



# GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Regular Park Board Meeting  
Monday, May 6, 2024



# Park Rangers at CRAB Park

- CRAB Park patrons temporarily relocated for an extensive clean-up of designated daytime shelter area
- Work was done collaboratively between Rangers, Park Ops, and CoV Sanitation
  - 90 tons of debris and material removed, including 20+ propane tanks and 6 generators
  - Top layer of soil scraped and releveled to remove hazardous substances/materials
- Patrons have now been successfully moved back to the designed shelter area
- Parks Control Bylaw and GM Notice enforced daily to ensure compliance





- Park Development staff have contracted new Capital Playground constructions
- Projects are completed utilizing in-house resources and staff through all phases of construction
- Projects are completed at a savings compared to private bids

# China Creek Park South – Skatepark Upgrades

- Upgrades recommended as part of the Skateboard Amenities Strategy
- Existing skatepark is Vancouver's oldest skatepark and recognized by Vancouver's Heritage Foundation
- Upgrades include new concrete surfacing and features that improve rider safety and experience, accommodate a range of abilities, and better serve the community
- Construction anticipated to initiate early in May 2024 and be completed by fall of 2024



# “Gibby’s Field” Natural Park

- Construction to begin this week, and expected to be complete by July 2024
- Park will feature a rain garden, an improved accessible pathway, and natural vegetation.
- Official naming to take place at a later date due to in-progress Park Naming Policy
- Two-day event with Tye School students involved learning about Indigenous and settler histories, rainwater management, and native plants

Current conditions



Future concept



# Alberta St Blue Green System & Columbia Park - Update

- On-site pop-up event held on April 20 to share recommended concept plans, developed based on feedback from two previous rounds of engagement
- Event was well attended, with approximately 50 participants. An educational children's activity focusing on rainwater was also included.
- Project is a Park Board and CoV Engineering partnership opportunity for rainwater integration
- Next Steps: the concept plan is targeted for Board decision in Q3 2024.

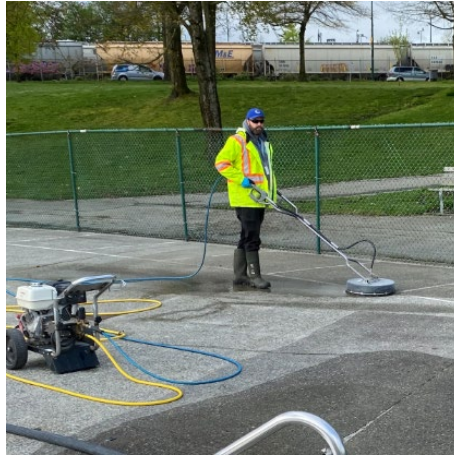


# East Park Engagement Launch – Round Two Update

- Round 2 of public engagement recently completed, including an on-site pop-up event on April 13 at Creekside Community Centre
- Event was well attended, with over 1500 surveys completed online and at the event
- Next Steps: Round 2 engagement results will be used to develop the concept plan for Board decision targeted for Q4 2024.



# Outdoor Pool Opening Preparations



- Park Operations staff have been hard at work preparing outdoor pools for the summer season.
- Every year, facilities are serviced structurally, mechanically, and aesthetically
- Exterior surfaces are hosed, pressure washed, recoated, with decals and signs restored, requiring 6-9 days of consistent warm, dry weather.
- Fencing, pool deck equipment, lamp and flag poles, and concrete structures are also refreshed and repaired.





# Outdoor Aquatics Season Launch

- Opening of 4 Outdoor Pools including New Brighton, Second Beach, Kitsilano, and Maple Grove
- Lifeguarding 10 waterfront and beach locations across the City including the re-introduction of Trout Lake
- Reactivating Spray Parks, Wading Pools, and Splash Pads



# Council Items related to Parks & Recreation



- Council to receive a report on May 7, 2024, titled “[Alcohol on Beaches – 2024 Re-Pilot](#)”, which would approve the one-time 2024 operating budget increase of \$930,300 to fund the operational and enforcement needs for the Alcohol on Beaches Re-Pilot in the summer of 2024.
- Council to receive a report on May 7, 2024, titled “[Quartely Capital Budget Adjustments and Closeouts](#)”, which would approve an increase of \$32.6M to the 2023-2026 Capital Plan, and an increase of \$54.6M to the Multi-year Capital Project Budgets. These budget increases would include:
  - \$.8M in cost escalations to support the completion of Dog Off Leash Areas at Coopers, Heather, Granville, and Emery Barnes Parks.
  - \$3M for the delivery of the Jericho Pier like-for-like repair
  - \$.5M to support the planning and design phase for a new community center plaza in the East Fraser Lands
  - \$12.93M to allocate funding for a new and upgraded Killarney Track & Field facility.
- Council to receive a report on May 8, 2024, titled “[Imagine West End Waterfront Parks, Beaches, and Transportation Vision](#)”, which would approve the West End Waterfront Vision as a guide for renewal and upgrading the West End waterfront over the next 30+ years. This report also seeks to approve in principle the implementation of Phase 1 of the project.



Date	Topic
May 1	Spanish Banks Watermain Replacement

