



GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Regular Park Board Meeting
Monday, May 31, 2021



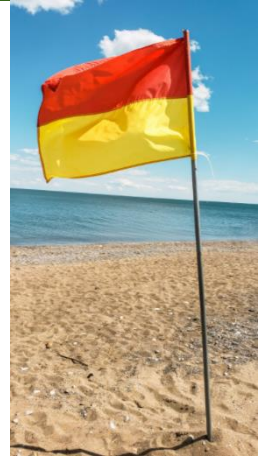
Staff Highlights - Aquatics



- With summer approaching, we will see larger attendances to our pools, beaches and waterfronts.
- Our Vancouver lifeguards bring professionalism, commitment and devotion to their role.
- Approximately 670 lifeguards in full time, part time and auxiliary capacities, indoor and outdoor aquatic operations.

New International Lifesaving Society Standards for Vancouver

- New uniform for the outdoor lifeguards will see the guards wearing the International Life Saving Federation's (ILS) standard colours for the first time
- Red and Yellow Beach Flags, providing high visible flags indicating the supervised areas at Vancouver's beaches.



Community Centre Associations (CCAs) & COVID 19 – A Year of Adaptation



- Association Presidents Group (APG) Community Needs Survey was sent to all CCA members for feedback on community priorities (5000+ respondents).
- APG and Park Board Recovery Task Force was convened in June 2020 to collaboratively map pathways for reopening. Summer Day Camp, Youth & Senior outreach and food security were identified as the highest priorities.
- Vancouver School Board, PB and CCA Summer Camp collaboration resulted in offering more spots to families in need.

Individual CCA initiatives:

■ Mount Pleasant CCA

- Recognizing increased food security risk due to COVID 19, MP started a 'soup kitchen' with local businesses, Little Mountain Neighbourhood House & Aboriginal Transformative Justice Society
- Operates 3 hours a day, 7 days a week and assists over 50 people per day.
- In September 2020, restarted socially distanced onsite youth programs

Individual CCA initiatives (cont'd):

■ **Strathcona CCA**

- Adapted their food program to deliver food hampers to BC Housing sites.

■ **Douglas Park CCA**

- Utilized the time to enhance and formalize Board policies. Adding new committees; Inclusion, Infrastructure and Climate

■ **Kerrisdale CCA**

- Identified isolation for seniors as a priority, conducted an extensive calling program to provide check ins with their local seniors.

■ **Trout Lake CCA**

- Online Preschool Programming that ran the Spring of 2020.
- TL Earth Day Tour throughout John Hendry Park featuring information vignettes and Dr. Henry Seed Pack Prizes.

■ **False Creek CCA**

- Special Events shift to outdoor/DIY such as a Winter week long outdoor scavenger hunt and Family Day DIY craft kits.
- Working with local youth, development of a walking tour, with QR codes to provide information.

Strathcona Park – Neighbourhood Engagement

- Engagement is welcoming people into the healing process.
- Staff have heard from residents, CCAs, Indigenous peoples, stewardship groups and youth so far.
- Steps are being taken to connect with and include seniors and social housing.



Alcohol in Parks Pilot - Update

- **Pilot details:** June to Oct 11, 2021, from 11:00am – 9:00pm daily, at designated drinking sites within 22 parks around the city.
- **Management:** On-site signage and additional waste totes at every site; Rangers visiting once to multiple times/daily; increase paper picking and washroom capacity as needed
- **Monitoring:** Rangers, Ops, Park Experience, 3-1-1, public survey, and VPD – data collected will inform both pilot findings and ongoing management needs
- Staff to report back to Board after pilot concludes on key findings, public feedback, and operational impacts/cost implications



- Project Contract awarded to RC Strategies on April 1, 2021
- CCA Meeting confirmed for mid-June
- Public Engagement expected to take place Summer 2021



Parks Environmental Stewardship Update: Hastings Park Nest Platform

- In late 2020, Park Board staff planned work within a tight fall timing window to avoid disturbance.
- Urban Forestry pruned the hazard limbs of the tall cottonwood trees high above busy 1st Avenue and PNE.
- Hancock Foundation was contracted to access and build a solid eagle nesting platform.
- Eagle triplets, which are relatively rare, have hatched.

