



Park Board General Manager's Report November 4, 2024

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

New Dog Off-Leash Areas – Construction Start

Contracts have been awarded to commence construction on the first of two new dog off-leash areas (OLAs) in underserved neighbourhoods as identified by the [People Parks and Dogs Strategy](#) (2017). The construction for the Heather Park OLA is officially underway with completion targeted for Q1-2025. Construction for the Granville Park OLA is scheduled to begin in Q1 2025 with completion targeted for early Q2 2025. Together these OLAs will increase access for three priority neighborhoods: Kitsilano, Fairview, and Mount Pleasant.

The new dog off-leash areas will be fully fenced with new surfacing, enhanced drainage to support year-round use, seating, and several agility features. Granville Park will also get a separate, fully fenced area for small or shy dogs with similar amenities as the larger space. The concept designs for both of these OLAs were [approved by the Board](#) in June 2023 and tendered through the Parks Procurement Efficiency Program in Q3 2024 under a single contract award. The combined contract value for Heather Park OLA and Granville Park OLA is \$1.2M.

Annual Beach Log Removal

The annual removal and storage of our iconic beach logs is now underway, starting with Locarno Beach. With the seasonal tides rising and more anticipated storm events, our Park Operations team does this work every autumn to mitigate the risk of the logs being washed out during winter. Additionally, the team will address any necessary tideline or storm cleanup work at the same time.

This work will be prioritized based on the risk of logs being washed out due to higher tidelines, with the log removal process typically taking about 10 to 15 days. The logs will return for May Long Weekend in 2025.

Board Briefing Memos and Emails: October 21 to November 4, 2024

Date	Topic
October 31	Stanley Park Seawall Slope Stabilization – Tree Removals
October 31	GVWD – Metro Vancouver Capilano 5 Watermain Tunneling Update
November 1	Restaurant Opportunities at VanDusen Botanical Gardens and Kitsilano Beach
November 1	Hemlock Looper Risk Mitigation Update – Helicopter Supported Tree Removal