



Park Board General Manager's Office Report March 29, 2021

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

Sport Field Strategy Request for Proposal (RFP)

The Park Board will issue an (RFP) this week for consulting services to support our new Sport Field Strategy. The Strategy will build on VanPlay and aim to guide improving the quality, quantity, use and access of our outdoor sport facilities and amenities. Following the Sport for Life Model and recognizing the evolution and diversity of outdoor sports and sport organizations, we are aiming to develop a strategy that creates a clear and sustainable path to deliver an optimal recreational and competitive outdoor sport field system. This work will prioritize equity in the delivery of high quality, safe and inclusive facilities, and include a review and recommendations for synthetic turf surfaces. Additionally, direction for maintenance, administration, allocation, and pricing of sport field facilities will reflect the Park Board's Mission to provide, preserve and advocate for parks and recreation to benefit all people, communities, and the environment.

The work is anticipated to follow three phases; Background and Analysis, Preliminary Strategy Development and Draft Strategy Delivery, delivering a draft for Board decision in Q2 of 2022. Staff will keep Commissioners up to date on the progress of the strategy over the coming months.

Herring Habitat at Harbour Green Dock

We have successfully installed nets with herring eggs at Coal Harbour on March 14. The Squamish Streamkeepers have been encouraging herring spawning in False Creek for several years and with permission from Fisheries and Oceans Canada, they transferred six nets with herring eggs on them from False Creek to the Harbour Green Park dock with the intention of bringing the herring back to Coal Harbour where they traditionally spawned. The Harbour Green dock and surrounding area have several types of kelp on which the herring like to spawn, making it a likely place in the harbour for them to return. Herring mature at 3 years so we will have to wait until 2024 to know if these herring will successfully spawn at this location. The streamkeepers will check back every few days to see if the eggs on the nets have hatched.

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

- A [Report Back on Council Motion "Beyond 2010: Consideration for the City of Vancouver to Participate in a Future Olympic Winter Games Bid"](#) where both the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games are considered in relation to exploring the opportunity to bid for another Winter Games, as it is a privilege of hosting the Olympic Games that a city/region also host the Paralympic Games. The report summarizes the reformed approach to bidding on an Olympic or Paralympic Games, and updates Council with information provided by the Canadian Olympic Committee as to when an appropriate time will be to engage local governments and key stakeholders in the initial design concept phase of a future Winter Games Bid.

Board Briefing Memos and Emails: March 8 to 29, 2021

Date	Topic
Mar 12	Art Phillips Park & Burrard Sky Train Station Project
Mar 12	COVID-19 Immunization Program
Mar 12	East Park Engagement Update



Mar 15	Strathcona Park Encampment Update
Mar 17	Seaside Greenway Improvements Kits Beach
Mar 22	Strathcona Park Encampment Update
Mar 23	Washroom Installation at Coopers Park