



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

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

### **2SLGBTQ+ and 2STGD Inclusion Portfolio**

The Recreation Department is pleased to announce that the Two-Spirit, lesbian, gay, trans, bisexual, queer, and gender diverse programming portfolio has been expanded to include two new regular full-time Recreation Programmer positions.

These equity priority positions have been created to increase the scope and service delivery capacity of this programming team, which will lead the development and implementation of recreation programming and community engagement initiatives for people in the 2SLGBTQ+ and 2STGD communities, their families, and their networks.

This program expansion builds on the 2STGD inclusion work that has been underway in the department since 2014 report and recommendations from the Park Board's Trans\* and Gender Variant Inclusion Working Group.

These two new recreation leadership positions have been designated for the hiring of people from the 2SLGBTQ+ and 2STGD communities through the BC Office of the Human Rights Commissioner. Recruitment for these new positions is currently underway.

### **Fieldhouse Urinal Retrofits**

In some Park Board facilities there are continuously running urinals that waste water. These urinals are equipped with tanks that have a continuous fill rate and flush entirely when full, regardless of whether the washroom is open or urinal is in use. In 2018, there were 27 fieldhouses remaining in the Park system that still had this style of urinal. Fifteen of these fieldhouses were retrofitted with urinal tank auto-flushing sensors (which are motion and timer controlled) in October 2021, as part of a collaborative project between Engineering Water Design and the Park Board. While the water use in each fieldhouse varied, each urinal retrofit saved approximately 250,000L per year of potable water, as well as \$1,800 per year in water and sewer disposal costs. Engineering received funding to complete this project due to the overall savings, with retrofit payback periods being less than 1 year. The 8 remaining Park Board fieldhouses that still have this type of urinal system are expected to be retrofitted by the end of this year. An overall Park Board Water Conservation / Prioritization Plan update is currently in development. Further, we will be adding modesty panels between these urinals.

### **Stanley Park Train Easter Event**

The Stanley Park Train will launch their 2022 season with the return of the Easter Train. This will be the first spring event hosted by the train since 2019. The four day event is scheduled over the holiday weekend from Good Friday through Easter Monday. Hours of operation are 10 am to 4pm. Tickets will be available online in late March. The train will operate weekends from April 23-24 through to end June when the summer season commences.

### **2023-2026 Capital Plan**

Work is underway on a draft 2023-2026 Capital Plan. VanPlay, adopted strategies, and Board motions direct development of the draft plan, and then that draft and public feedback come back to the Board for consideration. City staff will lead public engagement on the draft Capital Plan at the end of April, with support from Parks and Recreation staff. Staff will report back to the Board in June



with the results of engagement, and the final draft of the plan will come to the Board for decision ahead of Council's receipt and decision on the complete Capital Plan in July 2022.

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

A report on '[Alcohol Consumption in Public Plazas Policy](#)' will be presented to Council regarding the findings of the 2020 and 2021 pilot projects with a recommendation to approve the policy. The proposed Policy outlines a framework for a program that would enable legal drinking in select public plazas, co-managed by partner stewards, in order to provide lower-cost and flexible socializing options for residents, as well as continued support to local businesses.

Council to receive a report titled '[Vancouver Community Sport Hosting Grants – Spring 2022 Intake](#)'. The report includes recommendations to approve the eight new event grants and that the theme of the 2022 Community Sport Champions Recognition Grants to be celebrate and honour Indigenous Sport Champions from Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations (MST) and the Urban Native Youth Association (UNYA). These grants support sport and recreation programming in the community.

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

Date	Topic
March 8	<a href="#">Commemoration Policy Update</a>
March 11	<a href="#">Champlain Heights Playground Upgrades</a>
March 15	<a href="#">Riley Park Farmers Market Spring 2022 Operations</a>
March 17	<a href="#">John Hendry (Trout Lake) Park Renewal Plan Update</a>
March 18	<a href="#">Tom Cone Memorial at Charleson Park</a>
March 25	<a href="#">Korean Pavilion at VanDusen Botanical Garden</a>
March 25	<a href="#">Skateboard Amenities Strategy Engagement Results</a>
March 28	<a href="#">Bright Nights in Stanley Park 2021</a>