



GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Regular Park Board Meeting
Monday, June 21, 2021



Blanketing the City IV: Cathedral Square – June 21, 2021 (Indigenous Peoples Day)



- “Blanketing the City” – an ongoing public art mural series and Reconciliation process.
- Designed by acclaimed Weaver and Graphic Designer Debra Sparrow.
- Transmits and magnifies the visibility of the three local nations’ culture on their ancestral lands.
- It is the first semi-permanent public art collaboration between weavers from the three local nations within the past 200 years.

Sunset Beach Pak Pop-Up Plaza - Opening

- A temporary pop-up plaza with a bright ground mural inspired by the sunset, picnic tables with umbrellas, and food trucks opened June 13th
- The pop-up plaza will create an exciting place for outdoor activities and support the important ongoing work of the West End Waterfront Master Plan by providing a hub for public engagement activities in mid-summer
- The pop-up plaza will remain in place for 2021 and, based on the outcomes, will be assessed for continuing into 2022



Templeton Park Track Renewal – Construction Award

- As per recommendations in the Track and Field Strategy approved in 2019, this project delivers a replacement of the existing track with rubberized surfacing and designated lane markings.
- Construction Contract Awarded to Cedar Crest Lands Ltd. for a value of **\$424,935.00**
- Construction is anticipated from early summer 2021 to late 2021.
- The existing track and adjacent playground will be closed during construction. Notifications have been posted on site and online, and include alternative recreation options nearby.



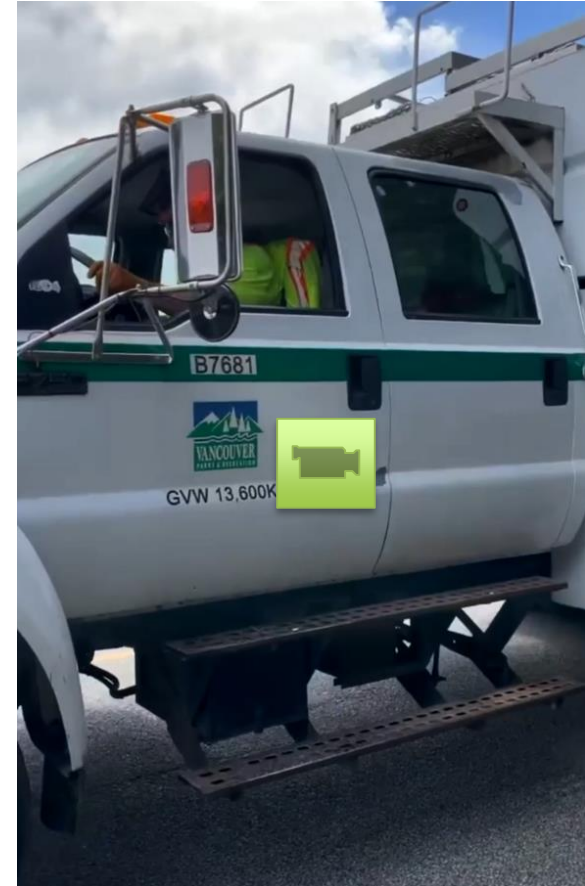
Water Conservation Action Plan Update: 2021-2026

- Park Board and Engineering Water Design staff are currently working to update the Park Board Water Conservation Action Plan (PWCAP)
- **(Initial Goal)** 2017-2020 PWCAP:
 - Reduce per capita water use by 33% compared to 2006 levels **(achieved!)**
- **(Update)** 2021-2026 PWCAP:
 - A 10% reduction in total potable water use in Park Board operations, from a 2019 baseline
 - Action items will align with subsequent policies such as VanPlay, Green Operations Plan 2.0, Climate Emergency Action Plan, and City of Vancouver water bylaws
- Draft updated PWCAP is underway, to be presented to the Board in December.



Arborist Appreciation Day (June 16)

- In recognition of Arborist Appreciation Day, we want to acknowledge and thank all of our Park Board arborists for the amazing work they do maintaining our trees and forests to keep our city and parks safe and beautiful.
- The Park Board Communication team put together a video featuring a crew working on a large oak tree in Thornton Park that had been damaged.



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- A motion Towards a Quieter and Emission-Free Landscape Maintenance Equipment Future in Vancouver directing staff to report back with recommendations to meet the goal to phase out and transition personal and commercial use of gasoline-powered landscape maintenance equipment in the City of Vancouver by 2025.
- A motion Pursuing Emission-Free Landscaping Equipment in the City of Vancouver where Council affirm the goal of pursuing emissions-free landscaping equipment in the City of Vancouver by 2025.
- A motion Vancouver Blueway Cleanup where the City of Vancouver, in partnership with the Park Board, is advancing a Seabin pilot in False Creek for the 2021 summer season.

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- A motion Reconnecting to the Sto:lo (Fraser River) where the Vancouver Park Board VanPlay Strategy outlines a greenway connection from Little Mountain (Queen Elizabeth Park) to Big River (Fraser River).
- A report on Downtown Eastside (DTES) Plan Implementation Grant Allocation – 2021 where one of the recommendations is that Council approve \$145,000 in strategic grant allocations to support cultural equity and women’s safety initiatives. \$100,000 is for the Parks and Recreation Project team planning, consultation, ideation, design and cultural translation services to achieve cultural objectives for Chinatown in the implementation of North East False Creek (NEFC) Plan.

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- A report on Jericho Lands Planning Program – Process update and consideration of draft Guiding Principles and Emerging ideas to guide site planning.
- A report on Hastings Park – PNE Master Plan Program: Amphitheatre Renewal.

Date	Topic
June 2	Beach Avenue Parking Lots – Activations and Updates
June 11	Staff Announcement – Director of Recreation
June 13	Vandalism- Queen Victoria Monument

