



Park Board General Manager’s Report October 8, 2024

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

Replacement of the “Florentine Wall” Bronze Sculpture

The family of late artist Frank Perry (1923-2006) were presented with the replacement molding of the stolen “Florentine Wall” centrepiece from the Queen Elizabeth Theatre. The solid bronze centrepiece was stolen in late 2022 and painstakingly re-sculpted out of clay by the Park Board’s Graphics Department by referencing old photographs. Three generations of the late artist’s family approved the clay master and embedded their fingerprints in the sculpture prior to the casting of the final mold.

The permanent mold, consisting of an epoxy resin cast, enclosing a stainless-steel plate, will be airbrushed to match the existing surrounding bronze and fastened in place by The Park Board’s Welding and Fabrication Department. The centrepiece is scheduled to be reinstated to its former glory in November of 2024.

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

Council to receive a report on October 8, 2024, titled “[Reconciliation Report 10-Year: Colonial Audit Consolidation](#)”, which would direct staff to integrate all future Reconciliation and UNDRIP reporting into a single annual UNDRIP report to improve efficiency. This would also direct staff to cease scoping a Colonial Audit and integrate objectives of the audit into the UNDRIP implementation program.

Council to receive a report on October 8, 2024, titled “[Vancouver Heritage Register Upgrade](#)”, which would approve an upgrade to the Vancouver Heritage Register. The register includes buildings, monuments, memorials, structures, and trees around the city.

Council to receive a presentation on October 9, 2024, titled “Inappropriate Public Behaviours – Updating the City’s Violence Prevention Program to Ensure a Respectful and Safe Work Environment for Employees”, which outlines updates to the Violence Prevention program to ensure a safe work environment for City and Park Board employees.

Council to receive a report on October 9, 2024, titled “[Contract Award for Construction Services for Sunset Seniors Centre Building – General Contractor](#)”, which would authorize City staff to enter into a contract for construction services for Sunset Seniors Centre for a term of approximately 15 months.

Board Briefing Memos and Emails: September 24 to October 8, 2024

Date	Topic
September 25	Bloedel Conservatory Temporary Closure
October 3	Leisure Access Program Pilot Expansion