



GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Regular Park Board Meeting
Monday, May 29, 2023



Sport Court Renewal

- Stanley Park tennis court renewal is complete, and 6 courts are ready for the Stanley Park Open on July 7
- Tennis BC provided a donation of \$100,000
- Jericho and Champlain Heights pickleball court renewals are also complete and are open for play. Heather Park tennis court renewal will begin in June.



Imagine West End Waterfront

- Second round of Pop-up engagement, at English Bay Beach took place May 13, 16 & 18.
- Purpose of the engagement was to share the three initial design approaches with the public.
- This round of engagement will inform the final draft concept, to be shared with the Board in fall 2023'.



Credit: Scott Jensen's twitter media



Champlain Heights Playground Opening

- The new playground at Champlain Heights Community Centre opened on Saturday, May 27
- This new playground will facilitate the wider community and provide children with more play opportunities



CITYSKATE: Vancouver Skateboard Strategy



Context - City of Vancouver



Public Engagement

Public engagement with the consultation in developing CitySkate was carried out through two main phases. In both phases, a series of public outreach campaigns were conducted to build interest in the development of the strategy and encourage public feedback. The outreach efforts included social media posts, open house events, street view events, public panel discussions, video and documentary collaborations, online and in-person surveys as well as tailored consultations with multiple community advisory groups. The engagement was also designed to reach out to populations in the community and understand their needs.

Equity Based Prioritization

Ensuring the CitySkate Strategy improves equitable access to skate amenities is a guiding principle of the strategy and is fundamental in meeting the needs of the most vulnerable. To achieve this, the CitySkate Strategy builds on the equity analysis in the Vancouver Park Board's Memorandum with new insights of equity and accessibility, access to parks, as well as current and future population densities. This result is presented across the city that provides low cost skateboarding access to residents, regardless of where they live in the city.

Criteria Overlay

Priority Areas

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Bloedel Conservatory Clean Energy Upgrades

- BC Hydro Launched a Clean Energy Champion Program
- Bloedel selected as the first champion for energy efficient upgrades.
- Use of an electric heat pump in the conservatory instead of natural gas can cut emissions by 90%.



- Jay Deo has been hired as the new Manager of Recreation Services (City-Wide) following the retirement of Peter Fox
- Most recently, Jay was the Manager of 55+ BC Games at the City of Abbotsford
- When not at work, Jay prioritizes spending time with his family, volunteering, and playing or watching sports!



Mother's Day Traditional Pow Wow

- Three day event – May 12-14, 2023
- Event featured Grammy nominated group Northern Cree Singers
- Over 20,000 people throughout the weekend, including hundreds of dancers
- 60 vendors, 10 food trucks, 3200 free meals



Kitsilano Pool Re-Opening for the 2023 Season

- The pool will open on Sunday, June 4, two weeks after New Brighton and Second Beach pools
- The opening was delayed due to the need for weather-dependent repairs which have been completed



Council Items related to Parks & Recreation

Council to receive a report on May 31 titled Water Works & Drinking Water Conservation By-Law Amendments where they will decide whether to approve the exemption for Park Board water features that do not currently meet the recirculating requirements.

Date	Subject
May 12	Financial Results for Q1 2023
May 18	Metro Vancouver Water Main Repairs Stanley Park
May 19	West End Waterfront Plan Update
May 26	Sport Field Motions and Track & Field Project Update

