



## Park Board General Manager's Report February 26, 2024

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

### **25 Years of Service Recognition**

Staff are happy to highlight the 25 years of Service Recognition event. This event was attended by General Manager Jackson to acknowledge and celebrate the City and Park Board staff that have reached 25 years of service.

Six Park Board staff were recognized at this event:

- Jenny Lee, Recreation Facility Clerk at Strathcona Community Centre;
- Tanja Cecic, Recreation Admin for Douglas Park, False Creek, and Creekside Community Centres;
- Karla McCallum, Operations Worker at VanDusen, Jericho, and Sunset Service Yards;
- Jennifer Trach, Supervisor of Recreation Services: Sport and Wellness;
- Shannu Marette, Aquatic Facility Supervisor at Hillcrest Aquatic Centre; and
- Meg Elliott, Senior Business Analyst, Corporate Services (Park Board), Beach Ave.

### **First Skate 2024**

On February 16, 2024, the Park Board Arena team was involved in welcoming over 50 newcomers to Canada to First Skate 2024. First Skate at Rogers Arena was a quintessential 'Welcome to Canada' experience that gave them an opportunity to try skating and sample Canadian delicacies including poutine and nanaimo bars.

The participants came from the countries of Afghanistan, Brazil, Colombia, Eritrea, India, Mexico, Myanmar, and the Ukraine. Some of the participants arrived in Canada as recently as five days prior to the event. This is the second time that the park board arena team has been involved in this event by providing skates, helmets, EZ skaters, volunteers, and instructors to provide skating tips.

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

Council to receive a report on February 27, 2024 titled "[West End Community Hub Renewal](#)", which recommends council approve the plan to guide the renewal of community-serving facilities and optimization of the site over the next 15-20 years.

Council to receive a report on February 28, 2024 titled "[Quarterly Capital Budget Adjustments and Closeouts](#)", which would approve Capital Budget and funding adjustments, including an increase of \$17.0M to the 2023-2026 Capital Plan, and increase of \$36.5M to the Multi-Year Capital Project Budgets.

Council to receive a report on February 28, 2024 titled "[Contract Award for a Food and Beverage Broadline Distributor for the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation](#)", which would authorize City staff to negotiate and enter into a contract with Sysco Canada Inc. for the supply and distribution of food and beverages to the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation.

Council to receive a report on February 28, 2024 titled "[2024 Budget for Britannia Community Services Centre Society \(BCSCS\)](#)" which would approve the BCSCS 2024 Operating Budget of \$9,914,138, marking an 8% increase from 2023.



**Board Briefing Memos and Emails: February 6, 2024 to February 26, 2024**

Date	Topic
February 8	<a href="#">Hemlock Looper Impact and Wildfire Risk Assessment</a>
February 20	<a href="#">Foundation 9.0 – Special Event</a>
February 23	<a href="#">LOVELOUD Festival – Special Event</a>
February 26	<a href="#">Park Board Sport Leagues</a>