

**METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT  
REGIONAL PARKS COMMITTEE**

**MEETING**

**Wednesday, May 8, 2024**

**9:00 am**

**28<sup>th</sup> Floor Committee Room, 4515 Central Boulevard, Burnaby, British Columbia**

**Webstream available at <https://www.metrovancover.org>**

**REVISED AGENDA<sup>1</sup>**

**A. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**1. May 8, 2024 Meeting Agenda**

That the Regional Parks Committee adopt the agenda for its meeting scheduled for May 8, 2024 as circulated.

**B. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

**1. April 3, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

That the Regional Parks Committee adopt the minutes of its meeting held April 3, 2024 as circulated.

**C. DELEGATIONS**

**D. INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

**E. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE OR CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

**Correction in 1. Regional Parks 2023 Annual Report**  
**Attachment 2, Slide 8**  
That the MVRD Board receive for information report dated April 16, 2024, titled “Regional Parks 2023 Annual Report”.

**2. MVRD Regional Parks Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 1384, 2024 – Amends Bylaw No. 1177, 2012**

That the MVRD Board:

- a) give first, second, and third reading to *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Parks Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 1384, 2024*; and
- b) adopt *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Parks Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 1384, 2024*.

<sup>1</sup> Note: Recommendation is shown under each item, where applicable.

**3. MVRD Consumption of Liquor in Regional Parks Bylaw No. 1385, 2024**

That the MVRD Board:

- a) give first, second, and third reading to *Metro Vancouver Regional District Consumption of Liquor in Regional Parks Bylaw No. 1385, 2024*; and
- b) adopt *Metro Vancouver Regional District Consumption of Liquor in Regional Parks Bylaw No. 1385, 2024*.

**4. Manager’s Report – Regional Parks**

That the Regional Parks Committee receive for information the report dated May 1, 2024, titled “Manager’s Report – Regional Parks.”

**F. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**1. Regional Parks Upcoming Events – May 2024**

**G. OTHER BUSINESS**

**H. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING**

*Note: The Committee must state by resolution the basis under section 90 of the Community Charter on which the meeting is being closed. If a member wishes to add an item, the basis must be included below.*

That the Regional Parks Committee close its meeting scheduled for May 8, 2024 pursuant to section 226 (1) (a) of the *Local Government Act* and the *Community Charter* provisions as follows:

- 90 (1) A part of a council meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to or is one or more of the following:
- (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality;

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

That the Regional Parks Committee adjourn its meeting of May 8, 2024.

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Membership:

McEwen, John (C) – Anmore	Kruger, Dylan – Delta	Stutt, Rob – Surrey
Bligh, Rebecca (VC) – Vancouver	Lahti, Meghan – Port Moody	Tan, Jenny – Maple Ridge
Au, Chak – Richmond	Leonard, Andrew – Bowen Island	Thompson, Sharon – West Vancouver
Calendino, Pietro – Burnaby	Muri, Lisa – North Vancouver District	Woodward, Eric – Langley Township
Elke, Tracy – Pitt Meadows	Penner, Darrell – Port Coquitlam	
Hodge, Craig – Coquitlam	Ross, Jamie – Belcarra	

**METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT  
REGIONAL PARKS COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD) Regional Parks Committee held at 9:00 am on Wednesday, April 3, 2024 in the 28<sup>th</sup> Floor Committee Room, 4515 Central Boulevard, Burnaby, British Columbia.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

- Chair, Director John McEwen, Anmore
- Vice Chair, Director Rebecca Bligh, Vancouver (arrived at 9:03 am)
- Director Chak Au, Richmond
- Director Pietro Calendino, Burnaby
- Councillor Tracy Elke, Pitt Meadows
- Director Craig Hodge, Coquitlam
- Director Dylan Kruger, Delta (arrived at 9:01 am)
- Director Meghan Lahti, Port Moody\*
- Director Andrew Leonard, Bowen Island
- Director Lisa Muri, North Vancouver District
- Councillor Darrell Penner, Port Coquitlam
- Director Jamie Ross, Belcarra
- Director Rob Stutt, Surrey
- Councillor Jenny Tan, Maple Ridge
- Councillor Sharon Thompson, West Vancouver
- Director Eric Woodward, Langley Township

