



DAYLIGHTING CANYON CREEK AT SPANISH BANKS

Update

Park Board Committee Meeting
Monday, October 4, 2021

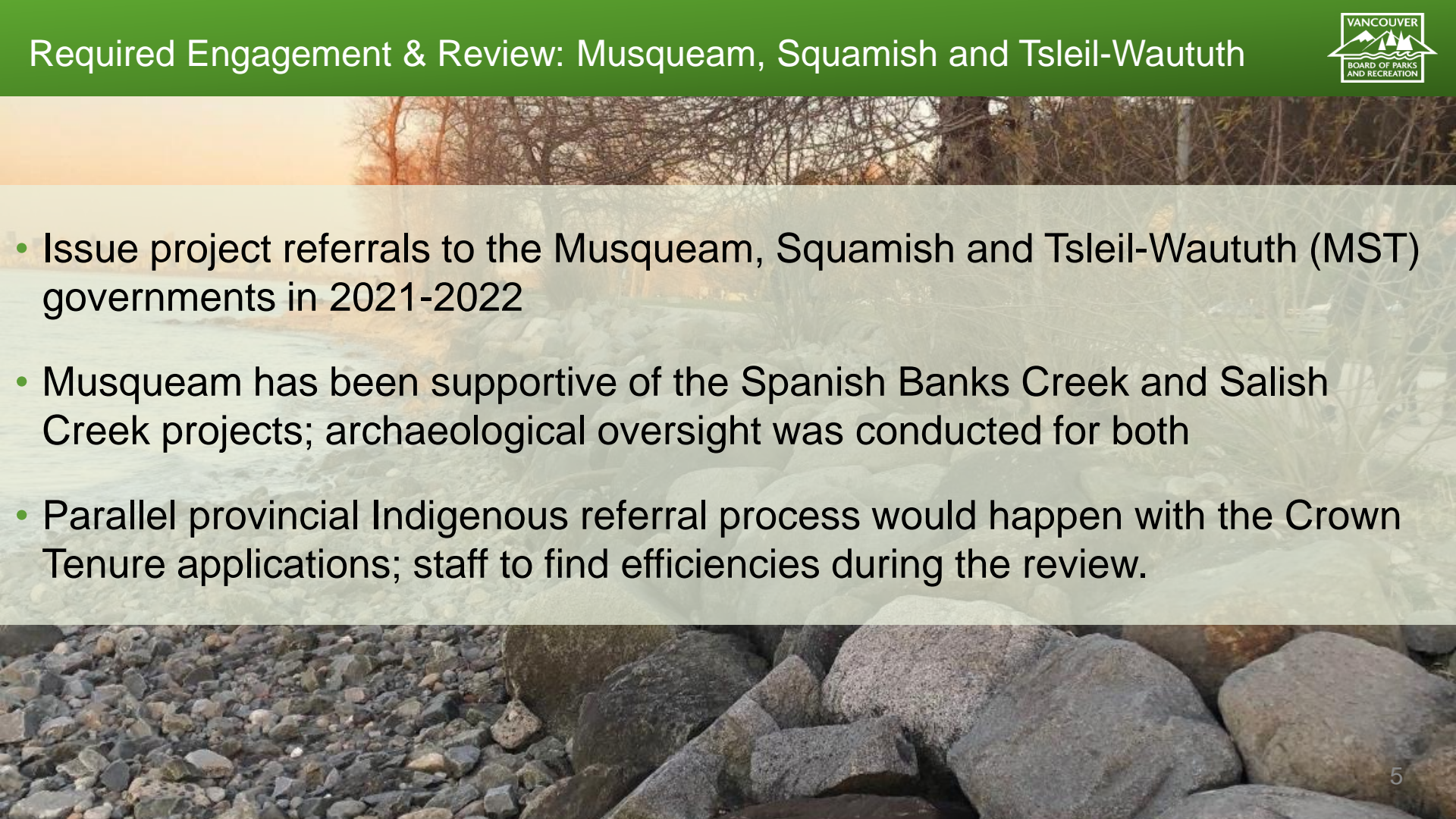


- The purpose of this presentation is to provide an update to the Board on its March 9, 2020 motion on the feasibility of daylighting Canyon Creek:
 - Review project constraints
 - Review existing local considerations
 - Recommendation on next steps

Project Background

Historic Streams & Daylighting



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- The background of the slide is a photograph of a river flowing over a rocky bed. The water is calm, reflecting the surrounding trees and sky. The rocks are of various sizes and shades of grey and brown. The trees in the background are mostly bare, suggesting a late autumn or winter setting.
- Issue project referrals to the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh (MST) governments in 2021-2022
 - Musqueam has been supportive of the Spanish Banks Creek and Salish Creek projects; archaeological oversight was conducted for both
 - Parallel provincial Indigenous referral process would happen with the Crown Tenure applications; staff to find efficiencies during the review.

