



GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Regular Park Board Meeting
Monday, December 9, 2024



Two pilot sites are now **installed**
at Gordon & Strathcona Parks.



- Small densely planted areas of native trees and plants that mimic nature
- 1000m² of improved ecological function: biodiversity, water conservation, cooling
- Planning, Operations, Urban Forestry collaboration
- Supports service plan canopy enhancement and healthy habitat directives

- Active groups in Stanley, New Brighton, Jericho, Renfrew Ravine, Everett Crowley, Strathcona, and other parks.
- Stewardship partners engage public in hands-on restoration activities and workshops reviewed by staff
- Invasive plant removal and native planting in natural areas
- Park Board staff supplied stewardship partners with 6,500 native plants to be installed in fall/winter 2024/2025 at community-led events



Kerrisdale – Point Grey Track and Field Upgrades – Opening

- The track and field at Kerrisdale – Point Grey has been re-opened for use
- Priority recommendation in the Track and Field Strategy
- Includes resurfaced 6-lane 400m track with new recreational lane, new jumping and throwing amenities, improvements to seating, storage, lighting and accessibility
- Upgrades improve training and recreational opportunities for users, better serve increased participation in track and field sports and promote physical activity.



- On Nov 19, high winds reaching 78 km/hr caused the closure of Stanley Park.
- Main risk during high wind events is fallen trees and branches
- 7 trees fell onto roadways within the park, rendering them impassable.
- Rangers closed vehicle access points, notified stakeholders, and patrolled remaining areas of the park to ask citizens to leave for their safety.
- Rangers also prepared detailed reports on downed trees, including photos and maps to Urban Forestry teams could expedite removal and clean-up the following morning.



Council Items related to Parks & Recreation



- Council to receive a presentation on December 11, 2024, titled “Vancouver Plan Implementation Update.”. This presentation will be made available on the day of the meeting.
- Council to receive a report on December 11, 2024, titled “[Broadway Plan Review and Implementation](#)”, which would approve the Broadway Public Realm Plan. The purpose of this plan is to guide the delivery of public open space and street improvements in the Broadway Plan area.
- Council to receive a report on December 11, 2024, titled “[Contract Award for the Construction of the Early Works for the FIFA World Cup 26 Vancouver Venue Specific Training Sites \(VSTS\) at Killarney and Memorial South Parks](#)”, which would authorize City staff to negotiate and enter into a contract for the early works of the training sites at Killarney Park and Memorial South Park.
- Council to receive a report on December 11, 2024, titled “[Contract Award for Golf Course Operators](#)”, which would authorize City staff to negotiate an agreement for the supply of golf course operator services with Monaghan Golf Inc. for an initial 3-year term, plus the possible two 1-year extension options for a total of 5 possible years.
- Council to consider a motion on December 11, 2024, titled “[Support for Japanese Canadian Interpretive Centre at Hastings Park](#)”, which would approve commitment to support a Japanese Canadian Hastings Park Interpretive Centre, located in Hastings Park in a portion of the Livestock Barns. City staff are also directed to report back with further considerations for decision in Q1 2025.

Date	Topic
November 8	FIFA Training Site at Memorial South Park Petition
December 3	Decorative Lighting in Trees
December 5	FWC26 Venue Specific Training Sites at Memorial South Park Information Session Update

