

Park Board General Manager's Report June 10, 2024

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

Mobile Building Workers

The Parks Experience Team has been hard at work, further adding two Regular Full-time Team Leads and seven Regular Full-time Building Workers to provide more consistent service delivery to over 60 locations and more than 100 washrooms and changerooms, taken care of twice per day, 365 days per year.

Staff have also recently completed deep cleaning of all the beach locations, preparing them for the summer months. Deep cleaning schedules have been developed to ensure no sites are neglected.

Spanish Banks Water Main Replacement

Water is once again flowing through the taps at Spanish Banks West. Approximately 600 meters of water main pipe have been replaced, restoring water supply services to the west concession building, washroom facilities, lifeguarding station, and fire hydrant. Additionally, new services have been provided for dust suppression at volleyball courts and special events in the area. The washrooms and outdoor shower are now back in service. The concession stand is scheduled to reopen this week.

To restore water services at Spanish Banks West, Park Board staff engaged an engineering consultant and a contractor specializing in pipe bursting or trenchless technology. This technology was utilized due to the site's proximity to a known culturally significant site. The minimal ground disturbance helped reduce archaeological impacts, as well as closures of the shoreline pedestrian and cycling pathway. Archaeological monitoring was provided by representatives from the local Host Nations and Park Board staff.

The costs for this project totaled approximately \$980,000 and was funded by the Park Infrastructure capital program for maintenance and renewal of park electrical and water infrastructure.

Broadway Public Realm Plan – Phase 2 Engagement

City staff will be launching the second round of public engagement on June 13, 2024, for the Broadway Public Realm Plan and Broadway Streetscape Plan. This work is being led by the City of Vancouver Planning department in collaboration with Park Board's Planning department, and other City departments. This work is part of the <u>Broadway Plan</u> implementation, and will identify what parks, public open spaces, and street enhancements would best support the current need and future growth of the area.

Detailed information and opportunities to provide input will be available on the <u>Shape Your City</u> <u>project page</u> on June 13. The Plan's expected completion date is the end of 2024.

New Public Space in Broadway Plan Area

On May 30, Council approved a new accessible Privately Owned Publicly accessible open space (POP) for the rapidly densifying Broadway area. This podium-level 14,000 sf public space features planting, patio space, and seating, and has been designed to offer a space for recreation.

This location is the former site of the Mountain Equipment Co-op store and offices and will soon be home to 514 rental units in two towers, connected with a single storey podium, the fully accessible rooftop public space, commercial uses, and a 37-space childcare facility.



2024 City Service Awards

On June 5, hundreds of staff came together to celebrate the great work taking place across the organization at the annual City Service Awards.

This year, Park Rangers landed the coveted People's Choice Award. Our Rangers are in the field seven days a week, 18 hours a day, making Vancouver's parks and beaches safe, clean, and accessible. Rangers are also frontline responders to a variety of critical situations. They are on site for overdoses, fires, conflict resolution, medical emergencies, wildlife carcass removal, and bylaw enforcement. They have also been critical to Vancouver's encampment response, doing this very difficult enforcement work with continual compassion.

The JEDI award was presented to the Jericho Lands team, recognizing the exceptional contribution the team has made to advancing Justice, Equity, Decolonization, and Inclusion work over the past year. The Jericho Lands team was celebrated for its work on the <u>?əỷalməxw/lýálmexw/Jericho Lands</u> <u>Plan</u>, a complete community plan which will deliver approximately 20 acres of park space, 10 acres of public open space and a new community centre co-managed with MST. The Jericho Lands team is comprised of staff across various departments in the City, as well as Park Board staff in Decolonization, Arts, and Culture, Park Planning and Development, and Strategic Initiatives.

Please join me in applauding our Park Rangers and the Jericho Land Use Planning team for their much-deserved awards, and congratulations to the winners.

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

Council to receive a report on June 12, 2024, titled "<u>Vancouver Official Development Plan – Project</u> <u>Scope and Terms of Reference</u>", which outlines the project scope to create Vancouver's first comprehensive city-wide Official Development Plan By-law, a new Provincial requirement, and key action to implement the Vancouver Plan.

Council to receive a report on June 12, 2024, titled "<u>Establishing a Chinatown Cultural District</u>", which would approve the draft Chinatown Cultural District Framework to support the renewed vibrancy of the neighbourhood. Goals include improving the overall environment in Chinatown by enhancing public spaces and supporting Chinatown's cultural heritage assets and businesses.

Date	Торіс
June 3	Marine Structures Repair - Update
June 3	2025 Budget Outlook
June 4	Kitsilano Outdoor Pool - Status Update

Board Briefing Memos and Emails: May 27 to June 10, 2024