



## 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 [Broadway Plan](#) 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 [Shape Your City project page](#) 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.

