



Park Board General Manager's Report May 27, 2024

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

Youth Week 2024

Youth Week in BC was celebrated from May 1-7, 2024, with 3 city wide events. As part of our collective commitment to Justice, Equity, Decolonization and Inclusion principles, the Park Board and Community Centre Associations hosted a Queer Prom for 2SLGBTQIA+ Youth in consultation with the Vancouver Pride Society. In addition, the annual Youth Week Skate Jam at the Plaza Skate Park was held in consultation with the Vancouver Skateboard Coalition. Lastly, a large indoor volleyball tournament was held at Killarney Community Centre in which 70 young people participated.

In addition to these larger events, smaller community events were held at Community Centres across the city. A few examples from this year included a carnival for families, a video game themed sports day, a volunteer appreciation BBQ, and a basketball tournament. Youth play a vital role in annual Youth Week planning youth-driven activations at their local community centres.

A special thank you to Community Centre Associations and Community Youth Workers who work tirelessly alongside young leaders to promote and provide access to recreation opportunities across the city.

Queen Elizabeth Park – Irrigation Main Replacement

Through close collaboration between Park Development, Park Operations, and an external contractor, staff have successfully replaced approximately 800 meters of irrigation main with a new 100mm diameter PVC pipe following the existing asbestos cement irrigation main exceeding its service life. This project has restored irrigation water supply to the rose garden, lawn bowling, and small and large quarries, in time for this year's irrigation season.

Queen Elizabeth Park welcomes an average of 6 million visitors per year, and this repair serves to ensure continue high levels of service for our park visitors. The cost of this work was approximately \$350,000 and was funded by the Park Infrastructure Capital Program.

Musqueam Park Trail Bridge Replacement

The existing wooden pedestrian bridge over Musqueam Creek within Musqueam Park is in poor condition and has reached the end of its service life. Park Development staff engaged engineering consultants and developed a design for removal and replacement of the bridge. Through a public invitation to tender, a contractor has been selected to complete the work. The project involves challenging site access along a narrow trail and prioritizes protection of the creek and fish habitat. Shop drawing submittals and planning are currently underway, with construction starting on site in August 2024, aligning with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans 'least risk' construction window.

Staff are continuing to collaborate with stakeholders including the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam) Indian Band, Park Operations, and City Engineering Services. The xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam) Archaeology Department is providing cultural monitoring for the project, which is targeting completion in October 2024. The project budget is \$450,000, funded from the Park Infrastructure Capital Program.



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

Council to receive a report on May 28, 2024, titled “[Arbutus Greenway – Establishment of City Land for Street and Public Space Purposes](#)”, which would approve establishing the Arbutus Greenway for street and public use, solidifying the use of the greenway as a transportation corridor and creating better integration with parks and public space.

Council to receive another report on May 28, 2024, titled “[New Agreements for the following Childcare Centres: 3 Corners Childcare Centre, International Village Children’s Centre and Learning Tree Daycare](#)”, which would authorize City staff to execute a new lease with three licensed non-profit group childcare operators, including a new lease for Mount Pleasant CCA to operate 3 Corners Childcare Centre.

Council to receive a report on May 29, 2024, titled “[2025-2029 Budget Outlook](#)”, which outlines for information the City’s projected Operating and Capital financial outlook based on current state service levels.

Council to receive another report on May 29, 2024, titled “[2024 Cultural Grants \(CASC, Capacity, Cultural Spaces\)](#)”, which would approve several cultural grants for projects and events around the City.

Board Briefing Memos and Emails: May 6 to May 27, 2024

Date	Topic
May 10	Encampments in Vancouver Parks
May 10	Q1 2024 Financial Update
May 14	Seasonal Park Board Activations
May 24	Tree Planting Direction – Update