



GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Regular Park Board Meeting
Monday, February 5, 2024



- On Oct 24, 2023, the International Olympic Committee (IOC), International Paralympic Committee (IPC), and International Association of Sports and Leisure Facilities (IAKS) presented their prize for exemplary sports and leisure architecture.
- sθəqəlxenəm ts'exwts'áxwi7 (Rainbow Park) received an award for Community Outdoor Grounds and Public Areas.
- Opened in May 2022, the park continues to garner recognition from international design organizations and local residents alike



2023 YEAR IN REVIEW

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Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation at a glance



250 parks



1360 hectares
of parkland



9 public beaches



430,000 trees



200+ playgrounds



over 300
permitted fields

Polar Bear Swim



Aquatics



VANCOUVER
Aquatics
Academy

Sunset Arena Plant Upgrades

- Upgrades to the Sunset Ammonia Refrigeration Plant in Summer 2023.
- Providing rink and community with a safer and more energy-efficient operation .



West End Waterfront Plan

WEAVE



Opening of Promontory Park



Opening of Champlain Heights Playground



Marpole Community Centre soil turning



Water Priority Action Plan Board approval

VANCOUVER PARK BOARD WATER PRIORITY **ACTION PLAN**



Objective 1

Achieve regulatory compliance

Objective 2

Retrofit and upgrade facilities and features to more efficient systems

Objective 3

Employ nature-based solutions to reduce and replace drinking water use where feasible

Objective 4

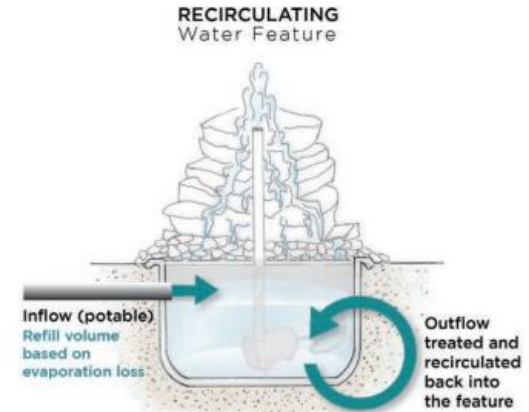
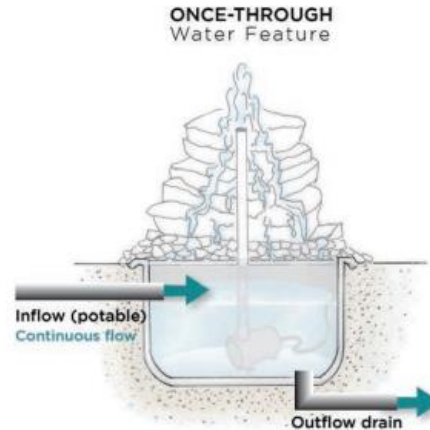
Develop a Park Board Preventative Maintenance Program

Objective 5

Be water-smart when designing new parks and park redevelopments

Objective 6

Work together



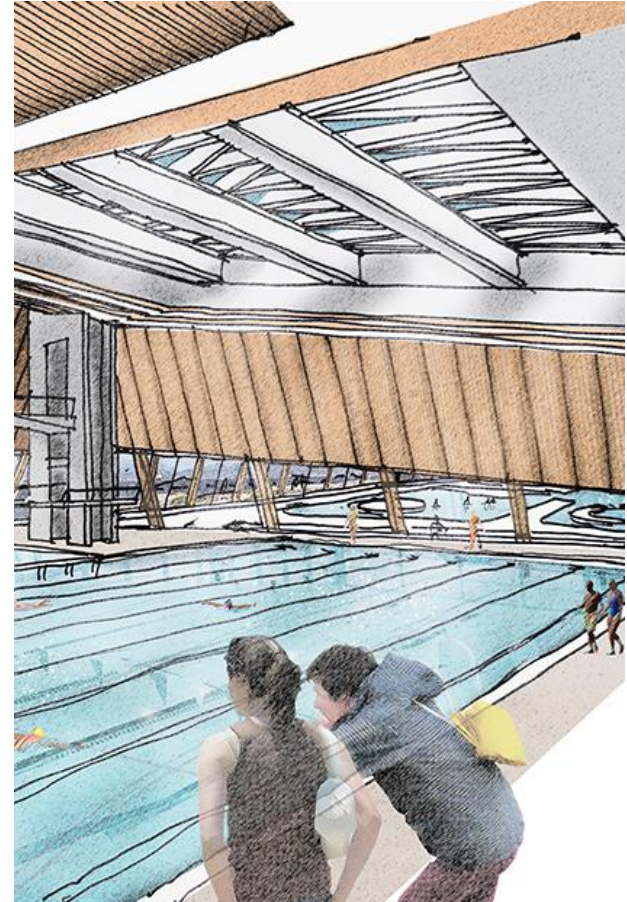
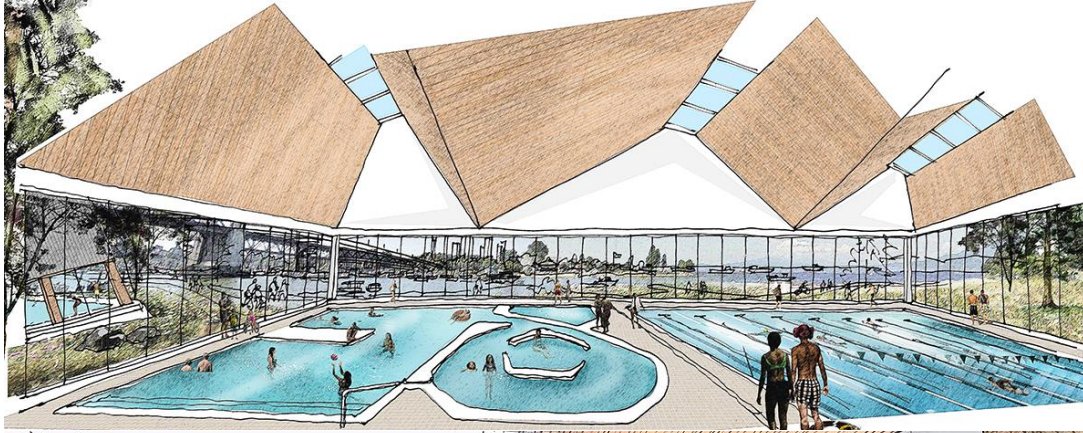
Urban Forestry: Stanley Park Forest Management



