

# URGENT REPORT ON PARK BOARD PREPARATIONS FOR THE 2023 SUMMER SEASON Update

Regular Board Meeting Monday, February 27, 2023



### Purpose of the Presentation

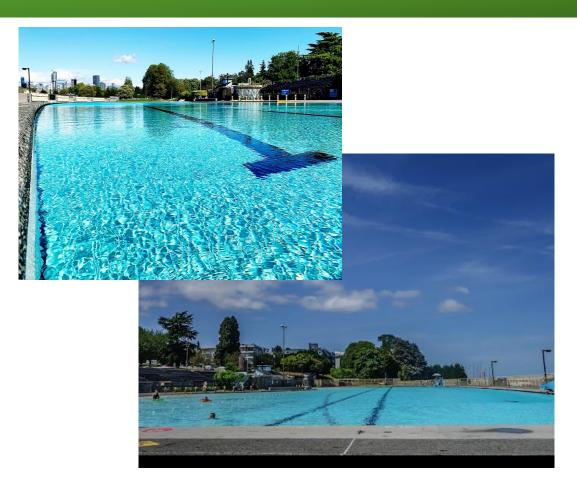


#### The purpose of this presentation is to provide:

- A report to the board on preparations for the 2023 Summer season
- The report will include
  - an update on the measures in place for the outdoor pool season and spray park and wading pool operations
  - details of the aquatic service recruitment strategy
  - options for cooling in our Parks and Community Centres
  - and summer activations in our Park Concessions

#### **Outdoor Pools**



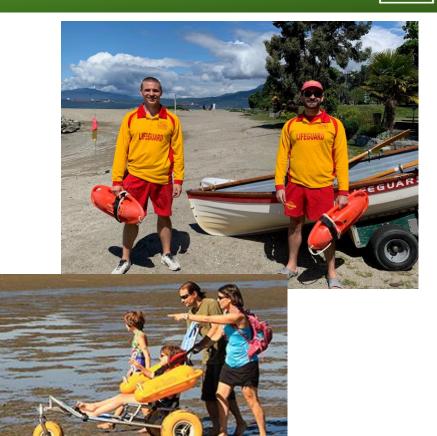


- Continuing works and attention
- Pool cleaning, debris removal and draining required in preparation for inspections & testing
- Caulking and joint repairs required

### 2023 Outdoor Aquatics



- Outdoor Aquatic season opening May 20
- Outdoor Pools
  - New Brighton, Second Beach, Maple Grove, Hillcrest & Kitsilano
- Supervised Beaches
  - Spanish Banks, Locarno, Jericho, Kitsilano, Sunset, English Bay, Second Beach & Third Beach



#### 2023 Aquatic Services





- Dedicated Recruitment Strategy
- Targeted media campaign, social media and direct connections to aquatic clubs
- Park Board & City Recruitment reviewing procedures to assist in new hires
- Reviewing existing and new job specifications

#### 2023 Aquatic Services



- Partnership with overseas recruiting organizations
- Leading change in equivalency recognition for lifeguard certifications with Lifesaving Society
- Launching Vancouver Park Board Aquatics Academy



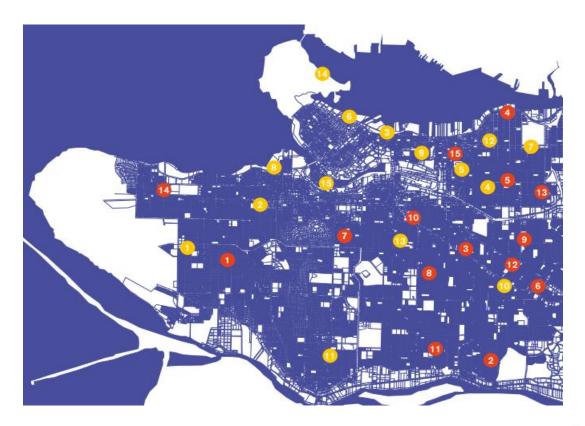
## Park Operations



### Currently operating:

15 Spray Parks

13 Wading Pools



#### **Summer Activations: Food Concessions 2023**

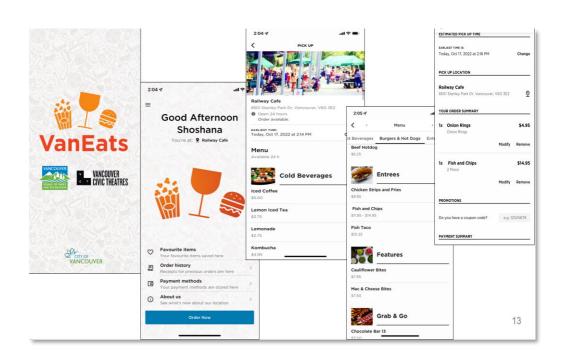


- Provision of improved classic and nostalgic food items using local products, while also showcasing a diverse menu mix.
- New plant based options at select sites.
- New weather enclosure installed at Second Beach concession to offer year round service.



#### Mobile Food Ordering App (VanEats)





#### VanEats

- Planned launch summer 2023; mobile app to preorder food and beverage at select concessions.
- App available as free download (Apple and Android platforms).

#### Alcohol in Beaches Pilot



- Alcohol in Beaches Pilot at select beach sites around Vancouver this summer, (pending Board approval).
- Pilot period, designated hours, and designated spaces.
- Concession Operations exploring sales and service of alcohol
- Feedback will be collected during this pilot via a public survey.



#### **Cooling Centres**





- Park Board operates 17 Cooling Centres
- Activated for Level 1 & 2 Heat Events / Warnings
- Cross departmental review led to short term actions
- Prioritized response based on equity zones and 2021 heat related EMS calls

# **Drinking Fountains**



- There are 230 drinking fountains in Vancouver Parks; 171 operate seasonally from Spring to Fall
- Maintenance requests are reported to 311
- Real Estate & Facilities
  Management Plumbing Shop responds as quickly as possible









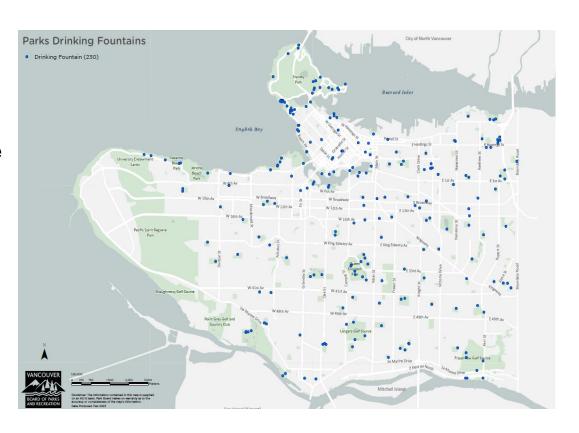
#### **Drinking Fountains & Stations**



Tap Map App enables users to quickly locate the closest public drinking fountains in Metro Vancouver. The majority of public drinking fountains in Vancouver are provided within our parks.



https://apps.metrovancouver.org/ TapMap/



# Misting Stations



- Park Operations team deploys misting stations to:
  - Crab, China Creek S, Guelph/Dude Chilling, Nanaimo, Winona Parks
- Engineering Department deploys misting stations to:
  - Oppenheimer, Thornton, Andy Livingstone, Nelson Parks



#### Water Features - Update













**Green Ops Plan 2.0** 

Civic water reduction goals (10% reduction by 2025) - achieving sustainable water use in operations utilizing data-driven decision making

#### **Equity, Optics & Climate Resiliency**

lead by example in sustainable use of drinking water

# **Questions and Comments**