**STAFF PRESENT:**

- Mike Redpath, Director, Regional Parks
- Catherine Grosson, Legislative Services Coordinator, Board and Information Services
- Jamie Vala, Division Manager, Planning and Resource Management, Regional Parks

\*denotes electronic meeting participation as authorized by the *Procedure Bylaw*

**A. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**1. April 3, 2024 Meeting Agenda**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Regional Parks Committee adopt the agenda for its meeting scheduled for April 3, 2024 as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**B. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

**1. March 6, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Regional Parks Committee adopt the minutes of its meeting held March 6, 2024 as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**C. DELEGATIONS**

No items presented.

**D. INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

No items presented.

**E. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE OR CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

**1. Regional Greenways 2050 Plan Implementation Update**

Report dated March 13, 2024 from Jamie Vala, Division Manager, Planning and Resource Management, Regional Parks, providing the MVRD Board with information on the implementation activities undertaken by Metro Vancouver staff since the adoption of *Regional Greenways 2050* by the MVRD Board in late 2020.

9:01 am Director Kruger arrived at the meeting.

9:03 am Vice Chair Bligh arrived at the meeting.

Jamie Vala provided a presentation titled "Presentation Regional Greenways 2050 Plan," which focused on the implementation activities that Metro Vancouver staff have been engaged in since the 2020 adoption of *Regional Greenways 2050*, such as the 2023 Regional Greenway Network Implementation Forum and the *Regional Greenway Network Database Update & Status Report*.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the MVRD Board receive for information the report dated March 13, 2024, titled "Regional Greenways 2050 Plan Implementation Update."

**CARRIED**

**2. Pacific Spirit Regional Park - Wreck Beach Update**

Report dated March 13, 2024 from Paul Brar, West Area Division Manager, Regional Parks, providing the Regional Parks Committee with an update on the 2023 beach season and additional actions to be taken in 2024.

Mike Redpath informed members that Metro Vancouver is working within an interagency group for opportunities to collaborate, debrief, and address challenges with the enforcement of bylaws and access for emergency services due to the remote location of Wreck Beach. Metro Vancouver is currently working on developing plans for infrastructure improvements to create a pathway that could provide utility terrain vehicle access for emergencies and beach maintenance and an accessible pedestrian-only alternative to the existing stairs.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Regional Parks Committee receive for information the report dated March 13, 2024 titled "Pacific Spirit Regional Park – Wreck Beach Update."

**CARRIED**

**3. Manager's Report – Regional Parks**

Report dated March 14, 2024 from Mike Redpath, Director, Regional Parks, providing an update on the *Silent Trails* pilot project, community involvement review, Critter Capers Mystery program at Minnekhada Regional Park, wellness walks, eDNA studies to inventory sensitive species, and the proposed Regional Park at Cape Roger Curtis.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the MVRD Board receive for information the report dated March 14, 2024, titled "Manager's Report – Regional Parks."

**CARRIED**

**F. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**1. Regional Parks Upcoming Events – April 2024**

**G. OTHER BUSINESS**

No items presented.

**H. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

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- (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality; and
  - (k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public.

**CARRIED**

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Regional Parks Committee adjourn its meeting of April 3, 2024.

**CARRIED**

(Time: 9:30 am)

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Catherine Grosson,  
Legislative Services Coordinator

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John McEwen,  
Chair

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To: Regional Parks Committee

From: Mike Redpath, Director, Regional Parks  
Jamie Vala, Division Manager, Planning and Resource Management, Regional Parks

Date: April 16, 2024 Meeting Date: May 8, 2024

Subject: **Regional Parks 2023 Annual Report**

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### RECOMMENDATION

That the MVRD Board receive for information report dated April 16, 2024, titled “Regional Parks 2023 Annual Report”.

