



Park Board General Manager's Report November 14, 2022

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

East Park Engagement Launch

East Park is a new park located in the Southeast False Creek Neighborhood and will complete a cohesive and connected open space network around False Creek with complementary park programming and amenities. The East Park project study area includes 1.2ha of new parkland and the renewal of Creekside Park South. Round 1 public engagement will run from November 16 through December 18 with engagement activities including a survey, informational videos, and background materials hosted on Shape Your City, <https://shapeyourcity.ca/east-park>. There will also be on-site signage, a pop-up event, a call-in storyline, and a native plant tour. Next steps include developing a preliminary concept plan for Round 2 engagement targeted for Q2 2023, and refining the concept plan for Round 3 engagement in Q4 2023. The preferred concept plan will be brought to the Board for decision in Q1 2024. An Advisory Group was assembled in 2021 to support public engagement through concept design. The Host First Nations have also received an invitation to collaborate with project staff on the design of the new park.

Canadian Sports Institute Pacific 2021-2022 Report

The Canadian Sports Institute Pacific (CSIP) shares their gratitude for Vancouver Parks and Recreation through their 2021-2022 Year in Review. Recreation supports BC's Olympic Athletes through discounted rates on fitness and gym facilities throughout the city. Many athletes experience financial barriers during their athletic careers, and through our partnership with CSIP, athletes have received discounted access to training facilities, allowing them to focus more on their performance on the world's biggest stages.

Tree Walks and Talks

The Park Board's Urban Forestry team collaborated with Linda Poole and Michael Dove from the Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival to support their ongoing Tree Walks and Talks initiatives. The Urban Forestry team led walks departing from Killarney Community Centre on October 28 (led by Joe McLeod and Reg Eddy) and 29 (led by Don Morrison and Mike Alkema). Each walk was well attended by nearly 30 tree-curious residents keen to learn more about city-wide urban forestry initiatives focused on climate adaptation and canopy expansion. The walk navigated Killarney Park and the neighbourhood surrounding, including one of the City of Vancouver's most robustly treed streets featuring the Dawn Redwoods on Kerr Street between 41st and 43rd Ave. The walks were well received and a great opportunity for ongoing outreach and education on the merits of the urban forest.

Upcoming Council Business (related to or impacting parks & recreation):

Council to receive a report on the [Contract Award for South Kinross Park Construction](#) on November 16. The Park Board approved [concept plans](#) for this park in 2017. Staff's recommendations on this report include designating South Kinross Park as a permanent public park in addition to approving the construction contract award.

Council to receive a report on November 16 regarding [Vancouver Community Sport Hosting Grants – Fall 2022 Intake](#). Recommendations include approving 16 grant applications totalling \$89,050. The report also includes an update on the grants that celebrate and honour Indigenous Sport Champions from Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations and the Urban Native Youth Association.



Board Briefing Memos and Emails: October 25 to November 14, 2022

Date	Topic
November 2	Stanley Park Train Status Update
November 10	East Park Engagement Launch