Land Jurisdiction Crown Tenure Application



- CoV Foreshore 30-year Lease (exp. 2026)
- CoV 99-year Lease (exp. 2029)
- Park Boundary



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Local Considerations

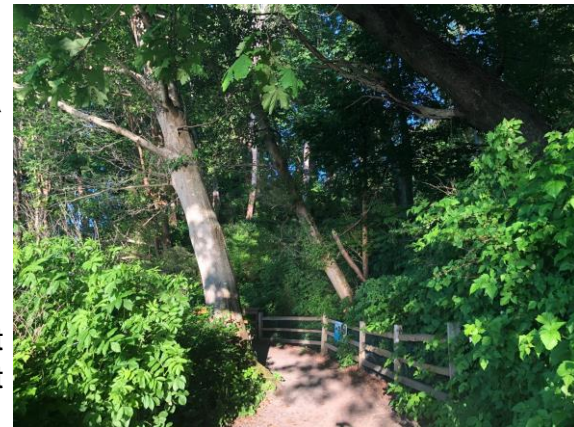
Off Leash Dog Area



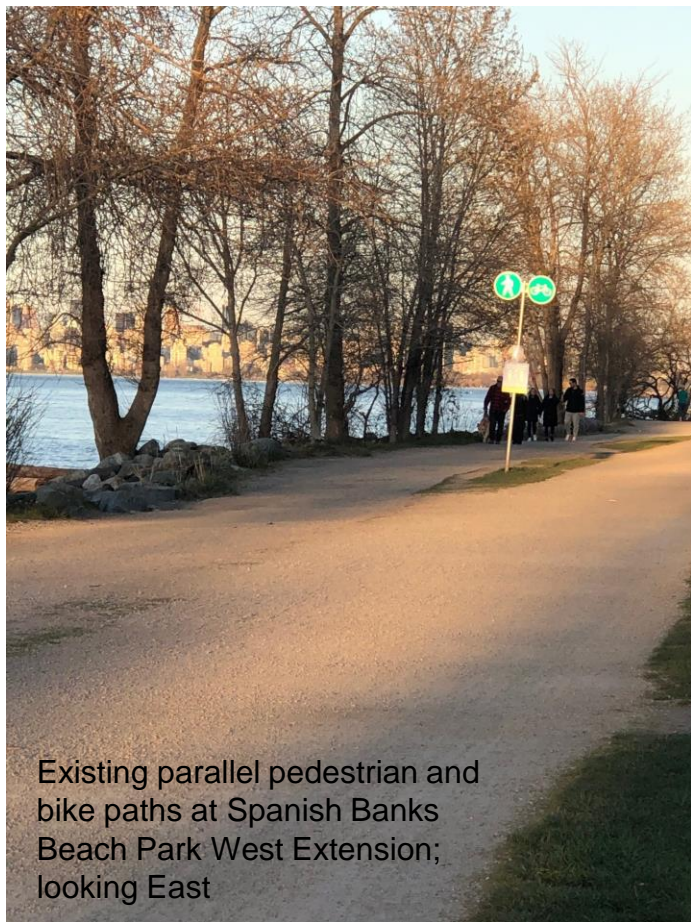
Spanish Banks Beach Park West Extension OLA,
looking West

