



GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Regular Park Board Meeting
Monday, May 8, 2023



Sakura Days at VanDusen Botanical Garden

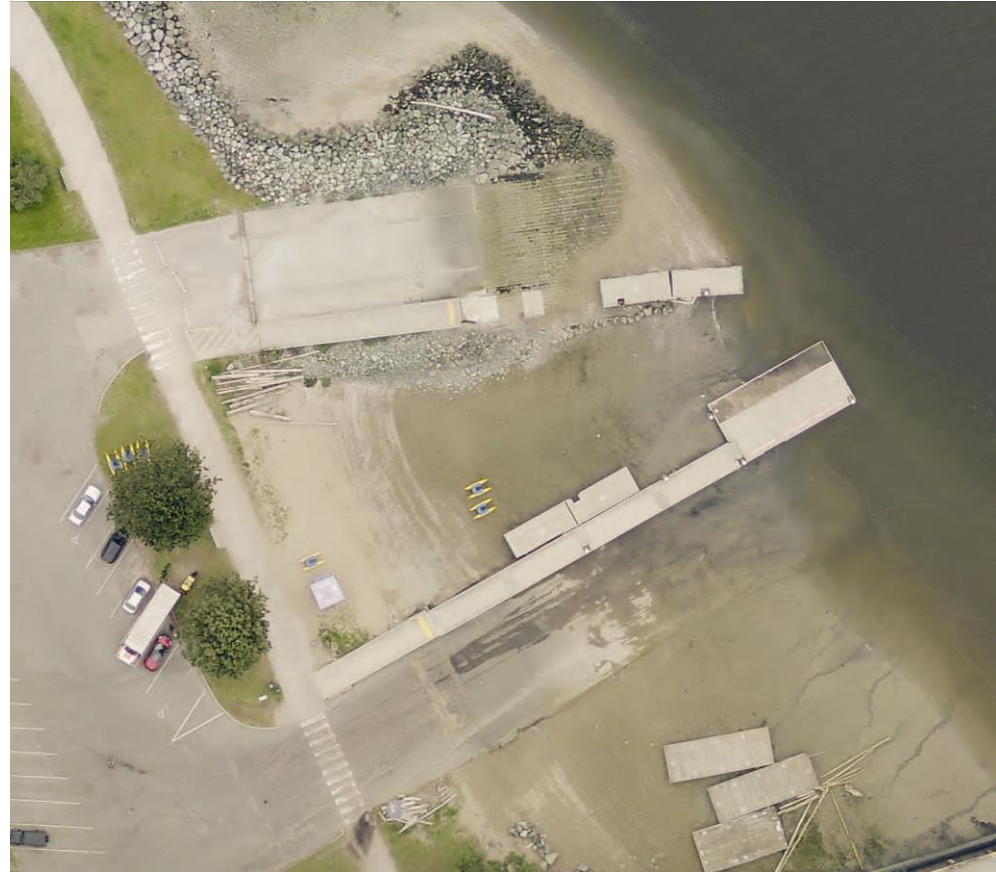
Total visitors over the course of the weekend was 8,583, despite the wet weather



- Highlights include:
 - A variety of workshops returned to the event post pandemic and were very well received
 - The Japanese vendor market expanded onto the Plazas and various halls offering more cultural amenities to guests
 - The amount of food vendors doubled from 2022
 - The return of the Children's tent offered many different activities for kids



- Repairs will reinstate both floats and increase their resiliency.
- Contractor is engaged and procurement of dock parts has started.
 - Construction expected to begin in July 2023 and be completed by the end of the summer.
 - A website has been created to communicate project status updates.



- A fire occurred at the Kitsilano Showboat Theatre on Saturday, April 22
- The showboat is a complete loss as the damage was too extensive to repair
- Despite its proximity there was no impact to the Kitsilano Pool



- Council approved the recommendations in a report titled Water Works By-law Exemptions and/or Viable Exemptions for Notable Decorative City Water Features, with amendments.
- Council to make a decision on a Member's Motion titled 'The Bird is the Word: Elevating Vancouver's Strategy'. This motion would direct staff to reapply for Bird Friendly City certification, update the 2020 Vancouver Bird Strategy, and proclaim May 13 to 30 as Vancouver Bird Celebration.

Date	Topic
May 8	Showboat Update

