

# Park Board General Manager's Report October 7, 2025

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

## **Sport Court Renewal Program**

The outdoor sport court renewal program is complete for 2025. David Lam Park tennis courts, Kaslo Park tennis courts, and Norquay Park basketball court all received new high-quality surfacing installed by an external contractor at a combined cost of \$93,000. These locations were selected based on equity initiative zone considerations and high public usage. Upgrades include flood testing, power washing, filling major surface cracks, and applying new full-court surface coating to improve playability and extend the lifespan of the courts.

Park Operations crews have also refreshed the line painting for tennis courts at four parks and basketball courts at twelve parks this summer. Five of these basketball courts now feature the WNBA 3-point line in partnership with the WNBA Line Em Up initiative as described in a recent Board Briefing Memo issued on August 5, 2025.

## **King Charles III Coronation Medal**

Albert Sing Wai Lee, past president of Renfrew Park Community Association, has received the King Charles III Coronation Medal in recognition of his service to the Vancouver-Kingsway neighbourhood. 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, dedication, and the impact they had made.

Albert has been volunteering with Renfrew Park Community Association since 2003. He then joined the Board as a Director in 2013. He has served in multiple roles with the organization and currently sits in the Past President position. We would like to give our thanks for his unwavering commitment to the recreational, social, arts and cultural needs of our community.

#### **Moberly Park Synthetic Turf Field and Fieldhouse**

The consultant contract has been awarded to Binnie Civil Engineering Consultants for the design of the new synthetic turf field project at Moberly Park. Following a <u>Board Motion from June 25</u>, <u>2024</u>, and with funding from the Growing Communities Fund, this project will deliver a field hockey primary synthetic turf field for this South Vancouver park. The project also includes a new fieldhouse, field lighting and perimeter walking loop.

The concept design phase is underway as referenced in the Sport Field Projects Board Memo shared with Commissioners on September 19, 2025, and a preliminary concept design will be shared to the public during engagement in Q4, 2025.

### **Ross Park Spray Park and Fieldhouse**

A contract has been awarded to Van Der Zalm and Associates for consulting services for a new spray park, washroom building, and renewed playground at Ross Park in South Vancouver. The existing wading pool will be replaced with a recirculating inclusive and accessible spray park. The consultant will work with the artist who created the original mural around the wading pool to include representation of that artwork in the new design. The delivery of this project is a response to a Board Motion from June 25, 2024, and is funded from the Growing Communities Fund.

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

Council to receive a report on October 7, 2025, titled "<u>Kitsilano Secondary Synthetic Turf Replacement and Sport Field Lighting – Licence Agreements, Custody, Care, Management of Land and Expenditure of Development Cost Levies</u>", which would approve negotiating a contract to acquire the rights to use a portion of the grounds at Kitsilano Secondary School for the purposes of replacing a synthetic turf field.

Council to receive a report on October 7, 2025, titled "<u>Auditor General Committee</u> <u>Recommendations Transmittal Report</u>", which would endorse the 13 recommendations in the recent audit of Recreation Facility Asset Management report.

Council to consider a motion on October 8, 2025, titled "<u>Zero Means Zero: Advancing a Zero Percent Property Tax Increase for 2026</u>", which would direct staff to prepare the draft 2026 Operating Budget based on a zero percent property tax increase.

Council to consider a motion on October 8, 2025, titled "<u>VanStat: A Pilot Program for Smart, Transparent, and Accountable City Services</u>", which would direct staff to establish a 3-month pilot program modelled on the CompStat accountability framework.

Council to consider a motion on October 8, 2025, titled "Protecting the Champlain Heights Forest Trail Network for Future Generations and Residents", which would direct staff to report back with considerations for the protection of the Champlain Heights trail system network under provisions for park designation.

Board Briefing Memos and Emails: September 15 to October 6, 2025

Date	Topic
September 19	Sports Field Projects – Update
September 25	Andy Livingstone Park Synthetic Turf Fields Construction Schedule - Update
October 3	Britannia Renewal – Update

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