



Park Board General Manager's Report July 13, 2026

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

Bird-Glass Collision Prevention

A collaboration between Park Board and REFM, the installation of bird-friendly window treatments at Renfrew Park Community Centre was recently completed. This initiative supports implementation of the Vancouver Bird Strategy and contributes to maintaining Vancouver's Bird Friendly City certification by reducing bird-glass collision risks at civic facilities. Similar window treatments will be installed at VanDusen Botanical Garden in Q3 of this year.

As at the Park Board's Beach Avenue office building, where windows were previously treated, there should be no ongoing maintenance implications following installation of the window treatment, and the products are expected to last over 15 years.

Ranger Bike Patrol

The Park Ranger Program is highlighting the increased use of bicycle patrols in key high-use park areas during the FIFA events. By deploying Rangers on bikes, staff were able to significantly enhance visibility and accessibility in these busy spaces. This approach allowed staff to move efficiently through high-traffic areas and connect more easily with park users. Staff saw strong results in terms of engagement.

Rangers were able to provide proactive wayfinding assistance, conduct wellness checks, and offer bylaw education and enforcement, all while maintaining a positive and approachable presence. Importantly, this mobility also improved our response times, enabling us to quickly address visitor needs, including providing first aid when required. Overall, the shift toward bicycle patrols proved to be an effective way to support both safety and customer service during peak park usage.

Public Art Replacement Project

ACCS Public Art recently commissioned a replacement of the original concrete artwork "Plenty" at Hillcrest Park, which had deteriorated over time. The replacement was done with the approval of the original artist, Aaron Nelson-Moody from the Squamish Nation.

The new piece was completed entirely in-house by our graphics artist, Brad Dinwoodie. The total cost for the project was approximately \$30,000. Reinstallation of the artwork, along with the required specialty hardware, was carried out by the Park Board Structures and Fabrication team. A key improvement is that staff have created molds which allow us to reproduce the artwork quickly and efficiently if it is ever damaged, vandalized, or stolen, ensuring the piece is long-lasting and easily renewable.

The original pieces were securely destroyed to prevent any unauthorized reproduction and to protect the integrity of the artist's work.

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

Council to receive a report on July 14, 2026, titled "[2026 Community Services, Childcare and Other Grants](#)" which would approve a total of \$10,829,298 disbursed through 111 operating grants, and \$425,224 disbursed through 21 capital grants for community social service organizations, childcare providers, and other service partners.



Council to receive a report on July 14, 2026 titled "[2027-2030 Capital Plan](#)" which contemplates \$3.5 billion of capital investment and \$100 million of in-kind infrastructure and amenities.

Council to receive a report on July 14, 2026 titled "[Updating Development Contributions: A New Framework for Financing Growth](#)", which would approve a city-wide Amenity Cost Charge By-law for funding growth-related community amenities.

Council to receive a report on July 14, 2026 titled "[Arts, Culture and Community Services Sublease, Lease, and License Agreements and Grant Approvals](#)," which would approve recommendations to advance Council priorities related to social spaces, older adults, childcare, health, and equity.

Council to hold a public hearing on July 14, 2026 related to the "[Villages Planning Program](#)", which considers amending the Vancouver Official Development Plan to change designations on Generalized Land Use.

Council to receive a report on July 15, 2026 titled "[Contract Award for Demolition Services for the Vancouver Aquatic Centre](#)", which would award a contract for demolition services to Heatherbrae Builders Co. Ltd.

Council to consider a motion on July 15, 2026 titled "[Enabling Community-led Installation of Temporary Shade for Heat Protection](#)"

Council to consider a motion on July 15, 2026 titled "[Equipping the City of Expand Childcare Capacity](#)", which directs staff to report back with recommendations to accelerate and facilitate the creation of childcare spaces.

Council to consider a motion on July 15, 2026 titled "[Protecting and Planning for Vancouver's Waterfront Precinct](#)", which would direct staff to report back on the resource requirements for a comprehensive Central Waterfront Precinct Planning Program.

Council to consider a motion on July 15, 2026 titled "[Keep the Artists In](#)", which would establish a nonprofit in Vancouver to create and operate a Cultural Land Trust.

Council to consider a motion on July 15, 2026 titled "[Rising Tides](#)", which would establish a coordinated governance and stewardship model for False Creek.

Council to consider a motion on July 15, 2026 titled "[Sustaining Summer 2026 Festivals](#)", which would approve one-time grants from the City's 2026 Operating Budget to assist organizations facing extraordinary funding pressures.



Board Briefing Memos and Emails: June 1 to July 13

Date	Topic
June 3	Kitsilano Outdoor Pool – Update
June 5	Metro Vancouver Water Restrictions Impacts
June 11	False Creek Community Centre Temporary Mural
June 12	Kerrisdale Pool Opening Delay
June 12	Political Campaigning at City & Park Board Facilities
June 12	Stanley Park Mini Golf Activation
June 12	Trout Lake Water Quality Study
June 24	Japanese Canadian War Memorial Plaque Installation
July 3	Spanish Banks Creek Culvert Replacement
July 6	Sunset Beach Mural and Sport Court
July 9	The Villages Plan – Parks and Recreation