seasonal lifeguarding at swimming beaches



Reopening Services – Outdoor Pools

- Outdoor Pools traditionally open May long weekend
- With Lifesaving Society's guidelines in place, staff are also assessing the feasibility of opening outdoor pools for the remainder of the season
- Additional facility and operational requirements for pool openings under revised protocols include:
 - Modified access ex: change rooms, washrooms, showers
 - Limiting overall capacity
 - Managing flow ex: timed entry
 - Enhanced cleaning procedures



Reopening Services – Day Camps & Programming



- A variety of day camps typically operate through July and August in Community Centres across the City providing child care, social time, and physical activity for children
- BCRPA has issued safe guidelines for day camp operations
- Staff assessing the feasibility of operating day camps outdoors and in open buildings
- Best practices include:
 - Reducing overall capacity
 - Cleaning hands
 - Minimize sharing of equipment
 - Appropriate activities and out-trips
 - Outdoor programming



Reopening Services – Sports Field Permits

- Park Board permits to 3rd parties (clubs, groups and other organizations)
- ViaSport issued Return to Sport guidelines to assist sport organizations plans to resume sport in a limited way
- Sports organizations must developing their own sport specific guidelines and receive approval from their Board of Directors to resume their sport safely
- Sport should be geared towards community participation and training rather than games and provincial competition



Stanley Park Road Reallocation

Currently finalizing a *Temporary Traffic Management Plan* for the Summer of 2020 which includes:

Public vehicle access to Stanley Park, including restaurants, attractions and features



Sections of road space dedicated to cycling to continue to enable physical distancing on the seawall



Ensuring access for seniors and those with mobility needs



Stanley Park Road Reallocation



Ministry of
Transportation
and Infrastructure



TEAHOUSE
IN STANLEY PARK

PROSPECT
POINT
STANLEY PARK



ROYAL VANCOUVER YACHT CLUB



Canada



Stanley Park Road Reallocation

SHORT TERM IMPLEMENTATION

- Temporary Traffic Management Plan
- Public vehicle access
- Some road space dedicated to cyclists to enable physical distancing

LONG TERM IMPLEMENTATION & PLANNING

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

SHORT TERM IMPLEMENTATION
SUMMER OF 2020

LONG TERM PLANNING
JUNE to DECEMBER 2020





Reopening and Recovery: Related Initiatives

Alcohol Consumption at Parks and Beaches



Background:

- Physical distancing limits ability to socialize indoors. Public Health Officer recommends time spent outdoors.
- Board Motion: Alcohol Consumption at Vancouver Parks & Beaches – December 17, 2018
- Park Board Briefing Memo: Alcohol Consumption at Parks and Beaches – May 25, 2020
- Council Motion: Allowing Responsible Alcohol Consumption in Vancouver Parks and Beaches – May 26, 2020



Alcohol Consumption at Parks and Beaches

Approach Underway

- Staff working group convened
- Developing site selection criteria to pilot parks and beaches
- Identifying legal, logistical, societal, enforcement, and financial considerations
- Commercial partners



Next Steps

- Request made to amend Provincial Act to enable Park Board jurisdiction
- Staff will prepare bylaw for Board decision
- Bylaw will include sites, hours, boundaries
- Pending Board decision implement pilot in 2020



Financial Update

Financial Update



- Overall financial situation remains unchanged ~ \$38M revenue shortfall, mitigation actions in place to reduce costs.
- We are monitoring all restarted services to assess impact on financial capacity.



- May 26th, Council approved the report titled “COVID-19 Pandemic Impacts: Financial Mitigation and Restoration of City Service Plan”
 - The following notable Park Board investments approved for 2020 have been adjusted as a result of the mitigation plans:
 - Reduction to Community Centre operations and programming as a result of facility closures. Examples include arena staffing requirements and expansion of the “Swim to Survive” initiative.
 - Delaying investments to review the Park Board structure for effective service delivery and commissioner staff support.
 - Incremental investments in janitorial and building maintenance remain as planned.

Reopening & Recovery – Next Steps



- Continue to develop, prioritize and implement Park Board reopening and recovery plans
 - Incorporate government and industry guidelines
 - Consult with key stakeholders
 - Conduct feasibility assessments
 - Provide regular Board updates



Q&A





New Services – Expanded Patios & Outdoor Operations



- Business Services team is working with Park Board restaurant partners to explore opportunities for temporary expanded patio/outdoor operations to provide support during pandemic recovery phase
- Restaurant partners have been directed to send potential concepts/proposals to Park Board staff for review and consideration
- Staff exploring best approaches for expediting approvals and permitting of these temporary operations while they await proposals and will report back
 - May be able to adapt and leverage Park Board's existing 'Restaurant Use of Outdoor Spaces Program'

