

# GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

#### Regular Park Board Meeting Monday, February 8, 2021



### **Our Park Project**





- "Our Park Project" has been profiled in the December 2020 newsletter of the Community Action Initiative.
- Project is funded through a community wellness and harm reduction grant.
- Brings together community around Andy Livingstone Park to create an art project.

#### Stanley Park – Outdoor Checkerboards

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- Game of outdoor chess is returning to Stanley Park.
- Reanimating three giant outdoor checkerboards, which originally opened in the 1920's, with the help of young chess enthusiast, Keygan Power.
- Will be used as a pilot to jumpstart the revitalization of outdoor game spaces this spring and summer.



#### **Recognition of Park Board Partners**



# Muncie Booth



Warren Crosbie Community Leader of the Year



Muncie Booth, Head Professional at McCleery Golf Course, has been awarded the inaugural PGA of Canada's Warren Crosbie Community Leader of the Year Award. Muncie has been running golf camps at McCleery for the past 21 years to provide inner-city children access and opportunity to the game of golf.



David Cooper has been appointed to the Order of Canada for innovation in performance photography; has a long history working with community-engaged dance projects at West Point Grey Collaborative Creative Dance group.



Mark Haney, who was one of the first Fieldhouse Artists, was named an Artist Hero of 2020 for his Isolation Commissions project and compositions and performances in Mountain View Cemetery.

#### 2021 Operating and Capital Budget Update





- Park Board 2021 Capital and Operating Budget approved by Council on December 8, 2020.
- Amendment to budget included an additional \$300,000 for Park Cleanliness and Safety.
- Park Operations staff will develop a plan to maximize the service benefits by deploying these funds in areas with the highest need.

### Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Memorial Courtyard Gates - 中山公園門柵 設計進程



- To address ongoing public safety concerns in the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Memorial Courtyard, staff worked in partnership with the neighboring community to develop an appropriate solution.
- In addition to programming, gates were determined to be the optimal method for addressing access.
  Designs were developed by JYW, the original garden architects, and harmoniously reference classical Chinese garden design characteristics.
- The project was completed in December 2020 and the community has expressed support and appreciation for the new gates.



## **CRAB** Park Improvements

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- In 2019, the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority announced a donation of \$1 Million toward improvements at CRAB Park to offset the impacts of the Centerm Expansion Project.
- Staff have initiated preliminary studies and are progressing with a public engagement plan to seek community feedback on interim park improvements utilizing this donation.
- The recently approved Washroom Strategy identified CRAB Park as a highest priority for new washrooms, and a pilot installation of two Portland Loos at CRAB will be delivered this summer through the current Capital Plan.



# Staff Highlights – Major Maintenance & Construction Team





- Team conducts annual inspection of the seawall structure, asphalt surface, drainage, gates/fencing, benches, stencils and signage.
- Performs maintenance work caused by natural events like sea storms, king tides or landslides.
- Collaborates with Park Development on capital projects, perform larger repair works and consult on project specifications.



### **Regular Council Meeting: February 9, 2021**

 Referral Report on East Fraser Lands Official Development Plan and Public Amenity Financial Plan and Strategy: 10-Year Review and Update



Date	Торіс
Jan 18	VanDusen and Bloedel Capacity Enquiry
Jan 19	VanDusen Garden Talk on the Early Edition
Jan 20	Warming Centre Activations
Jan 22	Code of Conduct for Council Members
Feb 2	EFL Development and Community Centre Update
Feb 8	Seaside Greenway Improvement Kits Beach Park