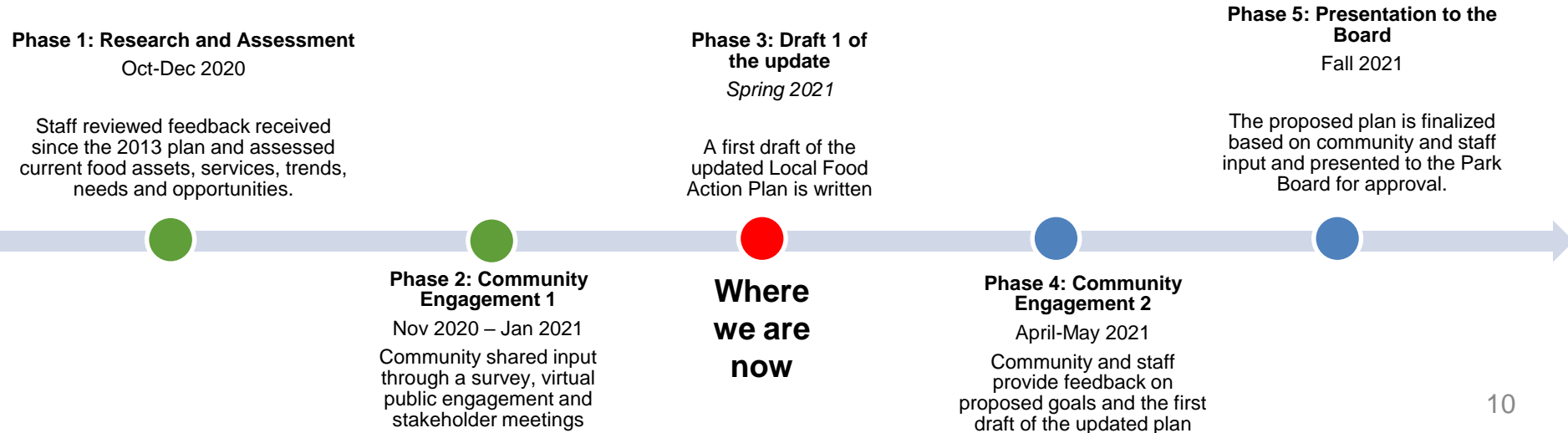


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Parks Environmental Stewardship Update: Local Food Action Plan update



- Staff are currently updating Park Board's 2013 Local Food Action Plan (LFAP).
- The updated LFAP will guide the prioritization and allocation of Park Board food assets, services, funding, and community connections for a five-year term (2021-2025)
- The update is guided by VanPlay directives and local food asset targets, as well as the Park Board's commitment to Reconciliation



Parks Environmental Stewardship Update: Parks Canada Summer Environmental Education in Vancouver



