

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Regular Park Board Meeting Monday, December 5, 2022



Arts, Culture and Engagement





ACE worked with over 400 artists in 2022, resulting in over 40,000 hours worth of work



This included 2500 free projects, workshops and activities, and nearly 1000 performances, events, and cultural celebrations.



- DAC Staff worked with the Park Activation Team to remove barriers for artists and enable indigenous community-led work
- This work has enabled over 15,000 people to gather for ceremony, healing, and celebration on MST lands



DAC – A Return to Gathering in Person



 Artists and organizations brought over \$1,000,000 in outside funding through grants and other means to develop and support projects in parks and recreation spaces



Food & Beverage: Concessions in the Winter



- Second Beach Concession is installing an outdoor weather enclosure for all weather dining – coming December 2022
- With the additions of heaters this will create a year round food and beverage option in Stanley Park
- Wide range of menu options available during the winter months



Targeted Tree Giveaway





- Pilot, targeted tree giveaway launching in February 2023
- This will provide 250 trees to residents of the low-canopy neighbourhoods Sunset and Victoria-Fraserview
- The average urban forest canopy cover in Vancouver is 23%, with a goal of 30% canopy cover by 2030



Spanish Banks Stream Work



- Staff worked with Department of Fisheries and Oceans on stream habitat restoration works in Spanish Banks Beach Park
- This stream was daylit in 1999, but became filled with sediment.
- Chub salmon returned in November



Oxford Park Indigenous Garden



- VUFF planted Chen Chen Stway, an Indigenous Garden in Oxford Park
- This garden supports indigenous food and medicine cultural practices



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New Garden at Trillium Park

- Asian Seniors community gardening program, hosted by Carnegie Community Centre staff
- The Trillium Park partnership provides opportunities for inter-cultural exchange by sharing knowledge about plants, language, and cultural practices



Main & 7th Park – Public Engagement



- Public engagement for a new park, at Main St. and 7th Ave, started on November 29 and will run until December 21.
- As part of the engagement, an inperson Open House will take place on December 8, at the Mount Pleasant Community Centre (5:00pm-8:30pm).