Fenced dog
off-leash area
examples

Salish Creek daylight
project

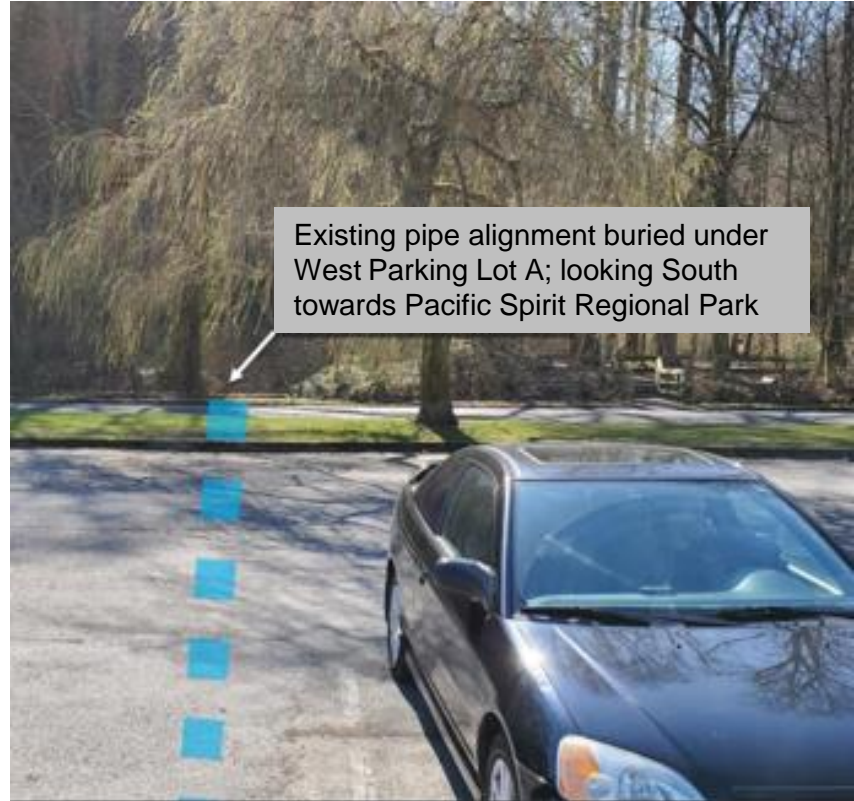


Pandora
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West Parking Lot A at Spanish Banks Beach Park West Extension, looking north towards English Bay





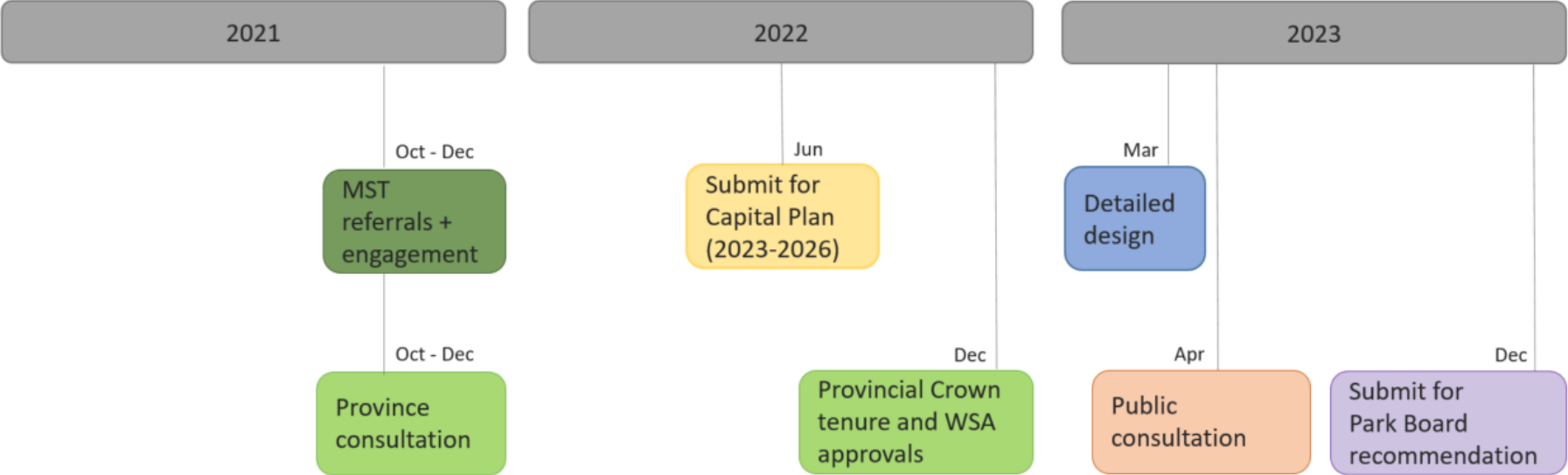
Preliminary Concept plan



Aerial View:
Preliminary Concept
Plan to Daylight
Canyon Creek at
Spanish Banks Beach
Park



Proposed Project Timeline





Benefits



- Increase biodiversity introducing native plants and creation of new habitat for wildlife (**VanPlay Goal 7: Restore Vancouver's Wild Spaces and Vital Biodiversity**)
- Favour connection and integration networks where play, exercise and socialize combine with naturalization of pathways for movement of urban wildlife (**VanPlay Bold Move 3: Connectivity – Citywide Parks and Recreation Network**)
- Opportunity to combine engagement and implementation efforts in bringing this OLA into compliance (**People Parks and Dogs Strategy Policy**)
- Promote enhancement projects in high profile locations for high educational value return, increasing awareness and support.



Recommendation



THAT the Vancouver Park Board directs staff to proceed with planning for the daylighting of Canyon Creek at Spanish Banks Beach Park, with the scoping work to include:

- A. Initiating engagement with Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh (MST) Nations;
- B. Submitting tenure applications for a Crown Land Lease and a Water Sustainability Act Approval; and
- C. Preparing preliminary implementation costing for 2023-2026 Capital Plan.

