



GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Regular Park Board Meeting

Monday, October 19, 2020



- No board in control of the association to jointly operate the community center with Park Board.
- October 7, 2020 – BC Supreme Court lifted the injunction that previously prevented Park Board from acting on the Notice of Termination of the JOA with Kensington CCA.
- Termination of JOA is now effective.
- Staff will transition toward a Park Board operational model similar to Creekside Community Center.
- Staff planning for the resumption of recreation programs and services starting in January 2021.

- Program is hosted by Sustainability in partnership with UBC Sustainability Initiative.

- Program engages graduate students to perform leading edge sustainability research for the City.

- Park Board welcomed and mentored three scholars:
 - Cheryl Ng – supervised by Chad Townsend

 - Joanne Fitzgibbons – supervised by Katherine Howard

 - Logan Oyunkhishig – supervised by Dana McDonald

Natural Capital Valuation

By Cheryl Ng (supervised by Chad Townsend)

This report studied examples from London to San Francisco then applied methods to calculate the economic value of Vancouver's parks for three key benefits where data is available: tourism, recreation, and physical health. It briefly covers other benefits including property premiums, storm water management, air quality and temperature regulation. This project may help Park Board secure funding for park maintenance, planning, and future development.



Tourism:
~ \$198 million
per year



Recreation:
At least \$31 million
per year



Physical health:
At least \$47 million
per year



Access to Nature in Vancouver: What Does it Mean, and Can We Map It?

By Joanne Fitzgibbons (supervised by Katherine Howard)

This report explores whether 'access to nature' is something that could be defined and measured, since it's such a subjective experience.

Jo found that some parks are more likely than others to deliver the health benefits from nature that we often hear about. She called these "Restorative Natural Areas", and developed an index to be used in conjunction with the VanPlay Equity Initiative Maps that can help us identify, build, and protect these kinds of spaces.

Indicators include:



Quiet, minimal crowding, limited/no road noise or interruptions



Minimal built infrastructure



Contains natural elements like water, large trees, wildflowers



Unlikely to be a pocket park, green roof, sport field, playground, etc.



Co-benefits for conservation + habitat restoration

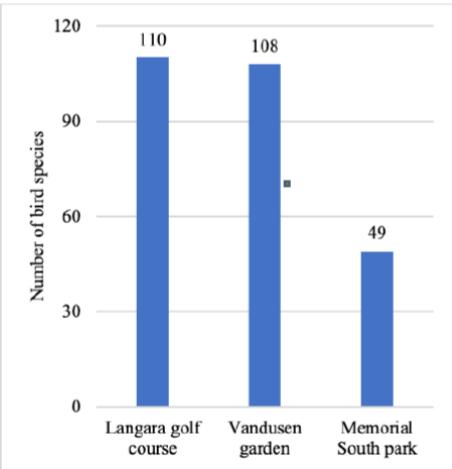
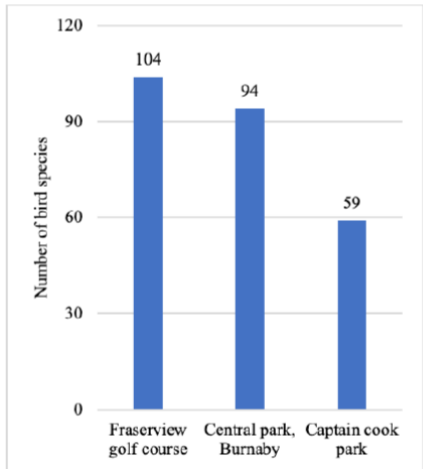
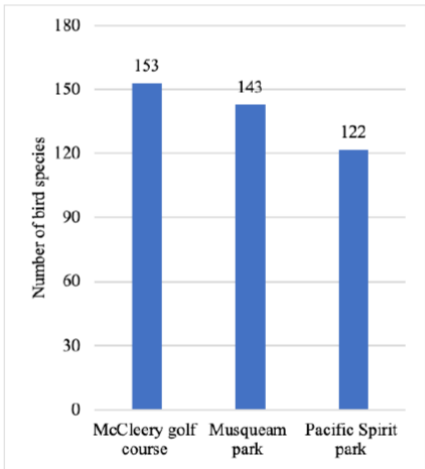


Biodiversity Audit of Vancouver Park Board Golf Courses

By Logan Oyunkhishig (supervised by Dana McDonald)

This project aimed to establish and apply a method to evaluate the biodiversity of the Park Board's golf and pitch and putt courses and make recommendations for enhancing biodiversity on the golf courses.

Field research confirmed that golf course rough areas have a greater ecological value for birds than manicured lawn parks nearby, that pond areas support the highest number of birds.



Comparison between the number of bird species found in the McCleery, Fraserview, and Langara golf course and other near green spaces. (Year-around, All years). Source: www.eBird.org

Council Business: October 20 Regular Council Meeting

- Presentation on Climate Change Adaptation Strategy Update
- Motion on [Mandatory Mask Policy for Vancouver Civic Facilities](#)

Council Business: October 22 Standing Committee on City Finance and Services

- Report on [Year-Round Free Parking Subsidy for Veterans and Current Serving Members of the Canadian Forces](#)
- Report on [Vancouver Community Sport Hosting Grant – Fall 2020 Intake](#)

Date	Topic
Oct 13	Oppenheimer Park Restoration & Reopening
Oct 14	Reconciliation Planner Organizational Change
Oct 16	Community Centre Strategy
Oct 16	COVID-19 Mandatory Mask Policy Considerations