Sports Fields Strategy



Vancouver Aquatic Centre Renewal



Summer Water Restrictions and Fire Risk Mitigation



Sports Field Upgrades



Meadows and Naturalized Areas



Storm, Snow and Ice Response



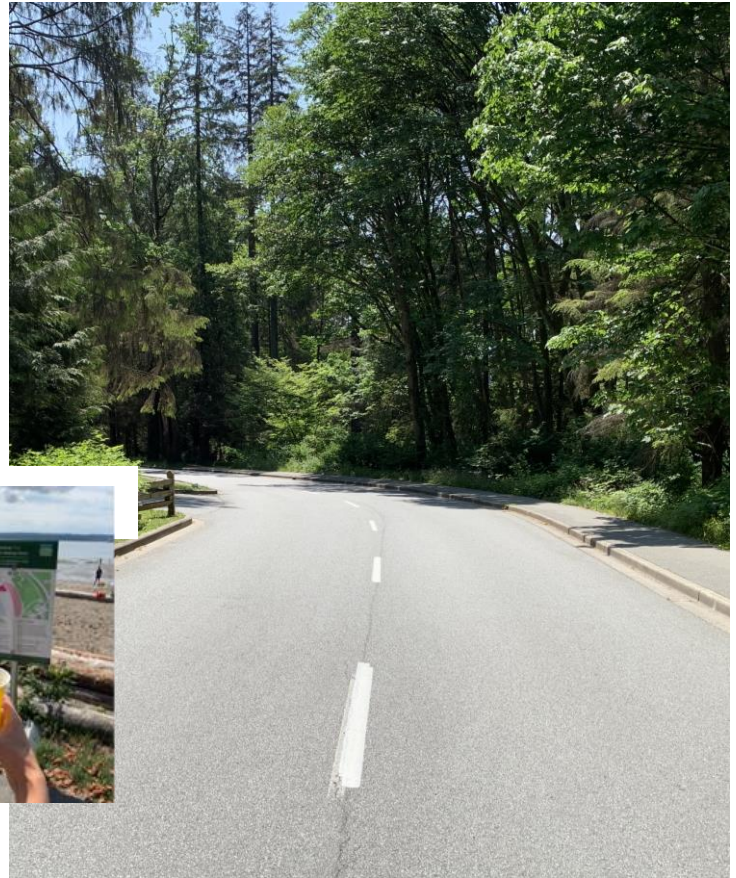
Work with vulnerable populations and folks sheltering in parks



Alcohol on Beaches pilot



Removal of Stanley Park temporary bike lane



Arts, Culture & Engagement: Building Community Through the Arts



Arts, Culture & Engagement 2023 New Initiatives



Reconciliation Planning 2023



Arts & Culture Planning 2023



Land & Food Systems Planning 2023



Participation in the Vancouver Pride Parade



Think Big Strategy



Support for Community Events – African Descent, Carnaval Del Sol, Circles Festival and many more



Symphony At Sunset



Golf: Largest generator of Park Board revenue



Return of the Stanley Park Train



VanDusen Festival of Lights



Record visitation at Bloedel



Council to receive a presentation on February 7, 2024 titled “Vancouver Parks & Recreation Services: Proposed Governance Transition – Planning Update”.



Date	Topic
February 2	Water Bike Rental Services RFEOI
February 2	Nat Bailey Stadium Facility Improvements