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2023, Regional Parks continued to protect natural areas and connect people to nature, progressing towards the vision of a resilient network of regional parks and greenways that continues to provide important climate, health, and other benefits to park visitors and the wider region. There were 14.5 million visits to regional parks and greenways with records set at four locations.

In 2023, 49,828 people took part in 578 programs, events, and outreach activities, while 4,747 volunteers and park partners contributed 18,022 hours to stewardship, education activities, and interpretive programs and events. Ninety-nine hectares of land were added to the regional parks system while staff advanced numerous planning, design, and asset management initiatives.

### PURPOSE

To provide the *Regional Parks 2023 Annual Report* to the Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD) Board for information.

### BACKGROUND

The preparation of the *Regional Parks 2023 Annual Report* is identified as an action in the *Regional Parks Committee 2024 Work Plan*.

### REGIONAL PARKS ANNUAL REPORT SUMMARY

In 2023, Regional Parks continued to protect natural areas and connect people to nature, progressing towards the vision of a resilient network of regional parks and greenways that continues to provide important climate, health, and other benefits to park visitors and the wider region. The *Regional Parks Plan* drives this work to protect natural areas and connect people to nature. There were an estimated 14.5 million visits to Metro Vancouver’s regional parks with records set at four locations.

In 2023, relationships with Indigenous peoples were strengthened by working together towards truth and reconciliation. With kʷikʷəłəm (Kwkwetlem First Nation), Colony Farm Regional Park was renamed łéxətəm (tla-hut-um) Regional Park.

Regional Parks continued its important work of protecting the region's natural areas and connecting people to nature, adding 99 ha of parkland valued at just over \$42 million to the system. Regional Parks also progressed key development projects, including constructing and opening 3.3 kilometres of hiking and cycling trail in Campbell Valley Regional Park and completing the new full service washroom facility at Derby Reach Regional Park.

In 2023, staff worked to protect and conserve ecosystem health by creating or maintaining 37.8 ha of ecological restoration areas, completing 32 restoration projects in 17 regional parks, and through efforts such as a project to promote recovery of bog plant communities and maintain bog function in Burns Bog Ecological Conservancy Area. Staff, partners, and volunteers invested time and effort to restore the health and beauty of regional parks, removing 5,586 kilograms of invasive species and adding 10,734 native plants to parks.

In all, 578 public programs, events, and outreach activities inspired 49,828 people, including a celebration of a new interpretive art mural in Kanaka Creek Regional Park at the fish fence site. Also in 2023, volunteer participation in stewardship and interpretive programs continued surpassed participation levels from the last three years with 4,747 volunteers contributing 18,022 hours to stewardship, education, and interpretive programs.

#### **ALTERNATIVES**

This report is presented for information. No alternatives are presented.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

This is an information report. There are no financial implications associated with this report. The production of the annual report is undertaken with staff resources included annually in the MVRD Board approved Regional Parks budget.

#### **CONCLUSION**

This report presents highlights from the *Regional Parks 2023 Annual Report* including:

- 14.5 million visits to regional parks and greenways with records set at four locations
- 99 ha of land added to grow the regional parks system
- 49,828 people were able to take part in 578 programs, events, and outreach activities
- 4,747 volunteers and park partners contributed 18,022 hours to stewardship, education, and interpretive programs

The annual report will be used to support ongoing park planning by MVRD and local municipalities for capital planning, future facility development, program delivery, and resource management activities.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Regional Parks 2023 Annual Report
2. Presentation re: Regional Parks 2023 Annual Report

# Regional Parks Annual Report 2023





## A Message from the Regional Parks Committee Chair

For over 55 years, Metro Vancouver has protected regionally important natural areas in its system of regional parks, and connected people to them. Over the past year, this commitment continued. The 2023 Regional Parks Annual Report highlights Metro Vancouver’s achievements in support of the *Board Strategic Plan 2022-2026* priority actions as well as the *Regional Parks Plan* that steers our work.

