



# GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Regular Park Board Meeting  
Tuesday, September 16, 2025



# Summer Day Camps 2025

- Community Centre Associations provided 15,000 total spaces this summer (about 1900 spaces each week) for:
  - 1500 elementary aged
  - 260 youth aged
  - 130 preschool aged (licensed)
  - 120 of these were supported spaces, provided in 4 supported summer camps
- Staffing
  - Approximately 270 staff employed
  - A majority were youth and young adults from the local neighborhoods
  - More than 17 staff were in a support role for children with additional needs



- 2025 marks the 26<sup>th</sup> year of the program
- Renamed the Muncie Booth Inner-City Youth Golf Program to recognize and honour Muncie Booth for establishing this initiative and his contribution to Vancouver Parks Golf
- McCleery Golf Course (Aug 25-29) had 25 children in attendance from 3 DTES community centres
- Raised enough money to provide daily transportation, a hot brunch each day, professional coaching, t-shirts, caps, prizes, and many fond memories





# Tatlow Playground Renewal

- Construction completed in August 2025
- New amenities include:
  - Accessible rubber surfacing
  - New climber with monkey bars and slides
  - A variety of swings
  - Trampoline
  - Playhouse
  - Quiet gathering areas
  - Nature play and enhanced plantings
  - Improved circulation and seating





- The concept design was presented to the Board for decision in March 2023
- Construction completed in July 2025
- New amenities include:
  - Full playground renewal
  - Recirculating spray park
  - Skate spot
  - Renewed sports court
  - Improved circulation and seating
  - Wildflower meadow
  - Stormwater management features



# Prince Edward Park Playground & Spray Park Improvements

- Improvements were made at Prince Edward playground and spray park to enhance accessibility and user experience
- New features include:
  - Climbing Net
  - Poured in place rubber surfacing
  - Disk swing
  - Playhut
  - Stone seating





- Concept design was presented to the Board for decision in June of 2023 and construction completed this May
- New features include:
  - Agility features
  - Engineered wood fiber surfacing
  - New amenities like benches, picnic table, and drinking fountain
  - New trees and improved drainage

- The concept design was presented to the Board for decision in June of 2023 and construction completed this August.
- New features include:
  - A main dog off leash area and a shy dog off leash area
  - New agility features and logs
  - New accessible path
  - New amenities like benches, picnic table, and drinking fountain
  - New trees and improved drainage
  - Engineered wood fiber surfacing







- The concept design was presented to the Board for decision in June 2023 and construction was completed in early July 2025.
- Improvements include pet-specific synthetic turf, agility elements, benches, seating areas, walkways, boulders, new trees and planting beds.
- The large OLA also includes a sloped walkway for improved accessibility.

# CRAB Park Improvements

- Renewed playground features a play structure, tot swing set, bouncy riders, a universal carousel for kids of all abilities, benches, tables with seating and new trees.
- New rubber surfacing for improved accessibility.
- Splash pad refreshed with new paint and pavement.
- Construction initiated in mid-April 2025 and was completed in early August 2025.
- The Vancouver Park Board is grateful to the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority and DP World for their financial contributions towards this project.



# Andy Livingstone Fence Pilot

- Staff have completed the installation of a new fence on the northern edge of the existing playground
- Better delineates space for children and school use
- Pilot project allows for future flexibility
- Park Board and VSB staff will monitor to evaluate the impact of this project which has been well received by the school community.



