



Park Board General Manager's Office Report February 22, 2021

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

Stanley Park Ecology Society

The Stanley Park Ecology Society (SPES) has held a Joint Operating Agreement (JOA) with the Park Board since 1988. The JOA has been updated to reflect SPES and Park Board's current relationship and obligations including the use of property, communications, programming and funding. The SPES Board will vote on the new JOA next month. SPES and Park Board staff will also develop an associated agreement outlining Park Board's reconciliation expectations for activities in Stanley Park.

Geese Management - Request for Proposals (RFP)

In response to the growing Canada goose population and related impacts to parks, staff are preparing a specialist consultant Request for Proposals (RFP) to characterize the population and study future options. The data will inform a Comprehensive Management Plan to guide future population management including population size, growth rate and distribution; ideal maximum number of geese in the city; impacts to landscape; and potential management options beyond current egg adding.

Staff Highlights

For the Family Day long weekend, from February 13 to 15, Park Board operations crew were hard at work ensuring families would have a lovely Family Day. In anticipation of the snow, Park Board crews were preparing for days to ensure supplies and equipment were all in order to provide safety in all of our parks. Over 70 Park Operations staff were out in full force over the long weekend plowing, shoveling, brining and salting roadways, pathways, sidewalks and parking lots to ensure public safety. Crews were even able to help keep the Winter Farmers Market open for business despite all of the snow. Families were seen at every park last weekend, taking in the novelty of the snow, a definite welcome reprieve from the lull of the pandemic.

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

- [Report](#) on Quarterly Capital Budget Adjustments and Closeouts requesting Council approval of an increase of \$8.1 million to the 2019-2022 Capital Plan and \$12.4 million increase to Multi-Year Capital Projects Budgets (funded from additional external funding, 2019-2022 Capital Plan and budget reallocations). Expenditures in 2021 relating to the increases to Multi-Year Capital Projects Budgets will be managed within the current overall Citywide 2021 Annual Expenditure Budget of \$770.7 million.

A total of 39 projects/programs were completed in the fourth quarter of 2020, with an overall net surplus of \$390K. This report also requests Council approval for the closeout of three capital projects and programs that were completed with surpluses or deficits exceeding \$200,000. This report also provides for Council information a summary of capital projects that were closed in the fourth quarter of 2020 that were funded from voter-approved capital funding.

- [Motion](#) on Commemorating COVID-19 in the City of Vancouver where Council empowers the Mayor and the City Manager to prepare commemorations for the one-year anniversary of the COVID-19 pandemic in the City of Vancouver, in line with what the Province of BC and other Canadian cities are undertaking.
- [Report](#) on Enhanced Enforcement of Amplification Devices where City staff reviewed City by-laws and enforcement options regarding use of sound amplification devices in public spaces. Staff recommend strengthening regulation by prohibiting the unauthorized use of device that can amplify voice and musical instruments in public spaces, and enhancing enforcement options



with two additional tools: a \$250 ticket offence for unauthorized use of sound amplification devices on public property, and authorization to seize such devices from public spaces.

Board Briefing Memos and Emails: February 9 to 22, 2021

Date	Topic
Feb 10	GM Order Strathcona Park Shelter Restrictions
Feb 12	McCleery Golf Course Pump Replacement
Feb 17	New Park at Smithe and Richards Project Update Quarterly Adjustment