Total visitation to regional parks returned to new normal levels following the boom that was experienced during then pandemic with an average 3.4 percent annual average growth in visits from 2003 to 2023. In 2023, there were an estimated 14.5 million visits to regional parks.

In 2023, relationships with Indigenous peoples were strengthened as we make the journey together along the pathway of truth and reconciliation. With kʷikʷə́x̣əm (Kwkwetlem First Nation), Colony Farm Regional Park was renamed to ʔéxətəm (tla-hut-um) Regional Park.

Metro Vancouver’s population growth is projected to continue, adding another one million people by the year 2050. Guided by the *Regional Parks Land Acquisition 2050* strategy, Metro Vancouver added 99 hectares of land to the regional parks system in 2023. To help ensure that the growing region remains livable for future generations, the Metro Vancouver Board of Directors approved a new Development Cost Charge to fund future growth-driven regional parkland acquisition.

Inspired by Metro Vancouver’s *Regional Greenways 2050* plan, Regional Parks hosted a Regional Greenway Network Implementation Forum to advance the completion of the regional greenways network to support sustainable transportation and access to regional parks.

During the year, 49,828 people took part in 578 programs, events and outreach activities while 4,747 volunteers contributed 18,022 hours to stewardship, education, and interpretive programs. Community involvement is recognized as an important aspect of the work we do.

This annual report provides the opportunity to look back and recognize the impact that regional parks make on the lives of those in our growing region.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John McEwen', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

John McEwen, Committee Chair

# 2023 in Review

In 2023, we continued to protect natural areas and connect people to nature, progressing towards the vision of a resilient network of regional parks and greenways that continues to provide important climate, health, and other benefits to park visitors and the wider region.

The *Regional Parks Plan* drives our work. Key accomplishments in 2023 helped support the identified priority areas of work within five goals:



## 1. The region's important natural areas are protected in perpetuity

- Acquired 99 hectares of land
- Restored areas impacted by the 2022 wildfire in Minnekhada Regional Park



## 2. Everyone has the opportunity to benefit from exceptional experiences in nature

- Planning and design of major projects moved forward across the regional parks system including at the proposed park at Cape Roger Curtis on Bowen Island, Iona Beach Regional Park, Campbell Valley Regional Park, and at Crippen Regional Park
- Delivered 455 field trips and workshops and 123 public programs



## 3. Regional parks are sustainably managed and well-maintained for the safety of visitors and integrity of ecosystems

- Maintained, inspected, repaired, and replaced park assets across the system, keeping parks safe and accessible
- Transformed a mowed lawn to a pollinator meadow in Pacific Spirit Regional Park



## 4. First Nations have an active role in the planning and stewardship of regional parks

- Colony Farm Regional Park renamed to ʔéxətəm Regional Park. kʷikʷəʔəm (Kwikwetlem First Nation) and their members selected the name ʔéxətəm (pronounced tla-hut-um) which means “to be invited” in həŋqəmiñəm



## 5. Regional parks adapt to change and contribute to regional resilience

- Began restoration of an area in Lynn Headwaters Regional Park that was damaged by western hemlock looper moth
- Created and maintained 37.8 hectares of ecological restoration areas



## Our Role

Protecting Metro Vancouver's important natural areas and connecting people with them.

## Vision

Regional parks are protected and resilient, connecting people to nature, with benefits for all.

Widgeon Marsh Regional Park

## Guiding Principles

### Nature-focused

Nature has inherent value and its protection for future generations is the foundation of what we do.

### Interconnected

Our work nurtures the essential connection between people and nature, recognizing the vital role nature plays in human health and well-being.

### Inclusive

Equity is integral to what we do, as we create an inclusive environment for all.

### Reconciliation-focused

Relationships with Indigenous peoples are strengthened as we make the journey together along the pathway of truth and reconciliation.

