



Park Board General Manager's Report June 25, 2024

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

KCCA Food Security Initiatives

Highlighting the work of the Park Board's CCA partners, today staff share the initiatives that have been created by the Kitsilano War Memorial Community Centre Association (KCCA) targeting food security.

KCCA has developed programs supporting food security and food culture, including a Saturday morning breakfast club, senior's multicultural meals, Kitsilano farmers market, organic gardens and beehives, and providing kitchen access to support community fridges, meal programs, and refugee women entrepreneur groups. Recently, KCCA created a working group with ten organizations to support a unified approach to community services, and act as a host site for the Park Board's Artist in the Kitchen pilot program.

Staff are pleased to celebrate the successes of our important joint operating partners in our community centres.

Rupert and Renfrew Stations Area Planning

On June 29, Phase 3 of the Rupert and Renfrew Stations area planning will begin. The engagement covers the draft land use plan and amenity priorities for 25 years in an area of significant population growth, with more than 15,000 new residents expected over the 25 years. Park Board staff have advocated for Still Creek and park expansions, park amenity funded improvements, and the renewal of the Renfrew Park Community Centre that are identified in the draft plan.

The renewal and expansion of the Renfrew Park Community Centre is an identified priority in the plan area. Previously these projects were anticipated to be funded by CACs, however in Fall 2023, new provincial legislation came into effect which will further shift the funding of growth-related infrastructures and amenities such as the community centre to a more citywide approach.

Art in Andy Livingstone Park

Art in the Park at Andy Livingstone is an annual artist in residence project through the Urban Park Activation Team that brings the arts and Indigenous cultural practice to the diverse users of Andy Livingstone Park. The project focuses on de-stigmatization and community building through fun, welcoming, creative practice and connection with Indigenous Elders. Carnegie Elders in Residence Les Nelson and Marr Dorvault will work with the artists' collective Big Top Art Tent in twice weekly workshops in the park.

The opening celebration for this project happens on June 27 at 2pm and includes a Welcome and Land Acknowledgement, Drumming with Carnegie's lexwst'i:lem Drum Group, an introduction to art making with the folks from Big Top and fabulous refreshments from the Carnegie Community Centre kitchen.

The project continues on Thursdays and Sundays from 2 - 6pm throughout the summer.



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

Council to receive a report on June 25, 2024, titled "[City of Vancouver UNDRIP Action Plan](#)", which would formally endorse the UNDRIP Action Plan, and direct staff to begin the implementation of the UNDRIP Action Plan deliverables over the next five years.

Council to receive a report on June 26, 2024, titled "[2024 Homelessness Services Grants and Heart Preparedness Response Grant](#)", which would approve 17 Homelessness Service Grants aimed at creating awareness and engaging residents in solutions to homelessness, and supporting individuals experiencing homelessness. This would include funding for organizations supporting a number of events and initiatives in Oppenheimer Park.

Council to receive a report on June 26, 2024, titled "[Downtown Eastside Plan Implementation and Special Enterprise Program Grant Allocations – 2024](#)", which would approve grants for 17 non-profit organizations in the Downtown Eastside to advance the social, economic, and environmental objectives of the DTES Plan.

Council to receive a presentation on June 26, 2024, titled "2023-2026 Capital Plan Mid-Term Update", which would provide an update on the 2023-2026 Capital Plan implementation.

Council to receive a motion on June 26, 2024, titled "[Reimagining and Replacing Kitsilano Outdoor Pool](#)", which would direct City staff to expedite the Kitsilano Pool replacement feasibility study, in partnership with the Vancouver Park Board, in order to plan for and fund the replacement of Kits Pool.

Board Briefing Memos and Emails: June 10 to June 24, 2024

Date	Topic
June 20	Auditor General Actions – Update
June 20	Repurposing of Space at Dunbar Community Centre