



Park Board General Manager's Report March 6, 2023

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

Recruitment Campaign

To support staff recruitment, the Recruitment and Coatings & Graphics teams have developed sandwich boards and magnets to be placed at certain parks and on fleet trucks. The sandwich boards will be placed at Stanley Park, Van Dusen Botanical Garden and Queen Elizabeth Park. The magnets will be placed on fleet trucks from various work yards, including Jericho, Evans, Sunset, Stanley, and Downtown. Each magnetic sign will have a QR code for the public to scan for direct access to the recruitment site.

The Park Board is utilizing QR codes more so that the public can scan and be directed right to an ongoing posting. For the truck magnets, the QR codes were designed so that the code could easily be changed for future postings.

We also are targeting local schools with horticulture programs. Bruce McDonald, the Park Board's Superintendent of Nursery Operations has been leading nursery tours for students. Tour attendees are provided with a QR code that links directly to the posting site.

Snow Response

Following heavy snowfall across Vancouver on the February 24-26 weekend, we ensured that the public was updated on Park Board site closures through social media. There were a few closures, including Stanley Park, VanDusen Botanical Garden and Bloedel Conservatory. The public was notified of the full closure of Stanley Park on February 28. Following staff assessments to ensure public safety, Stanley Park was opened later that evening.

Among the operational updates, we took time to thank our dedicated crews who were out plowing and salting park pathways from 4am until late into the evenings. Crews were out completing snow and ice treatment to our park sidewalks and pathways, along with attending to over 800 tree related issues.

Due to the ongoing work needed to clean and assess the slopes of the seawall near Prospect Point, it remained closed to the public. This portion is still closed and waiting inspections now that the snow has melted.

Tatlow and Volunteer Daylighting Project

We are pleased to share that construction will begin for the Tatlow and Volunteer Parks Creek Daylighting project this month. The project is located on a culturally significant site and restores a section of a historical stream that once flowed through Tatlow and Volunteer Parks originally known as 'First Creek'. The project has been underway since 2016 with the Contract Award unanimously approved by the Park Board and City Council at the end of 2022. This creek daylighting project is a unique opportunity to collaborate with the Host First Nations, restore the creek, integrate rainwater infrastructure, enhance biodiversity, and improve access to the English Bay shoreline. Representatives from each Host First Nation will be on site for monitoring during construction activities. Construction completion is targeted for Q4-2023.

Vancouver Meadows Award

The Vancouver Park Board received a Certificate of Merit from the International Association of Horticultural Producers (AIPH) and the World Green City Awards, 2022 for our hard work with the Vancouver Meadows project. Growing 42 hectares of meadow across the city to date, we have seen



a significant increase in rare and native pollinator diversity already and hope the initiative will continue to diversify as the meadows age and staff continue to seed wildflowers.

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