

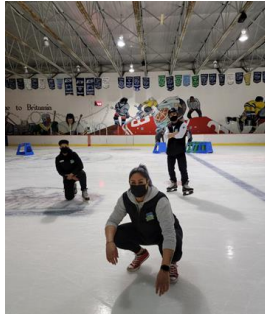


# GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

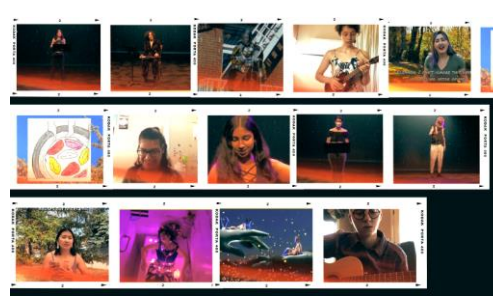
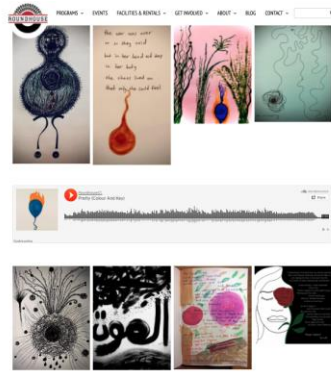
Regular Park Board Meeting  
Monday, May 17, 2021



# Vancouver Youth Week – May 1 to 8, 2021



- Community Youth Worker team offered four youth only skating sessions and one youth only swim out of Hillcrest and Britannia Community Centres and organized COVID-safe activities.
- Staff hosted a COVID-19 safe 3-Point Contest, a Movie and Graffiti Art Night.
- Over 125 youth participated in these safe, in-person offerings.

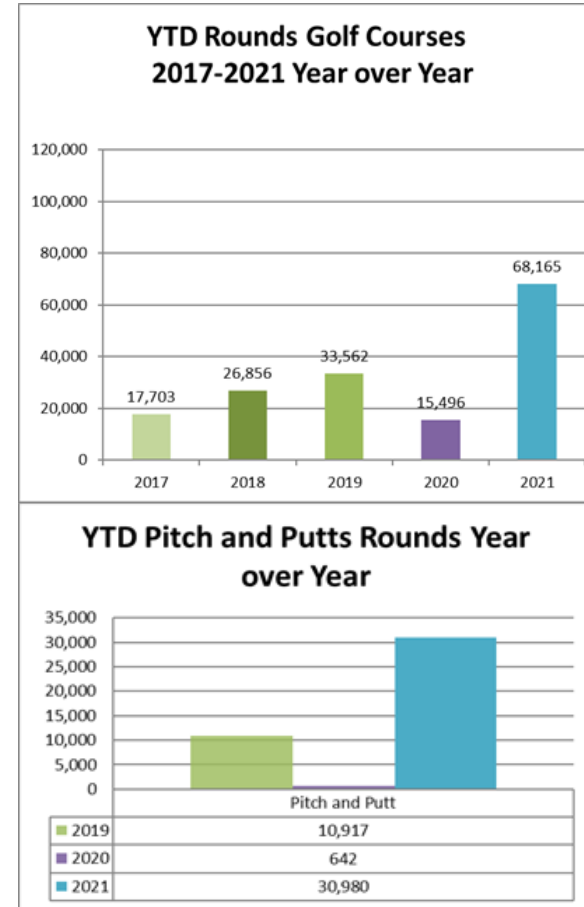


## ■ ACE Team:

- Hosted first live exhibition of 2021 at Roundhouse Exhibition Hall – featured video screenings of performances by the Flaming Balloon Poetry Collective and Some Assembly, production of UPROOTED, a play about climate change written, scored and performed by youth.
- Hosted an online celebration: youth who worked with Roundhouse poet-in-residence, Angelic Poversky, transformed the Roundhouse website with a multi-media collaborative poetry exhibition entitled Balloons that Flame.

# Golf Operations Update

- Favourable winter/early spring weather combined with a demand for safe outdoor activities has resulted in a significant increase in usage of Park Board golf resources.
- Rounds at Fraserview, Langara, and McCleery as well as at the 3 pitch and putt courses all experienced record highs at this point of the year.
- Improvements at our courses include new “Tee it Forward” tee boxes for players looking for a shorter course experience, a shift to numbered tee boxes, and continued drainage improvements at Langara.





