



Park Board General Manager's Report May 12, 2025

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

King Charles Coronation Medal

Two Community Centre Association Directors have received the King Charles III Coronation Medal. This medal is awarded to outstanding individuals who have made a lasting difference in their communities through a lifetime of work. It recognizes their commitment and dedication and the impact they had made. Kathleen Bigsby has served with the Kerrisdale Community Centre Society Board of Directors for 35 years. Christine Coleman has served with Douglas Park Community Centre Association Board of Directors for 18 years. We congratulate them both on their well-deserved awards and would like to give our thanks for their unwavering commitment to the recreational, social, arts and cultural needs of our community.

Passing of Bonnie Mackenzie

On April 16th, 2025, Bonnie Mackenzie peacefully passed away. Bonnie spent six years on the Board of the West End Community Centre; several as Treasurer and one as President. Bonnie was pivotal in the Joint Operating Agreement negotiations - first in her role as Treasurer when she provided the detailed financial information, and then as President during the final stages of negotiations. Bonnie's favourite Centre activity, which she continued to do, even when she stepped down from the Board, was being the MC for the annual seniors Christmas Dinner. It won't be the same without her. We send our thoughts to Bonnie's friends, family, and her community centre family.

BC Youth Week

On behalf of the Recreation department, I'm pleased to share highlights from BC Youth Week 2025, which took place from May 1 – 7. As part of BC Youth Week, Park Board, with support from local community centre associations, hosted five free city-wide youth activations in community centres across the city. These included ice-skating (with free lessons, skate rentals, and hot chocolate), a basketball tournament, a volleyball tournament, a movie and games night in collaboration with the Kensington Little Mountain Community Policing Centre, and a Dungeons & Dragons event: The Tabletop Tussle. Pictured here are the winners of the volleyball tournament, Senior's division. Youth, through the Citywide and community centre Youth Councils, also play a vital role in planning and hosting free-of-charge Youth Week activations in their communities. Some examples of this year's activities included an amazing race challenge, a week-long series of fun pop-up activities, and a self-defense workshop for female-identifying youth in collaboration with members of the Vancouver Police Department. I'd like to extend a special thank you to the Community Youth Workers and Youth Services staff who work tirelessly to provide access to recreation for all, and to the Community Centre Associations for supporting year-round youth programs and events across the city.

W.C. Shelly Park

We are pleased to share that the public engagement for W.C. Shelly Park Expansion will run from June 3rd to June 22nd. Residents in the neighbourhood are invited to provide feedback on the draft concept plan through online or paper survey, as well as at a pop-up event in the park. Feedback collected during this period will inform the development of a final concept plan, which will be presented to the Park Board for a decision in Fall 2025.

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

There is no upcoming Council business relating to or impacting Parks and Recreation.



Board Briefing Memos and Emails: April 14 to May 12, 2025

Date	Topic
April 23	Britannia Community Centre and Pool – Project Update
April 30	Parking Strategy Timeline and Actions
May 2	Update on Vancouver's Youth Safety and Violence Prevention Strategy and BSCP Sustainability Plan
May 6	2024 Year End and 2025 Q1 Financial Update
May 6	Kitsilano Outdoor Pool - Status Update
May 7	Main & 7th Park Capital Budget Adjustment
May 7	Vancouver Technical School Synthetic Turf Field