### Collaborative

By working with others, we collectively care for the land to improve the region's livability and ecological health.

### Knowledge-based

Decision-making is informed by data and science, and incorporates Indigenous Knowledge. We learn from others and share our knowledge generously.

### Adaptive

We sustain a culture of adaptive management, through learning, innovation, and evaluation.



łéxətəm Regional Park renaming event

## Working Collaboratively with First Nations


Recognizing that advancing truth and reconciliation with Indigenous peoples is a process that starts with listening and learning together, Metro Vancouver is committed to strengthening relationships with First Nations based on trust and working collaboratively towards shared goals.



### Colony Farm Regional Park Renamed to łéxətəm Regional Park

On July 1, 2023, Colony Farm Regional Park was re-named at a ceremony held by kʷikʷəłəm (Kwikwetlem First Nation) and Metro Vancouver. This beautiful park is now known as łéxətəm Regional Park (pronounced tla-hut-um). Changing the name from one associated with colonialism to one that reflects and honours the kʷikʷəłəm history, culture, and ties to these lands is a positive step forward in building a new relationship based on the principles of the Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act.

kʷikʷəłəm and their members selected the name łéxətəm, which means “to be invited” in həłqəmiñəñ. The name reflects their welcome to visitors to łéxətəm Regional Park, which is located on their traditional and ancestral territory and adjacent to their ancestral village of slakəyánc.

łéxətəm (tla-hut-um) Pronunciation 

Listen to Nancy Joe of the kʷikʷəłəm demonstrate how to pronounce łéxətəm.

[metrovancover.org](https://metrovancover.org) (search “tla-hut-um”)



səlilwətał Community Visioning Event for təmtəmíx<sup>w</sup>tən/Belcarra Regional Park

## səlilwətał Community Engagement at təmtəmíx<sup>w</sup>tən/Belcarra Regional Park



In 2023, Metro Vancouver and səlilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh Nation) initiated a community engagement process to hear from səlilwətał members about how their cultural values, teachings, and perspectives can help inform future planning and management of təmtəmíx<sup>w</sup>tən/Belcarra Regional Park. səlilwətał members came together to discuss what reclaiming Indigenous identity on ancestral lands means to them. Cultural visibility, stewardship of the land, and access to the park emerged as priorities. The installation of the səlilwətał Welcome Pole, completed in November 2023, was one such priority project that stands as a tangible symbol of the shared commitment to cultural preservation and celebration. Metro Vancouver will continue to work with səlilwətał to implement other priority projects on an ongoing basis.

## Metro Vancouver Regional Parks & Greenspace



# Growing the System

Regional Parks plays a crucial role in making Metro Vancouver a resilient region. **Regional Parks Land Acquisition 2050\*** is a key strategy for contributing to regional livability by protecting regionally important natural areas. Metro Vancouver advances delivery of the strategy each year in collaboration with member jurisdictions, senior levels of government, and others.

\* Adopted by the Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD) Board in 2018



**Regional Parks Land Acquisition Fund  
increased from \$19.6 million in 2022  
to **\$23.6** million in 2023**

**99** hectares of regional parkland  
were acquired in 2023

**Totalling \$42.2** million in value

# Community Involvement

Strong community partnerships are critical in engaging diverse communities in the regional parks system. Throughout the history of the parks system, many citizens have demonstrated that they want sustained involvement beyond just being park visitors using facilities and trails. We continued our work with the community in 2023 to improve consistency across the system, to grow the Park Partner Network, and to grow the internal capacity of the system.

## Park Associations

The following non-profit groups received contribution funding from Metro Vancouver and partnered with Regional Parks on projects and activities ranging from habitat restoration to nature education.

1. Burnaby Lake Park Association
2. Colony Farm Park Association
3. Derby Reach/Brae Island Parks Association
4. Kanaka Education and Environmental Partnership Society
5. Minnekhada Park Association
6. Pacific Spirit Park Society

## CTS Youth Society

Connect | Teach | Sustain



Metro Vancouver continued its funding support of the CTS Youth Society, a non-profit organization that aims to connect every youth in Metro Vancouver with their natural environment, their community, and with each other through the life-changing outdoor experience of summer camp.

