



## Park Board General Manager’s Report October 21, 2024

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

### Vancouver CitySkate – China Creek Skatepark Upgrades

On Monday, October 7, the China Creek Skatepark Upgrades project was completed and reopened for public use to the delight of local skateboarders and other small wheel users. Later in the week, Commissioner’s Bastovanszky, Christensen and Jensen were joined by numerous skaters of all ages to officially celebrate the completion of the improvements to this iconic facility.

Built in 1979, China Creek Skatepark was one of the first skateparks to open in north America and quickly became synonymous with the rapid growth of skateboarding in Vancouver during the 80s and early 90s. In 2022, [CitySkate](#), the Park Board’s 20-year roadmap for improving the city’s skate amenities, identified the skatepark as a priority for upgrades following nearly half a century of heavy use.

The upgrades include preserving and enhancing the exiting heritage bowl features, replacing dated asphalt with cast-in-place concrete, adding innovative features and detailing to complement the existing bowls and thoughtful landscape integration. These improvements enhance rider experience, cater to a broader range of abilities and better serve the city’s growing and diverse skate and small wheels communities.

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

Council to receive a report on October 22, 2024, titled “[Villages Planning Program – Scope of Work](#)”, which would approve the scope of work for the Villages Planning Program, including identifying opportunities for public space improvements and amenities.

Council to receive a report on October 22, 2024, titled “[Municipal Grants Jurisdictional Review and Arts, Culture and Social Grant Program Refinement](#)”, which directs staff to engage Council in setting annual priorities for the Social and Cultural Grants, as well as establish a grant stream to respond to emerging priorities beyond those addressed as part of ongoing grant programs.

Council to consider a motion on October 23, 2024, titled “[Protecting and Enhancing Greenspace for the East End, Chinatown, Hogan’s Alley and Strathcona](#)”, which would direct staff to report back with recommendations of park designation of the city-owned sites inclusive of 722 Gore and adjoining right of way to Keefer Street.

### Board Briefing Memos and Emails: October 8 to October 21, 2024

| Date       | Topic                                                                                 |
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| October 9  | <a href="#">Sports Fields Update</a>                                                  |
| October 11 | <a href="#">Venue Specific Training Sites for FIFA World Cup 26 Vancouver™ Update</a> |