



Park Board General Manager's Office Report December 7, 2020

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

RayCam Community Centre Playground Renewal

Work on the playground renewal is ongoing with expected completion in Q4 2020. Playground renewal includes a custom treehouse surrounding a large sequoia tree. Playground features include an in-ground trampoline, small turf area for sports, custom chalk board integrated into a wood screen and enhanced lighting. The play area will serve children ages 3-12 who attend the preschool and after school programs.

Charleson Park Playground Update

Work has been completed for the playground renewal. The renewal provides a larger playground with a wider array of features to support a busy and active park on the seawall on False Creek which is also being shared with the False Creek Elementary School. Through direct community feedback, accessible resilient surfacing was provided to majority of the play area.

Vancouver Park Board Youth Stuff Newsletter

The Vancouver Youth Services Team released their first newsletter in November 2020 to over 200 subscribers. This newsletter is youth-focused, youth-collaborated and youth-driven with the purpose of giving young people a voice and to support their ideas and initiatives. It also aims to create opportunities to engage the youth and connect them with our Community Youth Workers and our services, as well as providing access to meaningful resources including updates on COVID-19.

Retirement of Alan Duncan

Alan Duncan, Environmental Planner, is retiring in January 2021. Alan started with the City as a Landscape Architect in the Planning Department and moved to Park Board in 2004 where he worked on a wide array of park planning and design initiatives. Alan has been recognized in his field and was the first recipient of the BC Society of Landscape Architect (BCSLA) Public Practice Award in 2001 and in 2016, received the BCSLA Exceptional Contribution Award. Alan is a key organizer of the inaugural Vancouver Bird Festival and Birds on Parade held in conjunction with the 2018 International Ornithological Congress where he was also on the organizing committee. A champion of tree protection, greenways, bird habitat, public art, education and reconciliation, Alan has gained the trust of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil Waututh Nations through his works in Beaver Lake and Stanley Park. Alan, we wish you all the best in your retirement.

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

- Report on [2021 Capital and Operating Budget](#)
 - o [Memorandum](#) dated December 1, 2020 from the General Manager, Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation
- Report on [Vancouver Bird Strategy Update and Implementation](#) recommending the adoption of the December 2020 updated version of the Vancouver Bird Strategy; that staff review the Bird Friendly Design Guidelines in consultation with the Vancouver Bird Advisory Committee and report back to Council with any revisions or new regulations that may be required to increase their impact on building and landscape design and; that the Bird Friendly Landscape Operational Guidelines be updated for Council approval and for Park Board to ensure the most effective bird friendly management practices in parks and other public open spaces.



Board Briefing Memos and Emails: November 24 to December 7, 2020

Date	Topic
Nov 30	Budget 2021 Enquiries
Dec 3	COVID-19 Response – City of Vancouver Beach Avenue Interim Design
Dec 7	Emissions Free Landscape Equipment Renewal
Dec 8	Pest Control Management