



## Park Board General Manager's Report February 27, 2023

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

### East Park – Engagement Update

The public engagement phase for the East Park project is well underway. Results from Round 1 Engagement informed the development of two preliminary design concepts for the new park. Advisory Group members representing diverse perspectives including Science World, Friends of False Creek, Society of Children and Youth BC, and residents of the Southeast False Creek neighborhood participated in Meeting #3 on Tuesday, February 21. The meeting commenced with a site tour where interdepartmental team members shared their expertise about the site. Advisory Group members were invited to review, discuss, and share feedback about the two concepts. Next steps include a review with the Host First Nations and a review with the City of Vancouver East Park Interdepartmental Team. Round 2 engagement is targeted for Q2-2023 and the public will be invited to share their thoughts on the preliminary design concept through an on-line survey and an on-site event.

### Branch Out Tree Giveaway

In ongoing efforts to grow the urban forest, we launched a new pilot on February 13 called Branch Out. 250 free trees were offered to residents of the Victoria-Fraserview and Sunset neighborhoods. To date, 118 trees have been claimed.

The tree canopy in these two areas is under 12%. To support the city-wide goal of having 30% tree canopy by 2050, staff have identified that there are many private properties with space to plant trees in these neighborhoods. This presented a meaningful opportunity to grow canopy in areas that really need it. Uptake has been steady, with Plum trees and Snowdance Lilacs proving most popular. The Pilot has been great opportunity to highlight inequities of forest canopy across city and show how staff are proactively working to improve it.

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

Council to receive a report on February 28, 2023 regarding the [2023 Draft Operating Budget](#), recommending that council approve the Park Board's 2023 Draft Operating Budget.

### Board Briefing Memos and Emails: February 14 to February 27, 2023

Date	Topic
February 15	<a href="#">Fee Correction to Golf</a>