



GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Regular Park Board Meeting
Monday, April 26, 2021



Homeless Encampments in Parks

- Mar 31 - Province, City, and Park Board signed an [MOU on Support for Unsheltered Vancouver Residents](#) to formalize commitment to work together to end the Strathcona Park encampment and help prevent future encampments in Vancouver;
- City and BC Housing continue to prepare spaces to incrementally move people into housing that matches their needs;
- GM Orders issued Feb 10, Mar 30, and Apr 9 to restrict temporary shelters in Strathcona Park; all shelters to be removed by Apr 30;
- Regular community updates being provided; posted on [BC Housing's website](#).





- Staff planning for resumption of a full operational season following the COVID-19 protocols from last year.
- Defined swim sessions with separate registrations for length and public swimming will also resume
- Return of limited aquafit and swim lesson sessions also in development.
- Anticipated opening: May 22



- Parks & Recreation annual professional development events hosted by RFABC & BCRPA are being held online this year;
- Darren Peterson, Recreation Manager, will be a panel presenter at BCRPA's symposium; topic is "COVID Opportunity: Activating Outdoor Spaces" – to showcase the innovation and learnings from Vancouver's pandemic response to outdoor activation.



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BCRPA SYMPOSIUM | May 4 - 6, 2021 | Online

RFABC – Recreation Facilities Association of British Columbia

BCRPA – British Columbia Recreation and Parks Association

- Developing a strategy for a city-wide network of amenities that will accommodate skateboarding and other wheeled sports recreation needs;
- Engagement Phase 1 starts May 7;
- Seeking input on:
 - our existing skateboard parks and amenities
 - how we can improve what we have



Vaccination Clinic

Vancouver Coastal Health acknowledges that this vaccination clinic is on the traditional homelands of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.

We acknowledge the contribution of all First Nations, Métis and Inuit people to Aboriginal ways of being and knowing in Canada. This clinic is in partnership with the First Nations Health Authority.

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- Recreation staff working with Vancouver Coastal Health to host two new pop-up vaccination clinics at Park Board community centres.
 - Killarney - May 10 to 31*
 - Strathcona - May 11 to 26*

**dates subject to change*

Regular Council Meeting: April 27, 2021

- A report on [One Year In: City of Vancouver Contributions to Covid-19 Recovery and Council Covid-19 Recovery Committee Report Back to Council](#)
- A motion [Affirming Support for a Formula E World Championship Event including a Conference focusing on Climate Change and Sustainability, Musical and Cultural Event and the Canadian Round of an Electric Vehicle Race.](#)

Date	Topic
Apr 19	Strathcona Park Encampment Update
Apr 22	VanDusen & Bloedel Strategic Plan – Project Update & Engagement Summary

