



Park Board General Manager's Report April 24, 2023

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

BC Fairs, Festivals and Events Fund 2023 Grants Awarded

In February, as a response to challenges the sector is facing, the Province announced that it was providing \$30 million in one-time grants through the BC Fairs, Festivals and Events (BCFFE) fund to eligible events.

Business Services staff submitted applications for selected events and were awarded a total of \$88,000:

- \$30,000 for Symphony at Sunset;
- \$14,100 for the Polar Bear Swim;
- \$8,200 for Harvest Days at VanDusen Botanical Garden; and
- \$33,700 for the Stanley Park Halloween Ghost Train.

The funding will be used to offset operational expenses such as programming and equipment costs, health and safety measures, and staffing. Staff have until December 31, 2024 to use this funding for the designated events.

Still Creek Enhancement Opportunities Study (SCEOS)

The Still Creek Enhancement Opportunities Study (SCEOS) is an update to the 2002 Park Board and Council approved "[Still Creek Rehabilitation and Enhancement Study](#)".

In March 2022, Rupert and Renfrew Station Area Planning initiation was approved by Council; SCEOS is closely linked with this planning area and will be included under Council update planned for Q3-2023.

SCEOS will guide future creek daylighting to enhance the ecological, social and cultural health of Still Creek corridor between Renfrew Street and Boundary Road, expanding into the watershed to identify opportunities for green rainwater infrastructure (GRI) in the public realm. SCEOS identifies Parks and Park's adjacencies opportunities to connect residents with the creek through circulation, viewpoints, space for public art, and infrastructure that supports environmental stewardship activities.

Study sites were selected to exemplify various typologies including publicly-owned park sites, street right-of-ways, or other publicly-owned sites to be replicated. Planning included sports fields, active transportation routes, ecological corridors, and proximity to public facilities among other considerations. The recently announced Federal Natural Infrastructure Fund (NIF) in Parks for Beaconsfield, Slocan, and Falaise are included under this study.

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

Council to receive a report on April 25, 2023 on the [Accessibility Strategy Implementation Update and Council Motion Report Back](#), which recommends that council approve the Accessibility Committee and receive an update on the Accessibility Strategy presented by staff.

Council to vote on a Member's Motion on April 25, 2023 called '[Protecting People on Cornwall Avenue](#)'. This motion directs staff to extend the school zone speed limit on Cornwall and implement



other traffic calming measures by July 2023 to improve safety for Kitsilano Park, pool, and beach users.

Council to receive a report on [Kerrisdale Park/Point Grey Secondary School Track and Field – Licence Agreement and Custody, Care, and Management of Land](#) wherein Council is recommended to approve the Licence agreement between the School Board and Park Board. This agreement will authorize the Park Board to complete track and field upgrades at these Kerrisdale Park and Point Grey Secondary School.

Council to receive a report [Oak Park – Permanent Park Designation](#) recommending that Council approve the updated land designation for this park. Currently, all public parks in the City of Vancouver are under the care, custody and management of the Park Board.

Board Briefing Memos and Emails: March 27 to April 24, 2023

Date	Topic
March 28	Enquiries to Staff
April 11	Orientation and Briefing Attendance
April 11	Update on the 2023 Reopening of Kitsilano Pool
April 14	Parks Procurement Efficiency Program – Construction (PPEP-C)
April 17	Kerrisdale Park/Point Grey Secondary School Track and Field – Licence Agreement and Custody, Care and Management of Land
April 17	Stanley Park Temporary Bike Lane Removal – Update
April 19	420 Protest Event at Sunset Beach Park
April 21	Park Water Features Conditions and Compliance