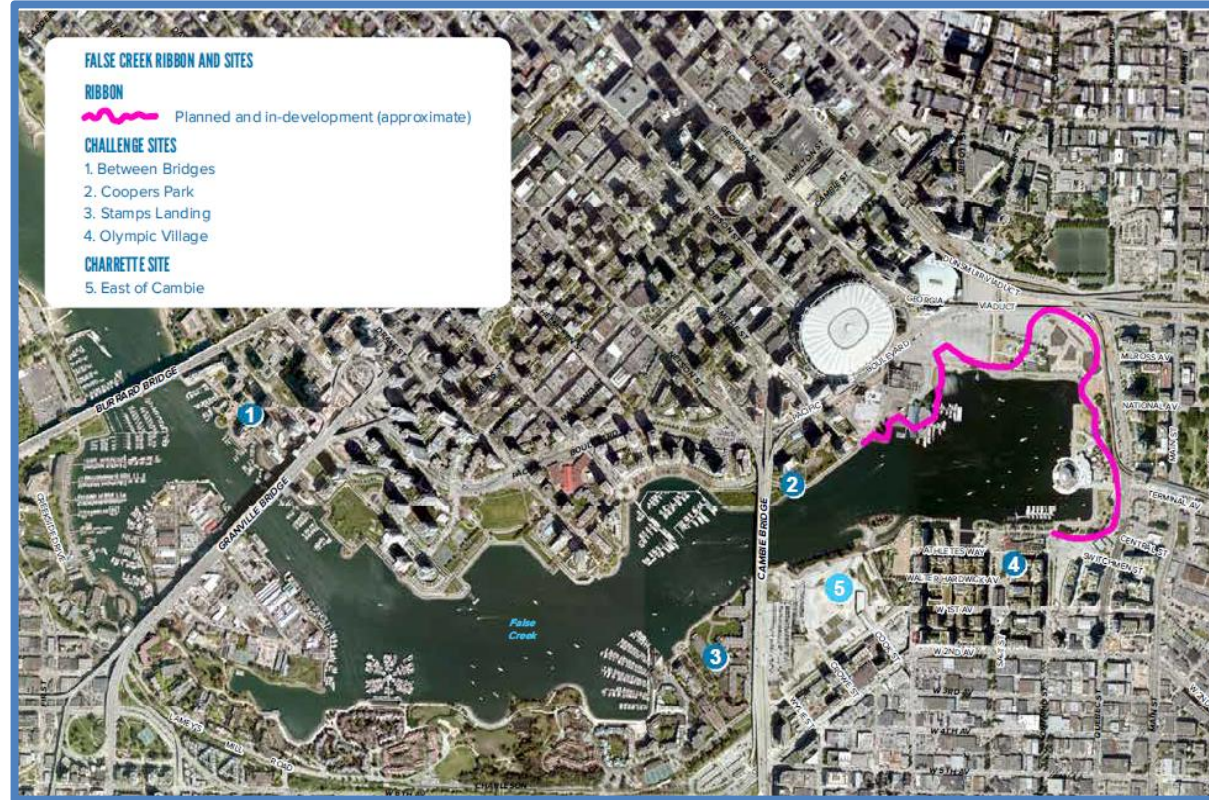
- Parks Canada has offered summer environmental education stations in our parks and marinas.
- No cost to Park Board; it aligns with federal agency's urban mandate.
- Park Board staff working with Parks Canada on specific details.
- Potential involvement of Park Board in the International Marine Protected Areas Congress (IMPAC5) to be held in Vancouver on June 2022.



Parks Environmental Stewardship Update: Sea2City Design Challenge

False Creek RFP to soon be issued by City, with Park Board collaboration

- engage public and creatively develop concepts for sea level rise adaptation
- Challenge sites include Coopers Park, but this is not detailed park element design / planning
- further info:
www.shapeyourcity.ca/sea2city



Stanley Park Train Update

- Train re-opened for weekend operations on May 22.
- Community response was enthusiastic with steady visitation throughout the weekend.
- Online media coverage with feature article on Vancouver is Awesome event page.
- Summer schedule begins June 30 – Wednesday to Sunday through Labour Day and statutory holidays



Vancouver's historic Stanley Park Train is re-opening for the season

All abooooooooooooord! 🚂

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- Jenny Jung, the Park Board's Supervisor of Special Events & Filming, has retired after almost 40 years with the organization.
- Jenny started her career with the Park Board in 1983; held various positions in Recreation Services and Information Technology.
- In 2010, she assumed the position of Supervisor of Special Events & Filming; was responsible for the successful delivery and execution of all types of events and activations across the Park Board network.
- We thank Jenny for her decades of service to our city, and congratulate her on a well-deserved retirement!



Date	Topic
May 13	On Water Strategy Implementation Update
May 19	Work Stoppage in Urban Forestry
May 20	Strathcona Park Encampment Update
May 21	Park Board Staff to Maintain All Types of Parks Motion – Report Back
May 21	Sunset Beach Protest
May 28	Strathcona Park Encampment Update