- All 3 clubhouses (Langara, Fraserview, McCleery) will continue to operate following the latest COVID-19 protocols (currently in effect through the May long weekend).
- Clubhouses offering take out service with distanced patio seating for guests.
- Edible gardens continue this season with new daily salad specials.
- Pitch and Putt launching new gourmet sandwich and salad program.



# Food & Beverage: Concessions

- All Thirteen (13) PB concessions will be open for the May long weekend.
- Expanded Plant-based options
- Improvement of nostalgic menu items
- Piloting cold brew coffee and nitro brew cold coffee at select locations



- Park Board mobile food cart permit season will be officially launched on May 22.
- There is a significant increase in applications this year.
- This season will see new food cart options with the return of fresh local fruit stands and other savory delicacies.





# Tree Planting at Jericho Park



- Bayview Community School runs a nature program in Jericho Park and partnered with Parks to run a month long tree planting project with the pre-school children enrolled in the program.
- Park Urban Forestry & Environmental & Sustainability teams provided 12 trees for the school to plant at approved locations in the park with the help of Cease Wyss (aka Indigenous Plant Diva).
- Cease Wyss taught children best practice for planting the Indian Plum Tree through storytelling.



# Brewers Park Renewal

- Brewers Park, located in the Kensington Cedar Cottage Neighbourhood, scores high in terms of the VanPlay Equity Initiative Zones.
- Construction started May 4, 2020 and has achieved substantial completion.
- Park has partially reopened to the public on May 7, 2021 with access to the playground, fieldhouse plaza, Taichi plaza, community garden, tennis court, and multi-sport court.
- Full park opening will occur this summer, after all lawn areas are fully established.



# Templeton Park Track Renewal – Issue for Tender



- Upgrades to Templeton Track recommended as part of the Track and Field Strategy approved in September 2019.
- Project includes replacing the existing surface with low-impact rubberized surfacing and designated lane markings.
- Upgrades will improve leisure and recreational opportunities for the community and promote participation in physical activity.
- Staff anticipate bringing tender award to the Board for decision at the June 21 meeting with construction targeted from early summer 2021 to late fall 2021.

# Vancouver Bird Celebration – May 8 to 16, 2021

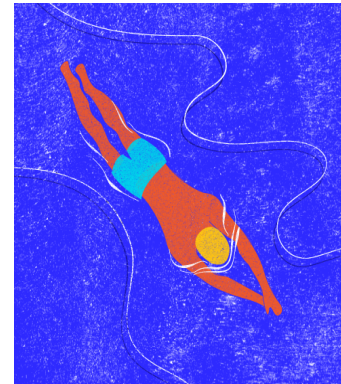


- The celebration highlighted Indigenous ways of knowing through events such as:
  - Inspired by Birds, a panel exploring how birds have inspired arts, stories and Indigenous language revitalization;
  - The Teachings of Bird
  - Coast Salish Plant Talk with Squamish ethno-botanist Cease Wyss.
- Bird Celebration supports Park Board's VanPlay, Truth-telling, Rewilding and Biodiversity Strategies and City's Bird Strategy.



# VanSplash Implementation - Outdoor Pool Study

- A public RFQ (Request for Quote) for consultant team for an Outdoor Pool Study is expected to be posted within the next two weeks.
- At the [November 23, 2020](#) meeting, Vancouver Park Board received an update on VanSplash Implementation.
- Goal of the Outdoor Pool Study: comprehensive review of multiple relevant outdoor pool recommendations.
- Outcomes of this study will include costing for consideration for the next capital plan.



## **Regular Council Meeting: May 18**

- Report on 2021 Alcohol Consumption in Public Plazas Pilot – Recommendations
- Report on Quarterly Capital Budget Adjustments and Closeouts

Date	Topic
Apr 30	Strathcona Park Encampment Closing Ceremony – May 1
May 3	Stanley Park Temporary Bike Lane on Park Drive
May 4	Seaside Greenway Temporary Safety Improvements – Kits Beach Park
May 4	Strathcona Park Encampment Update
May 11	Strathcona Park Encampment Update
May 12	Stanley Park Phase 1 – Temporary Bike Lane
May 13	On Water Strategy Implementation Update



