



GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Regular Park Board Meeting
Monday, January 22, 2024



Snow and Ice Response

- Crews have been busy responding to the recent snow and ice conditions last week.
- Crews undertook pre-treatment work and during the snow, cleared major park roadways, sidewalks, parking lots, and pathways.
- Areas were salted, brined and ploughed by deploying our diverse fleet and hand tools.
- Rangers also completed wellness checks at Hillcrest Aquatic Centre and Dunbar Community Centre.



Plough and salt truck



Harry Jerome Statue, Stanley Park



Pipeline Road, Stanley Park



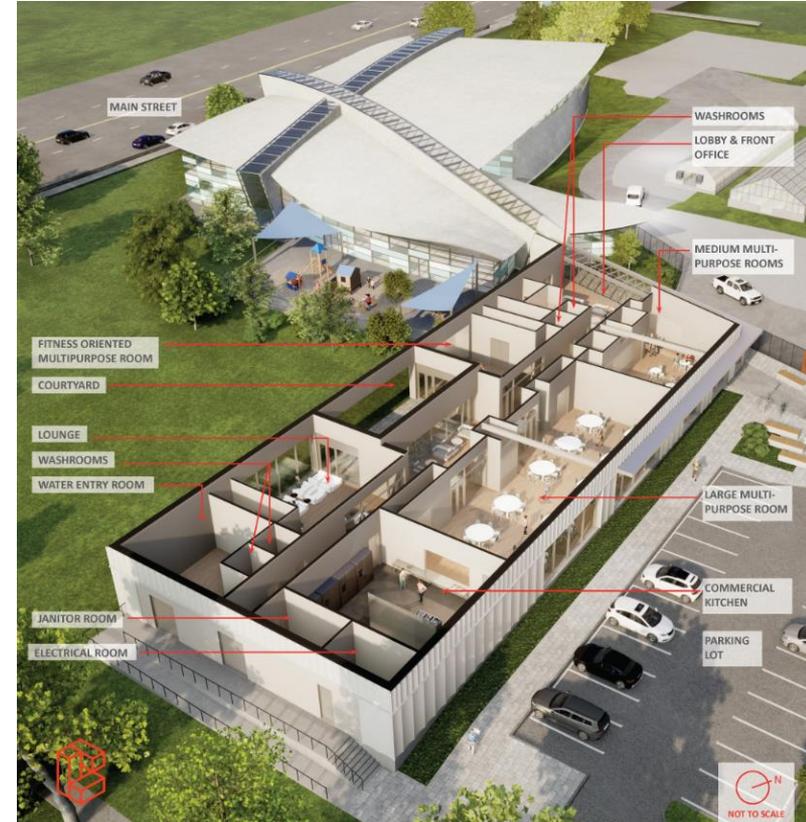
Hillcrest Aquatic Centre



Dunbar Community Centre

Sunset Seniors Centre Public Information Session

- Information session will be held at the Sunset Community Centre on January 25 from 3-5PM
- The Seniors Centre demonstrates leadership in meeting the City's sustainability goals and policies.
- Construction expected to begin in Fall 2024, with substantial completion in December 2025
- The new centre will be almost 10,000 sqft. and feature various multipurpose rooms, a commercial kitchen, lounge, offices, a reception area, and washrooms.



104th Polar Bear Swim at English Bay

- On January 1, the Vancouver Park Board hosted the 104th Polar Bear Swim at English Bay.
- A record breaking 8,683 registered participants.
- The Peter Pantages memorial trophy and winners of the 100m race was awarded to Gareth Jones and Ridley Judkins.



- VanDusen Botanical Garden and Bloedel Conservatory and Festival of Lights had record-breaking attendance for 2023.
- VanDusen regular admissions increased by 18%
- Bloedel regular admissions increased by 33%
- Festival of Lights, recently named as one of the worlds most spectacular light displays by Conde Nast Traveler, had an increase of 12% visitation



Killarney Society Holiday Tree Lighting

- The Killarney Society hosted a Tree Lighting event on Saturday, Nov 25, 2023.
- The event featured a youth orchestra, senior choir, ornament making, cookie decorating, and hot chocolate.
- The Society purchased all the lights for the event, installed a dedicated timer with help from the Park Board electrical department, and partnered with the Vancouver Fire Rescue Services to hang the lights.
- A \$500 donation was made to the Burn Fund to thank VFRS for their time and community involvement.



Council to receive a report on January 24, 2024 titled “Jericho Lands Policy Statement”, which recommends the approval of the Jericho Lands Policy Statement to guide the preparation of an Official Development Plan, future rezoning, and development of the Jericho Lands.

Council to receive a report on January 24, 2024 titled “2024 Budget Adjustment related to risk mitigation of the Hemlock Looper Moth in Stanley Park”, which recommends the approval of a one-time 2024 operating budget increase of \$4.9 million for the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation to fund immediate work required to mitigate the risk of trees damaged by the Hemlock Looper Moth within Stanley Park.

Date	Topic
January 17	Park Board Commissioner Liaison Appointments - 2024
January 18	Jericho Lands Policy Statement Update

