



Park Board General Manager's Report

June 2, 2025

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

Earth Day Celebrations

During the week of April 27, Community Centres around Vancouver held Earth Day community events and activities. Hastings, Trout Lake, and Champlain Associations, alongside Park Board staff, worked with local community volunteers, ecological organizations, and Indigenous groups to hold sustainability-themed community events. The events included family friendly activities, learning opportunities, and performances.

Other community centres arranged programs such as clothing swaps, zero waste collection, seed exchanges, nature walks, and even a ravine clean up at Renfrew Community Centre. These events and programs brought together the arts and sciences for a celebration of diversity and our collective efforts to protect our planet.

BC Seniors Week

From June 2 to 6, the Park Board is proud to be celebrating BC Seniors Week. We recognize the incredible contributions of seniors in our communities. Many community centres are hosting special events and programs this week to help keep seniors active, engaged, and connected. Visit your local community centre for special events, programs, and activities throughout the week.

The Park Board would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our Community Centre Association partners, and to Recreation staff, for their hard work in creating opportunities for seniors to connect with programs and services this week and throughout the year. The Park Board would also like to thank the many seniors who participate, volunteer, and contribute to our community centres in so many ways.

King Charles III Coronation Medal

Dr. Kala Singh, the Vice President at Sunset Community Association has 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.

Dr. Singh is an active volunteer who works with many organizations and boards, including over a decade with Sunset Community Association. He is recognized for his work bridging the gap between cultures through interfaith dialog and supporting the mental and social health of the community.

We congratulate him on his award and would like to give our thanks for his unwavering commitment to our community.

Rainwater Integration Projects

Rainwater integration projects match well with the policy priorities of City and Park Board, especially within the actions called for in VanPlay. The northeast of the city contains less access to naturally managed areas than the rest of the city. Wetland projects in parks will increase nature habitat in an area of the city that is relatively low.

A Still Creek Watershed Enhancement Opportunities Study was completed with City-Engineering in 2023. It identified projects to address water quality and Green Rainwater Infrastructure (GRI) conceptual designs were created for four priority parks identified in study. Engagement included the local Nations, key stakeholders and Still Creek watershed stewards, and shared information with park neighbours through signage, webpage updates and pop-up engagement event. Slocan and Beaconsfield Park designs were finalized and posted for tender together in Q1 of 2025.

Construction has begun at Beaconsfield Park, which will feature a two-tiered wetland, improved accessible pathway, amphitheater seating and natural vegetation. Park rainwater runoff, which amounts to 58% of park footprint, will be directed towards the wetland. This project is expected to be complete in Fall 2025. Slocan Park will begin construction next. The project will feature a seasonal wetland, improved accessible pathways, benches, and natural vegetation, with some adjacent street and 19% of park rainwater runoff will be directed towards the wetland. Designs for rainwater wetlands in Falaise and Charles parks are currently in progress.

Stanley Park Overpass Bridge Repairs

Stanley Park Drive Pedestrian Overpass Bridge repairs are underway and targeted for completion by the end of this year.

Recent inspections found this 99-year-old bridge was in need of structural repairs. Park Board staff from the Archaeology, Infrastructure & Environment Branch engaged a design consultant and leveraged both the Parks Procurement Efficiency Program (PPEP-C) and the City-Wide Construction Contract for efficient procurement of the repair work which includes concrete deck repairs and strengthening, new lamp poles along the bridge, and an overhead warning barrier in advance of the bridge to mitigate over-height vehicle collisions.

The overpass deck is closed to pedestrians for the duration of the project, with signs and detours in place. Vehicle, cyclist and pedestrian access along Stanley Park Drive will be maintained, with scheduled closures overnight. The total value of this project is approximately \$2.2M, funded from the Park Infrastructure capital program.

2025 Planning Excellence Awards – West End Waterfront Vision Plan

The Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP) announced its 2025 planning excellence awards in May and the West End Waterfront Vision Plan is one of the winners. This award celebrates outstanding planning projects, evaluated based on innovation, impact on the profession, implementation potential, and overall presentation. The jury was particularly impressed with this work, recognizing its exceptional contribution to the field of planning.

We would like to congratulate the Park Board's Planning & Policy team, the City's Transportation Planning team and lead consultant PFS Studio for developing this transformative 30-year strategy to address sea level rise, climate impacts, and population growth along Vancouver's iconic West End Waterfront.

Spanning Stanley Park to Burrard Bridge, the plan reimagines the waterfront with nature-based, climate-adaptive solutions integrates Traditional Ecological Knowledge from the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations. The plan emphasizes environmental restoration, cultural inclusivity, and equitable access, guiding the creation of resilient, interconnected urban parks that balance ecology, heritage, and recreation.

The award ceremony will be on July 8 at the CIP Conference in Toronto.

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

Council to receive a report on June 3, 2025, titled "[City of Vancouver UNDRIP Task Force Annual Report](#)", which would approve the updated Terms of Reference for the MSTV Intergovernmental UNDRIP Task Force, as well as receive for information the UNDRIP Action Plan 2025 Annual Report, the 2025 Annual Reconciliation Report, and an update on the progress of the MMIWS2S+ Response.

Council to receive a report on June 3, 2025, titled "[Vancouver Technical Secondary School Synthetic Turf Field – Construction License Agreement and Custody, Care, and Management of Land](#)", which would approve the City to enter into a construction license agreement with VSB for the construction of a synthetic turf field.

Council to receive a report on June 4, 2025, titled "[2025 Cultural Grants \(Projects, Capacity, Cultural Spaces\)](#)", which would approve a number of cultural grants to be funded from the 2025 Cultural Grants Operating Budget.

Council to receive a report on June 4, 2025, titled "[Contract Award for Digital Infrastructure and Innovation for FIFA World Cup 26 \("FWC26"\) in Vancouver](#)", which would authorize city staff to negotiate an agreement for Digital Infrastructure and Innovation for FIFA World Cup 26 with TELUS Communications, for an estimated total contract value of \$12.9M.

Council to enact a By-law Amendment on June 12, 2025, recessed from April 9, titled "[A By-law to amend the Code of Conduct By-law No. 12886 regarding independent reviews](#)", which if approved would implement the proposed amendments to the Code of Conduct By-law regarding investigations by the Integrity Commissioner's Office to facilitate a third-party independent review.

Board Briefing Memos and Emails: May 12 to June 2, 2025

| Date | Topic |
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| May 13 | Stanley Park - Hemlock Looper and Wildfire Risk Mitigation Update |
| May 22 | "Think Local" Update |
| May 27 | Lost Lagoon Algae Bloom |