



## **Park Board General Manager's Office Report February 28, 2022**

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

### **Barge Removal – Status Update**

Contractors are compiling a detailed project plan, which includes the sequencing efforts for deconstructing the barge currently at Sunset Beach, on site equipment options and calculations, and developing options to minimize impacts to seawall users. Noise abatement options are also being reviewed and will be shared with the Park Board when available. A number of prime contractor commissioned assessments are underway which the Park Board will review once completed for assurance. Work Safe BC has also been apprised of the works. A communications and engagement plan is presently under development, which is being informed by the Park Board, City and prime contractor. The Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations have been engaged by the Park Board and the prime contractor, who is arranging a post impact archaeological study. Given the detailed planning that is underway, early estimates show the deconstruction effort will hopefully commence in mid March and take almost 15 weeks to complete.

### **Urban Forestry – Tree Layer on VanMap**

Urban Forestry, in conjunction with our partners at the City's Information Technology (IT) Geospatial Information System (GIS) department, recently deployed a new internal staff resource utilizing the City's VanMap mapping portal. Urban Forestry technicians worked with the City's IT GIS team to develop an automated daily refresh of VanTree inventory system, enabling the tree map to reflect the most up-to-date information. This involved creating an updated map layer showing the locations of about 85% of the City's street and boulevard trees as well as 3,000 park trees located in approximately 20% of our parks. Urban Forestry aims to complete the inventories of all trees in parks, golf courses and destination parks, including Queen Elizabeth and Stanley Park, over the next 12-18 months. In addition, work is ongoing to capture location data for the remaining street trees that have yet to be mapped. Staff users can access the interactive 'Tree Layer' of VanMap to view information about each tree including species, height, trunk diameter, location coordinates and more. On a related note, Urban Forestry is working closely with Technology Services to replace our legacy VanTree asset management software which is now over 30 years old. The new software will combine up-to-date geospatial inventory capabilities with work order functionality to better manage one of Vancouver's most beloved resources.

### **Canada Goose Management Plan**

Canada Geese are found throughout Vancouver. Many of the Canada Geese seen in parks are non-native resident geese that were bred and introduced for hunting and consumption in the 1970s. Vancouver offers areas of ideal habitat for Canada Geese, grassy lawns adjacent to water, which has led to population growth with negative impacts on the landscape, park use and other wildlife. The Vancouver Park Board has engaged consulting services with experience advising other Canadian municipalities to characterize our [local Canada Goose population](#), including its size, distribution, and impacts on the landscape. The study will result in options, evaluations and recommendations for annual population management activities, including changes to landscape management, continued egg addling, and obtaining permits if necessary.

### **Harbour Green Dock Renewal – Project Update**

The [Harbour Green Dock Renewal](#) project has entered the construction phase. A contractor has been selected and fabrication of dock components as started off-site. The contractor anticipates to mobilize on the site in April 2022, with total completion by end of May 2022. The repairs will prioritize restoration of the dock as a walkway and space for short-term recreational moorage, and increase the dock's resiliency to the conditions of the inner harbour. The repairs include replacement of



damaged components, and installation of a new underwater network of “Seaflex” cables that will anchor the existing floats.

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

A report on [Inventory of Parks, their Status under the Vancouver Charter and Recommended Permanent Public Park Designations](#) which reflects the significant research and analysis undertaken so far to develop and validate a comprehensive inventory of parks in the city and their status under the Charter. By receiving the list of parks with validated designations, designating the seven parks recommended for permanent public park status, and confirming the remaining parks under the custody, care and management of the Board of Parks and Recreation until otherwise determined, Council would be establishing an official record for all City and Board of Parks and Recreation departments to reference moving forward. Staff will continue reviewing parks without evidence of designation, and will report out to Council with future recommendations to designate parks when appropriate.

Council will be considering a members’ motion titled [“Centering Community Facilities and Infrastructure in 2023-2026 Capital Plan”](#) where Council directs staff to report back with a list of potential capital projects that centers community facilities and aging infrastructure to address the City’s significant infrastructure deficit, that the list of potential capital projects include community facilities such as the new East Fraser Lands Community Centre.

A report on [Quarterly Capital Budget Adjustments and Closeouts](#) with the purpose of requesting approval from Council of a \$10.0 million increase to Multi-Year Capital Project Budgets (funded from operating budget transfers for the 2022 Climate Emergency Action investments, external funding and 2019-2022 Capital Plan). Of the \$10.0 million increase, \$0.5 million is related to Park Board for tree planting. Expenditures in 2022 relating to increases to Multi-Year Capital Project Budgets will be managed within the current overall Citywide 2022 Capital Expenditure Budget of \$683.4 million. A total of 18 projects/programs were completed in the fourth quarter of 2021, with an overall net surplus of approximately \$0.15 million. Park Board closed out three projects in the fourth quarter of 2021: Lost Lagoon Study, 2019 Sports Courts Upgrades and Renewals, and Stanley Park Waterfront and Seawall. This report also provides for Council information a summary of capital projects that were closed in the fourth quarter of 2021 that are funded from voter-approved capital funding.

**Board Briefing Memos and Emails: February 8 to 28, 2022**

Date	Topic
Feb 8	<a href="#">Raymur Pump Station Replacement Project Update</a>
Feb 9	<a href="#">Stanley Park Nine O’Clock Gun</a>
Feb 14	<a href="#">Olympic Village Plaza Lights</a>
Feb 15	<a href="#">Pioneer Place (Pigeon Park) Maintenance Enquiry Follow Up</a>
Feb 23	<a href="#">Park Inventory &amp; Designation Review Project</a>