To find out more about the CTS Youth Society, go to [ctsyouthsociety.com](https://ctsyouthsociety.com).



## Metro Vancouver Regional Parks Foundation

Metro Vancouver Regional Parks Foundation (formerly known as Pacific Parklands Foundation) is the only charity dedicated to raising funds for Metro Vancouver Regional Parks.

The Foundation funds projects that restore the health and beauty of these special places, improve the habitats of at-risk and endangered species, and support volunteer environmental stewardship events in regional parks. By filling in the gaps of public funding and helping more people visit regional parks, the Foundation promotes the mental and physical health of people and community resilience, while ensuring regional parks remain spectacular.

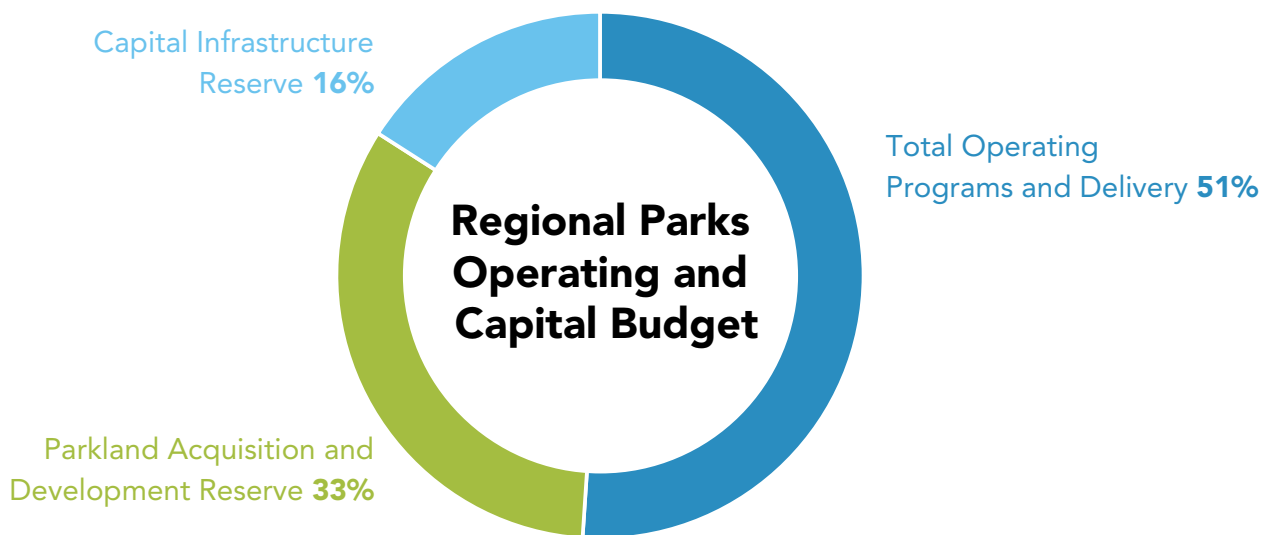
To find out more about Metro Vancouver Regional Parks Foundation, its projects, and how you can give back to regional parks, go to [mvrpfoundation.ca](https://mvrpfoundation.ca).

To discover more about the impact the Foundation made in 2023, refer to their [2023 Annual Report](#).

# Regional Parks Provide Significant Value

Regional Parks is primarily funded through the annual Metro Vancouver Regional District tax requisition. This core revenue source is supplemented by modest income from user fees, capital reserves, and occasionally sustainability reserve funds and

external revenues such as federal or provincial grants. Recognizing the importance of protecting regionally important natural areas, the Metro Vancouver Board approved increases to the Regional Parks Land Acquisition Fund annually from 2019 to 2023.



