



Park Board General Manager's Report November 29, 2021

The following report is intended to provide an overview and update on recent and upcoming activities within the Park Board.

Seniors Programming Update

Over the fall, participation of seniors in Recreation programs and services has substantially increased. Staff have heard from participants that mandatory vaccine requirements have provided an increased comfort and are a factor in the return to participation.

Kerrisdale and Killarney Seniors centres offer the greatest breadth of programming for seniors. Programs for seniors continue to increase with strong attendance and for this fall -- Kerrisdale had 1,400 enrollments, while Killarney had 1,000. Achieving the strongest participation levels are the health, wellness, and social programming.

The lunch programs have resumed at both seniors centres and Killarney has returned to pre-pandemic service levels (60 meals served three days/week). Kerrisdale also has a strong uptake in the lunch program, with approximately 75 meals served six days/week.

One of the ways seniors engage in recreation is through volunteering. The seniors centres operated based on a model that includes volunteers supporting programs and services, including the lunch programs, and volunteer participation has substantially resumed.

Park Rangers - Special Thanks

On November 2, 2021, Park Rangers assisted Vancouver Police and Vancouver Fire & Rescue Services in the search of a missing 89-year-old male. The elderly man, a recent arrival to the West End, was unfamiliar with the neighbourhood and struggled with onset dementia. After an exhaustive search over the course of several hours, Park Rangers Darren Richter and Tim Samson contacted Police to advise that they had found the missing person near Guilford and Robson Street. The man was brought into the Park Board truck to be shielded from the cold rain as police were dispatched to the scene. Special thanks to both these Rangers for their diligence and effort in going above and beyond in locating this man.

Marpole Community Centre Renewal Update

Schematic design work for the Marpole Community Centre renewal and outdoor pool is in progress and expected to be complete by the end of 2021. This work carries on from direction provided by the Marpole Community Centre Needs Assessment and Oak Park Schematic Master Plan projects completed in 2019 with public engagement. Schematic Design has included the Marpole Oakridge Community Association (MOCA) as a partner in the process. Staff plan to provide a Board update on the completed Schematic Design in Q1 2022, and engage members of the public during the next stage of Design Development. This project is fully funded in the current Capital Plan and scheduled to open in 2026.

John Hendry (Trout Lake) Park Renewal Plan – Project Update

The second round of engagement on the John Hendry Park Renewal Plan has commenced and will run from November 23 through December 14, 2021, with online stakeholder meetings, a park pop-up event, and an online survey. The engagement process will include a concept plan illustrating 31 broad recommendations for park improvements, which include dedicating approximately 4 hectares of the southern part of the park as a Cultural Focus Area to be co-designed with the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations in support of the Park Board's commitment to Reconciliation



and Decolonization. The [online survey](#) is accessible via the following link to the Park Board's [Shape Your City page](#). A report and final renewal plan will be presented to the Board in early 2022 for decision.

Upcoming Council Business (related to or impacting parks & recreation):

The [2022 Capital and Operating Budget report](#) will be presented to Council at a Special Meeting on December 1, 2021. The report includes recommendations for the draft Operating Budget (\$1.735 billion), draft Multi-Year Capital Budgets (\$285.3 million), and draft 2022 Capital Expenditure Budget (\$683.4 million). Speakers will be heard at the special meeting, with Council debate and vote scheduled for December 7, 2021.

Approval of the budget recommendations will finalize the process of balancing the 2022 Operating Budget, which if approved without amendments, will total \$1.735 billion with a property tax increase of 5%.

Board Briefing Memos and Emails: November 15 to 29, 2021

Date	Topic
Nov 19	Park Board Pay Parking Enquiry
Nov 24	VanSplash Annual Update Follow-Up
Nov 22	Crab Park Court Dates