



Park Board General Manager's Office Report November 2, 2020

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

Second Phase – Langara Frozen Meal Program

On October 22, 2020, Langara Clubhouse launched the second phase of the City's Non-Market Housing (NMH)/Single Resident Occupancy (SRO) Covid-19 Frozen Meal Program. Park Board staff will be producing two meals a day for 250 vulnerable or isolating residents, total of 3,500 meals a week. The meals are well balanced and nutritious, and the chefs incorporated vegetables from Van Dusen gardens including tri-colored carrots, kale, Swiss chard, garlic, cabbage and pumpkin. The project is currently funded until the end of 2020.

Local Food Action Plan Update

The Local Food Action Plan will guide the prioritization and allocation of Park Board's food assets, services, funding, and community connections for a five-year term (2021-2025). Following the Local Food direction laid out in VanPlay, Park Board staff will conduct research on food assets in other urban park systems, work with stakeholders, partners and the public in November. Public engagements will be scheduled starting November. Stakeholder Advisory Committee and Steering Committee meetings will be scheduled in December. The first draft of the Local Food Action Plan is expected to be completed by Q1 2021.

New Park at Main & 7th

A new half-block park (0.23 acres) is being developed at the intersection of Main St. and 7th Ave in Mount Pleasant, the new park will contribute to park access in the area and support goals and objectives identified in the Mount Pleasant Community Plan & VanPlay. As forecast in the VanPlay Report, Mount Pleasant is anticipated to grow significantly by 2040 which will place the neighbourhood in a deficit of accessible park space over the coming decades. The development of the park at Main and 7th will contribute to improvements in the neighbourhood and support neighbourhood growth. The parcel on the north side of the future park is currently being developed as below market rental housing which includes 145 units to support families, due to be completed by Spring 2021. Following the first phase of public engagement, staff will analyze public opinions and ideas and will develop schematic design options to be shared in the second phase of public engagement, expected to take place in early 2021 followed by Concept Design. Implementation and completion are anticipated for 2022.

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

- Report on [Climate Emergency Action Plan](#) which provides the road map to achieve the four Big Move targets in ways that also bring financial, health and economic benefits to Vancouver:
 - Big Move 2: By 2030, two thirds of all trips in Vancouver will be made on foot, bike or transit.
 - Big Move 3: By 2030, 50% of the kilometers driven in Vancouver's roads will be by zero emissions vehicles
 - Big Move 4: By 2030, the carbon pollution from buildings will be cut in half from 2007 levels.
 - Big Move 5: By 2030, the embodied emissions from new buildings will be reduced by 40% compared to a 2018 baseline.
- Presentation on COVID-19 Economic and Community Recovery Program Progress Update
- Motion on [Targeted COVID-19 Funding Program for Vancouver's Chinatown](#)



- Presentation on the [2021 Budget – Tax Scenarios and Options](#)
- Report on [Quarterly Capital Budget Adjustments and Closeouts](#) recommending that Council approve capital budget and funding adjustments to the Multi-Year Capital Project Budget totalling a net decrease of \$0.7 million, consistent with Council direction to begin implementation of the recalibrated capital plan. As a result of the adjustments, the 2019-2022 Capital Plan will increase by \$11.7 million with no change to the current overall 2020 Capital Expenditure Budget. Report also recommends that Council approve the closeout of four capital projects that were completed with surpluses or deficits exceeding \$200,000.
- Motion on [Beyond 2010: Consideration for the City of Vancouver to Participate in a Future Olympic Winter Games Bid](#)

Board Briefing Memos and Emails: October 6 to November 2, 2020

Date	Topic
Oct 27	COVID-19 Flexipass Options
Nov 2	Veterans Parking at Park Board Sites