# Planning for Parks Today and Into the Future

We support the long-term development and management of regional parks and greenways by conducting original research and preparing plans and policies. Regional Parks policies support day-to-day decision making while system and park level plans describe a long-term vision for the regional parks system and guide resource management, development, operations, and programming.

## Regional Parks Plan

The **Regional Parks Plan** is Metro Vancouver's management plan for the regional parks system. The plan guides Metro Vancouver's work to protect natural areas and connect people to nature. The plan establishes strategic vision of a resilient network of regional parks and greenways that provides important climate, health, and other benefits to visitors and regional residents.

## 2023 Accomplishments

- With Regional Planning staff, completed the *Nature and Ecosystems Climate 2050 Roadmap*, part of the series of *Climate 2050* roadmaps that will guide our region's policies and collective actions to transition to a carbon-neutral, resilient region by 2050
- Undertook in-person surveying and market research on ways to support sustainable transportation access to regional parks
- The Metro Vancouver Board approved a new Development Cost Charge for regional parkland acquisition, to help ensure that the growing region can remain livable for the next generation
- With Regional Planning staff, updated the Sensitive Ecosystem Inventory, a detailed database that tracks forests, wetlands, riparian areas, and other ecologically-important areas in the region



# Regional Greenways Implementation Forum

In November 2023, Metro Vancouver hosted a Regional Greenway Network Implementation Forum to facilitate the implementation of the *Regional Greenways 2050* plan. This plan is the region’s shared vision for a network of recreational multi-use paths for cycling and walking that connects residents to large parks, protected natural areas, and communities to support regional livability. Sixty representatives from First Nations, municipal jurisdictions, other government agencies, and partners along with Metro Vancouver staff participated in the forum. Participants identified high priority greenway segments for completion, ranked them in importance, described the challenges to expansion of the greenway network, and shared their ideas on ways to improve the development of the Regional Greenway Network.

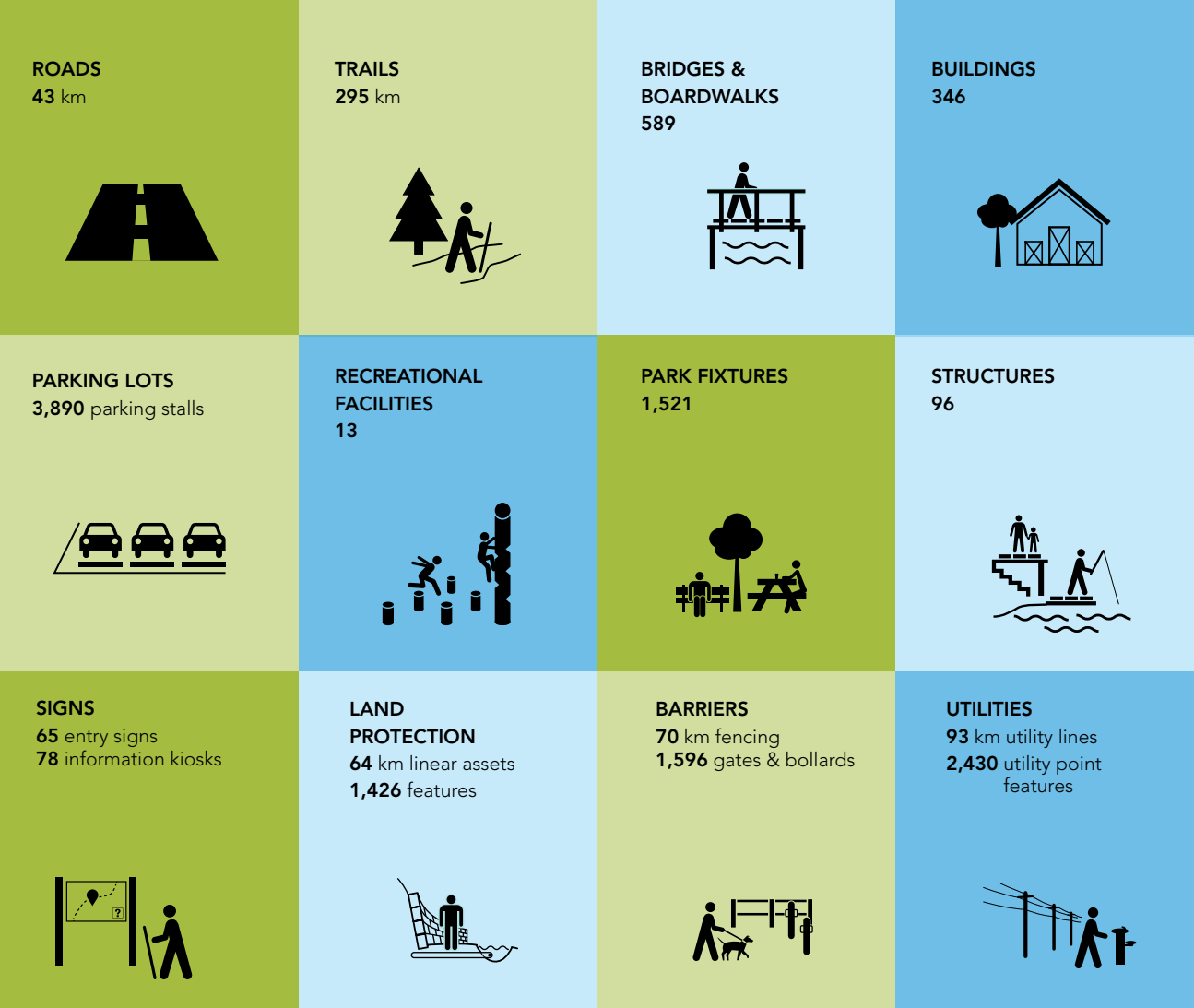
*[[ ] and the rest of the TransLink team found it to be incredibly worthwhile, especially in terms of knowledge sharing and networking with agency staff across the region. Your team did a fabulous job organizing!*

