



Park Board General Manager's Report

July 7, 2025

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

Disc Golf Plan Launch

Following the Board decision of [September 23, 2024](#), and the 2025 Service Plan, staff have begun work on a Disc Golf Plan. Engagement with stakeholders, including Disc Golf Associations began in late June 2025 and public engagement is anticipated to take place later this summer.

MacLean Park Spray Park and Fieldhouse Renewal

Staff are happy to share that design work is underway for the renewal of MacLean Park's spray park and fieldhouse washrooms. This project is a 2023-2026 Capital Plan priority in a VanPlay equity initiative zone, as well as a 2025 Park Board Service Plan initiative.

The spray park improvements include installing new water spray features, surfacing, and mechanical system upgrades to replace the aging features. Fieldhouse washrooms will also be converted to universal washrooms to provide greater accessibility and comfort for the community.

The project is currently in the concept development phase, with a finalized concept planned for Fall 2025. Construction is anticipated in late 2026. The neighbourhood is invited to join the project team on July 12 from 11am to 2pm for a public information session at the park.

Kitsilano Community Centre 75th Anniversary

The Kitsilano Community Centre Association is celebrating the community centre's 75th anniversary on July 12, 2025.

One of Vancouver's oldest Community Centres, the Kitsilano War Memorial Community Centre was completed in 1950. A grassroots movement was led by local veterans and community members to provide indoor public recreation services while commemorating local citizens lost in the Second World War. They approached the City for assistance in establishing the center in Connaught Park.

Over the years, the centre has evolved from its initial purpose as a memorial to become a vibrant hub serving the Kitsilano community, offering programs, activities, and services for people of all ages. The community continues to play a leading role, with an active volunteer base working alongside the Park Board.

On July 12, the Association will be celebrating with a Music in the Park event, featuring live music, entertainment and games.

Symphony at Sunset

It was another highly successful year for Symphony at Sunset, which took place this past Saturday, July 5, at Sunset Beach Park. The event achieved another record year with an estimated attendance of over 15,000 people. The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra delighted audiences with music from Harry Potter and Star Wars, alongside a selection of classical favourites.

This year we were pleased to welcome back the VSO School of Music, who provided prelude performances prior to the main event. It was wonderful to have them return to our stage once again.

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

Council to receive a report on July 8, 2025, titled “[Rupert and Renfrew Station Area Plan](#)”, which would approve long-term directions for growth and change around the Renfrew and Rupert SkyTrain stations.

Council to receive a report on July 9, 2025, titled “[2025 Community Services, Childcare and Other Grants](#)”, which would approve several community grants, including but not limited to 20 Core Support Grants, 13 Sustainable Food Systems Grants, and 40 Childcare Enhancement Grants.

Council to receive a report on July 9, 2025, titled “[Contact Award for Operator \(Lease\) for VanDusen Botanical Garden Restaurant](#)”, which would authorize staff to negotiate an agreement for Operator for VanDusen Botanical Garden Restaurant.

Council to receive a report on July 9, 2025, titled “[Contact Award for Operator \(Lease\) for Kitsilano Beach Restaurant](#)”, which would authorize staff to negotiate an agreement for Operator for Kitsilano Beach Restaurant.

Council to receive a report on July 9, 2025, titled “[Downtown Eastside \(DTES\) Plan Implementation Grant Program Allocation 2025](#)”, which would approve the allocation of \$546,000 to 15 DTES non-profit organizations to advance the social, economic and environmental objectives of the DTES Plan.

Council to consider a motion on July 9, 2025, titled “[Unlocking the Creative and Economic Potential of Vancouver’s Railtown District](#)”, which would direct staff to consider zoning changes and mixed-use developments.

Board Briefing Memos and Emails: June 16 to July 7, 2025

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| June 24 | Outdoor Pools Reservation System |
| July 3 | Rupert and Renfrew Station Area Plan – Parks and Recreation Components |