



The people of Vancouver are blessed with the one of the longest public waterfronts and stunning public parks that range from urban pocket parks to the city's iconic Stanley Park.

We cherish our tree-lined streets, our world-famous gardens like Van Dusen and the Bloedel Conservatory, and our community gardens and urban orchards.

The Vancouver Park Board is responsible for preserving these incredible natural and community legacies, and for making our public spaces and community amenities accessible and welcoming to every member of our community. A Vision Park Board will continue to work to preserve and expand the parks, recreation, and community building opportunities that come from our network of community recreation centres, gathering places, and parks and beaches.

VISION PARKS AND RECREATION





OVER THE NEXT FOUR YEARS, A VISION PARK BOARD WILL:

- Offer a first swimming course free to any child under the age of 14 in Vancouver.
- Partner with organizations that use Park Board space on a regular basis and commit to upgrading more sports fields with benches, covered areas, and new field houses over the next four years.
- Make continued investments to improve drainage and field conditions for field sports in Vancouver.
- Work with the Vancouver Sport Network and the Vancouver Field Sport Federation to review booking policies in the city for all user groups, and put a focus on making sure that the booking process is convenient, fair, and accessible for all sporting groups in the city.
- Begin a process of replacing the Jericho Pier and investing in a new, environmentally friendly, wheelchair-accessible pier and dock, so that our disabled sailors can fully participate while we also make safety improvements that benefit all sailors.
- Begin a renewal of the Burrard Civic Marina during this term, as well as the development of the new Dragonboat Facility in False Creek.
- Continue with the city-wide consultation on dog parks, and commit to expand separated, fenced off-leash options for dog owners so that all park users can share the public space.
- Commit to eliminating staggered hours at off-leash dog parks and to install permanent fencing, so that dogs, dog-owners, and non-dog owners can all enjoy our many parks.
- Bring together community partners – including those already working with the City of Vancouver, VSB and Park Board – for a food security summit to look at opportunities for collaboration to increase learning opportunities for kids, and grow local, nutritious food for those who are hungry in our community.
- Continue to support a ‘no net loss’ policy for green space, recognizing the importance of green space in a growing city.
- Work with the City to deliver on the commitment in the Marpole Community Plan to establish a 10-acre waterfront park along the Fraser River, as well as new parks in Downtown South and East Fraserlands.
- Will work with Britannia Community Centre and local residents to support the first phase of renewal, including the swimming pool and fitness centre.
- Work with the community to develop a new Marpole Community Centre.
- Maintain the OneCard - which now has more than 135,000 registrants.
- Establish public viewing sites at community centres and parks in the summer of 2015 for the FIFA Women’s World Cup.
- Invest in parks infrastructure for sports like kabaddi and ping pong, to use sport to bring together communities in celebrating active health.
- Build on our work through the Year of Reconciliation, and work with local First Nations and aboriginal community leaders on strategies to make our community centres more inclusive and welcoming places for aboriginal people, including children and families.
- Expansion of the GEN 7 mentorship program for aboriginal youth currently offered in only five community centres in Vancouver.
- Work with the community to develop a new field hockey field in Vancouver

