



## **Park Board General Manager's Report May 16, 2022**

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

### **Collingwood Park Renewal**

Collingwood Park is a 1.27ha neighborhood park located in the Renfrew-Collingwood area and is identified in the 2018-2022 Capital Plan to undergo a park renewal. A consultant team was hired in January 2022 to support the public engagement and to develop conceptual designs through implementation of park improvements. Current features in the park include mature trees, a fieldhouse with washrooms, an older playground, 1950s wading pool, basketball court, open lawn areas and a baseball diamond.

The public engagement for this project is scheduled to begin this month. It is anticipated that a conceptual design will be brought forward to the Board for decision in the winter of 2022. Anticipated improvements include replacing the playground, adding pathways, seating and new drainage, and the conversion of the wading pool into a small splash pad.

Subject to budget approval, construction is targeted for Spring/Summer 2023.

### **Vancouver Bird Celebration**

Honouring the best of BC's birds, the Vancouver Bird Celebration is back with a two-week program spotlighting some of the province's most fabulous feathered friends.

Now in its eleventh year, the celebration runs from May 14 to 31 with a series of informational and interactive events across the Lower Mainland. From the amateur bird-watcher to the binocular-toting enthusiast, there's something for everyone.

Highlights include:

- Bird Feathers and Nests; join staff at VanDusen Botanical Garden on May 21 to learn more about tropical feathers and local bird species' nests before visiting Bloedel Conservatory's exotic birds,
- Photo Walk with Kerrisdale Cameras; budding wildlife photographers can join a photo walk around Stanley Park on May 28 and have their best picture professionally printed on an 8x10 print,
- The Big Sit; join birding experts at Stanley Park's Lost Lagoon on May 28 and help identify and record the variety of birds in the area as part of a North America-wide research project.

Vancouver Bird Celebration is organized by the Vancouver Bird Advisory Committee, a collaborative partnership of non-profits, artists and other institutions, in partnership with City of Vancouver and Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation. Events are coordinated by the [Stanley Park Ecology Society](#).

Nominations are also open (through SPES) for the first Alan Duncan Bird Conservation Award of \$1500.

### **BCRPA 2022 Provincial Awards of Excellence – Honourable Mention**

The Park Board's All Bodies Community (ABC) Program was awarded an Honourable Mention at the 2022 BCRPA Symposium. The ABC Program is an accessible health-living program providing a safe, welcoming and inclusive environment for all bodies, most often accessed by those who may feel uncomfortable in "mainstream" recreation and fitness.



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

Council to receive a report on the [Broadway Plan](#) on May 18, 2022. The Broadway Plan is a comprehensive land use policy plan that will guide growth and change in the Broadway neighbourhoods over 30 years. Park Board staff did not concur with the report due to concerns regarding the delivery of new parks and community centre services, and impacts to solar access in parks in the Broadway area.

A Public Hearing on the [Oppenheimer District Official Development Plan](#) will take place on May 19, 2022. This development plan would facilitate the delivery of 100% social housing in the area. Park Board staff did not concur with the report due to concerns regarding impacts to solar access in Oppenheimer Park as a result of the proposed height and density changes.

**Board Briefing Memos and Emails: April 26 to May 16, 2022**

Date	Topic
May 2	<a href="#">Trillium Park Boundary &amp; Right-of-Way Change</a>
May 3	<a href="#">Temporary Outdoor Pickleball Court</a>
May 12	<a href="#">Solar Access in Oppenheimer Park</a>
May 13	<a href="#">Broadway Plan – Parks and Recreation Interests</a>