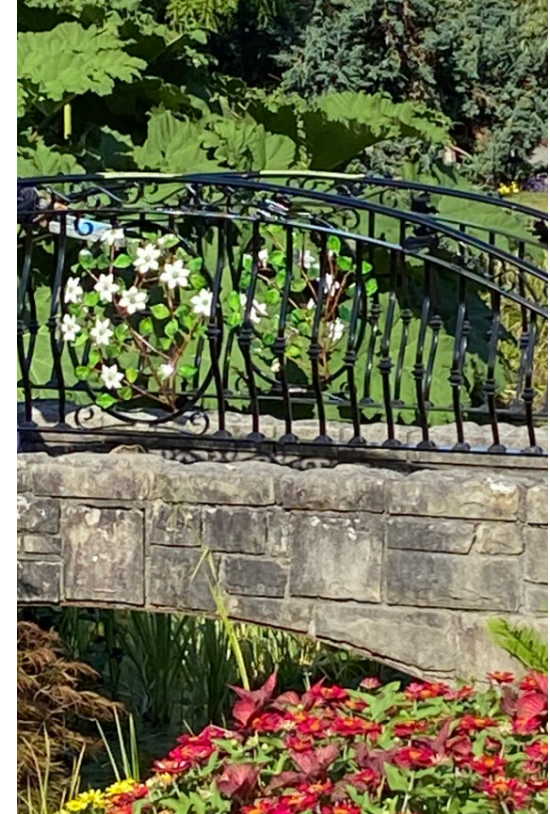
Left: Photo of west end of fence



Right: Photo of entry at east end of fence



- Bloedel Conservatory Water Wheel Display
  - A new aluminum/simulated wood water wheel was fully designed, built, and installed entirely in-house for display within Bloedel Conservatory
- Quarry Garden Arched Bridge
  - Arched bridge updated
  - Safety railings added and curve softened to meet accessibility standards
  - New bench area added for Bench Dedication Program
- All work completed in-house



# United Way Chili Cook-off Booth Awards

- Every fall the City of Vancouver proudly supports United Way BC through an annual fund-raising campaign
- The Chili Cook-off is a table of the campaign and took place on September 11 at City Hall
- Best Booth Award went to the Park Board's Structures and Fabrication and Coatings and Graphics teams from Evans Yard for the "Weld Done Chili Crew"
- Peoples' Choice Award went to Strategic Operations and Board Relations for their "So Plaid You Came" camping-themed booth





# Council Items related to Parks & Recreation



- Council to receive a report on September 16, 2025, titled “[Public Realm Advertising Framework](#)”, which if approved would guide the City’s approach to third-party advertising in the public realm.
- Council to receive a report on September 17, 2025, titled “[Contract Award for Operator \(Lease\) for VanDusen Botanical Garden Restaurant](#)”, which would authorize staff to negotiate an agreement for Operator of VanDusen Botanical Garden Restaurant.
- Council to consider a motion on September 17, 2025, titled “[Prioritizing the Completion and Delivery of Community Facilities and Infrastructure in the 2027-2030 Capital Plan](#)”, which would direct staff to prioritize the renewal and delivery of core community facilities and essential infrastructure, with a focus on aging and end-of-life assets.
- Council to consider a motion on September 17, 2025, titled “[Accelerating the Turf Field Upgrade at Beaconsfield Park for Inclusion in the 2027-2030 Capital Plan](#)”, which would direct staff to prioritize the Beaconsfield Park gravel field turf upgrade for inclusion in the 2027–2030 Capital Plan
- Council to consider a motion on September 17, 2025, titled “[Greening the City – Enhancing Livability and the Tree Canopy Through Healthy Afforestation](#)”, which direct staff to report back on actions to support afforestation and micro-forest initiatives across the city.
- Council to receive a report on September 18, 2025, titled “[Audit of Recreation Facility Asset Management](#)”, which would outline the Recreation Facility Asset Management performance audit carried out by the Auditor General and recommendations for improvement.



# Board Briefing Memos and Emails: July 21 to September 15



| Date         | Topic  |
|--------------|--|
| July 30      | Outdoor Pool Operational Changes                                       |
| July 31      | 2025 Q2 Park Board Financial Update                                    |
| August 5     | 'Line 'Em Up' Park Basketball Court Initiative                         |
| August 18    | Unsolicited Proposal – Grays Park Basketball Court Upgrade             |
| August 19    | New Brighton Outdoor Pool Closure                                      |
| August 22    | New Brighton Outdoor Pool Re-Opening                                   |
| August 25    | Andy Livingstone Park Playground at Crosstown Elementary School Update |
| August 26    | Extension of Kitsilano Pool Operating Season                           |
| August 29    | Swimming Support by Parents  |
| September 5  | Disc Golf Plan Public Engagement Launch                                |
| September 5  | Kerrisdale Arena Opening – Update                                      |
| September 11 | TransLink Parking Tax Rate Increase                                    |

