



GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Regular Park Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 7, 2022



Spring Strings at VanDusen Botanical Garden

- 2 day contemporary cello concert by “Low Strung” from Yale University, on May 28 and May 29.
- Sold out sessions with over 3,000 people over in attendance throughout the weekend.



- VanDusen and Bloedel are celebrating Year of the Garden with planned activities throughout Garden Days from June 11-19
- Interpretive education stations, guided bird walks, forest therapy walks and more
- Guardians of the Garden presents 'Conifer Champion Challenge'



- Vancouver Botanical Gardens Association (VBGA) will be offering guided walks and talks at VanDusen around National Indigenous peoples day (June 21) with activities planned from June 17- 22
- Natural Heritage Walks
- Medicine Wheel Ceremony



Retirement – Alex Downie, Manager of Park Operations

- Alex will be retiring after nearly 40 years of service
- During his time here, Alex worked as a Botanical Technician, Supervisor of Bloedel Conservatory and QE Park, Neighbourhood Parks and Street Horticulture.
- Most recently he was Manager of Park Operations
- Thank you Alex!





- Construction for South Kinross Park is going out for tender in early June
- If approved, construction would start in late summer 2022 with a scheduled completion date in the fall of 2023.
- The last of 3 parks to be delivered along Kinross Avenue in the East Fraser Lands. South Kinross Park is a destination playground with an extensive storm water wetland.
- Estimated construction cost is \$4.0M

- Council to receive a report regarding Development Application and Permitting Modernization Task Force – Report Back on Design Guidelines and Protection of Trees By-Law Policies on June 7.
- Council to receive a referral report regarding the East Fraser Lands Waterfront Precinct on June 7, which includes considerations for the in-kind delivery of the community centre. This would shift responsibility for design and construction from the City to the developer, and in doing so, would secure a funding mechanism and timeline for the delivery of the new centre..
- Council to receive a report on the Sites for 2022 Alcohol Consumption in Public Plazas Program on June 8, outlining the locations for this year’s program and the by-law amendments necessary for this program.

- Council to receive a report on Making Strides: Vancouver's Childcare Strategy, with recommendations from staff that would support the strategy and increased childcare in Vancouver.
- Council to reconvene on June 9 to continue asking questions of staff followed by a debate and decision on the Broadway Plan.
- At the June 14th Public Hearing, Council will be considering a rezoning of 1406-1410 East King Edward Avenue to permit the development of a 13-storey mixed-use building, with 109 social housing units, led by the Vancouver Affordable Housing Agency.

Date	Topic
May 24	Communications, Marketing and Engagement Leadership Team
June 2	Ammonia Leak at Killarney Community Centre
June 3	Kafka's Café at Smithe & Richards New Park
June 6	Extreme Heat Mitigation and Preparedness
June 7	East Fraser Lands Community Centre Delivery Update

