



Park Board General Manager's Office Report December 13, 2021

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

All Bodies Community - 2021 BC Therapeutic Recreation Association Agency Award

The All Bodies Community (ABC) Fitness Program is the recipient of the 2021 Agency Award from the BC Therapeutic Recreation Association.

The ABC Fitness Program is a program that provides low barrier access for participants who may not currently be exercising, have adaptive requirements to start exercise, and for those who may have felt uncomfortable starting their fitness and exercise journey. The program has successfully integrated adaptive programming such as walking soccer, sledge hockey, and other sport and wellness activities to recreation programming.

Kate Lee, the Coordinator of the ABC program, routinely goes above and beyond to meet participants wherever they are on their fitness journey. She has a long-standing history of collaborating with recreation therapists to increase the accessibility of her programs and adapt programs so that participants can experience increased skills and confidence. The ABC program community is designed so that everyone participates together for the success of the group, regardless of their ability or fitness level. This program is inspired and motivated by those who persevere in the face of persistent pain, lack of economic means and social non-conformity that are still willing to try and try again.

The BC Therapeutic Recreation Association agency award recognized All Bodies Community for providing inclusive opportunities for people of all abilities to engage in physical activity.

Communities 4 Climate Hope (C4CH)

Communities 4 Climate Hope (C4CH) is a comprehensive community climate action program created and championed by Sarah Lusina, Past President at Trout Lake CC. The program and associated report are the products of many conversations and interviews across the Park Board network, including CCA representatives, PB Programmers, and PB Senior Leadership. There were 36 recommendations that have been distilled to three focus areas: Programming, Communications, and Staff Training. All will align with the City's Climate Emergency Action Plan, and their Sustainability team has recognized the unique opportunity that exists to connect with the public through community centres.

Park Board Recreation and Planning, Policy and Environment teams have recently collaborated and were successful in a request for a Sustainability Scholar. This resource role will assist with collating content from within and outside the City that can be used by Programmers to develop relevant and deliverable programs. To date, there are (6) CCAs (Douglas Park, Trout Lake, Strathcona, Hastings, Roundhouse, Kitsilano) interested in launching a pilot project that specifically addresses Programming.

As C4CH has been identified by Senior Leadership as an initiative to support, we look forward to updating the Board with a report that details the (3) priorities and their progression in 2022.

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

Report on [Vancouver Community Sport Hosting Grants – Fall 2021 Intake](#) recommending Council approval of nine (9) new sport event grants totaling \$71,000. The current balance of the 2021



Vancouver Community Sport Event Grant budget, prior to funding these recommended grants, is \$71,278.

Report on [Climate Emergency Action Plan – Big Move 6: Natural Climate Solutions](#) recommending, among others, that Council direct staff to work with the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation to develop a plan to increase the city-wide tree canopy from the current 23% to 30% (target adopted by Park Board in 2020) by 2050 and ground it in the Vancouver Plan land use strategy. The recommendations contained in the report support the Climate Emergency Action Plan and are an important step towards achieving the City's goals of reaching net zero GHG emissions before 2050 and moving toward negative emissions to limit global warming to 1.5°C. Additionally, carbon pollution reductions provide significant co-benefits related to water management, human health, biodiversity, reconciliation and overall resilience of the City of Vancouver.

Report on [Marine Landing Policy Updates for Marpole Community Plan and Cambie Corridor Plan Areas](#) recommending approval of new policy updates which will be used to guide and inform future rezoning applications in this part of Marpole. If approved, the policy updates, would build on the vision for Marine Landing, help advance Council priorities related to affordable housing and intensification of employment as well as ensure that the growing population in this neighbourhood is supported by public realm enhancements, open space, transportation and utilities systems as the area builds out over time.

Board Briefing Memos and Emails: November 29 to December 13, 2021

Date	Topic
Nov 30	2022 Fees & Charges Supplemental Information
Dec 3	Marine Landing Policy Update Council Report
Dec 10	2022 Budget Adjustments
Dec 13	Special Consent Resolution – Appointment of GM Rosa to VPRF Board