



# GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Regular Park Board Meeting  
Monday, November 23, 2020



- VanPlay was recognized by the American Society of Landscape Architects at their Colorado Chapter Annual Awards last week.
- Project was featured in a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Virtual Roundtable at the event.
- Project was presented an Honor Award in the special category of “Diversity, Equity and Inclusion”.



## **Project Statement:**

*“In addressing spatial equity, VanPlay recognizes the inherent privilege some populations have to enjoy parks and recreation and provides added support and welcome to populations without that privilege.”*

- Annual World Urban Parks Congress is being held from November 20 to 27, hosted by the Municipality of Tirana, Albania.
- Theme is “Parks for All” with an emphasis on the courage to grow a greener future.
- Katherine Howard represented the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation with a presentation of VanPlay, our parks and recreation services master plan. Her presentation focused on the plan’s approach to imbedding equity in the organization’s decision making processes.





- Five chum salmon were observed in Still Creek near the Vancouver Film Studios.
- This indicator species represents resilience & highlights objectives in VanPlay: habitat connectivity, open streams, water quality and riparian forest canopy.



- 1.42 ha neighbourhood park in Kensington-Cedar Cottage.
- The new playground includes an oversized, sculptural snail feature, wooden boat play structure, colourful rubber surfacing, and successful integration with existing mature trees.
- Additional new park elements include an expanded park entrance, a looped perimeter path with outdoor fitness equipment, a rain garden, new plantings, and a variety of seating features.



# “East” Park Pollinator Meadow

- Temporary ecological installation located along Ontario Street north of E 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue.
- Meadow provides green space for the community while the visioning process is underway for the larger East Park project.
- Supports enhanced biodiversity and will help meet a growing need for access to nature in this area and includes a lawn area with seating logs for informal recreation and socializing.





# Riley Park Farmers Market – Extended Operations in 2021

- Riley Park Farmers Market traditionally operates from May to October annually.
- Vancouver Farmers Market seeking to begin market operations in January 2021 rather than May 2021 to accommodate growing market demand.
- Park Board will be issuing a permit for extended operations in 2021.



# Temporary Expanded Patio Program – Extended Until October 31, 2021

- Program introduced in July 2020 was set to expire on October 31, 2020.
- Province announced extension for another year.
- Park Board extending its program until October 31, 2021.
- Extension will allow Park Board restaurant partners to continue to repurpose existing indoor seating outside.





# Britannia Renewal Project: Rezoning Contract Award

- In partnership with project partners (VPB, VSB, VPL, Britannia Community Services Society), the City has awarded the contract for the next phase of the Britannia Renewal project.
- This phase builds on the 2018 Master Plan and includes work to rezone the entire 18-acre site.
- Scope includes: preparing detailed design criteria for the future pool and recreation spaces to guide the design of the first building including consideration of accessibility, inclusivity, sustainability, resilience, and other community priorities and policy directions including VanSplash and VanPlay.



## **Regular Council Meeting: Nov 24, 2020**

- Report on [Contract Award for Consulting Services for Marpole-Oakridge Community Centre](#)

## **Standing Committee on City Finance & Services: Nov 25, 2020**

- Report on [Coal Harbour School, Childcare and Affordable Housing Project](#)

Date	Topic
Nov 8	COVID-19 – New Provincial Health Order Impacts