Erin O’Melinn, Senior Manager,  
Transportation & Land Use Planning, TransLink



# Building and Maintaining Park Assets

Each year, we manage a growing number of built assets including:





Derby Reach Regional Park

## 2023 Accomplishments

- Completed and opened a new full service washroom building at Edgewater Bar in Derby Reach Regional Park
- Began a revitalization project in Davies Orchard and trail development to Dorman Point in Crippen Regional Park
- Developed a pop-up park at Metro Vancouver's PNE Showcase in Vancouver
- Undertook major trail improvements to the Grouse Grind and BCMC Trail and began development of a new trailhead at Grouse Mountain Regional Park



## And the Award Goes to ... Iona Island Wastewater Treatment Plant

The Iona Island Wastewater Treatment Plant and adjacent Iona Beach Regional Park are being upgraded to ensure continued protection of public health and the environment in a growing region. In 2023, the innovative conceptual plan for the upgrade, led by space2place design inc., was recognized with a Canadian Society of Landscape Architects Award of Excellence and an American Society of Landscape Architects Honour Award, both in Planning and Analysis. An integrated island-wide concept plan was developed to guide federally mandated upgrades to the plant and adjacent regional park. The resulting projects will restore estuary processes and natural systems, increase climate resilience for x̄w̄eyeyat (Iona Island), and improve Iona Beach Regional Park with expanded recreational and educational opportunities for the region.



# Campbell Valley Regional Park Perimeter Trail Extension



In 2023, 3.3 kilometres of hiking and cycling trail was constructed and opened for public use in Campbell Valley Regional Park. This trail opens new areas of the park to public access, improves regional greenway connections and provides new opportunities for stewardship, education, and interpretation. Adjacent trail connections and a dog off-leash area were improved and a new pond was completed. The pond will provide habitat for frogs, toads, salamanders, and newts.





# Protecting Important Natural Areas

# In 2023, Regional Parks protected:

**13,938** hectares – including **86%** sensitive and important modified ecosystems\*

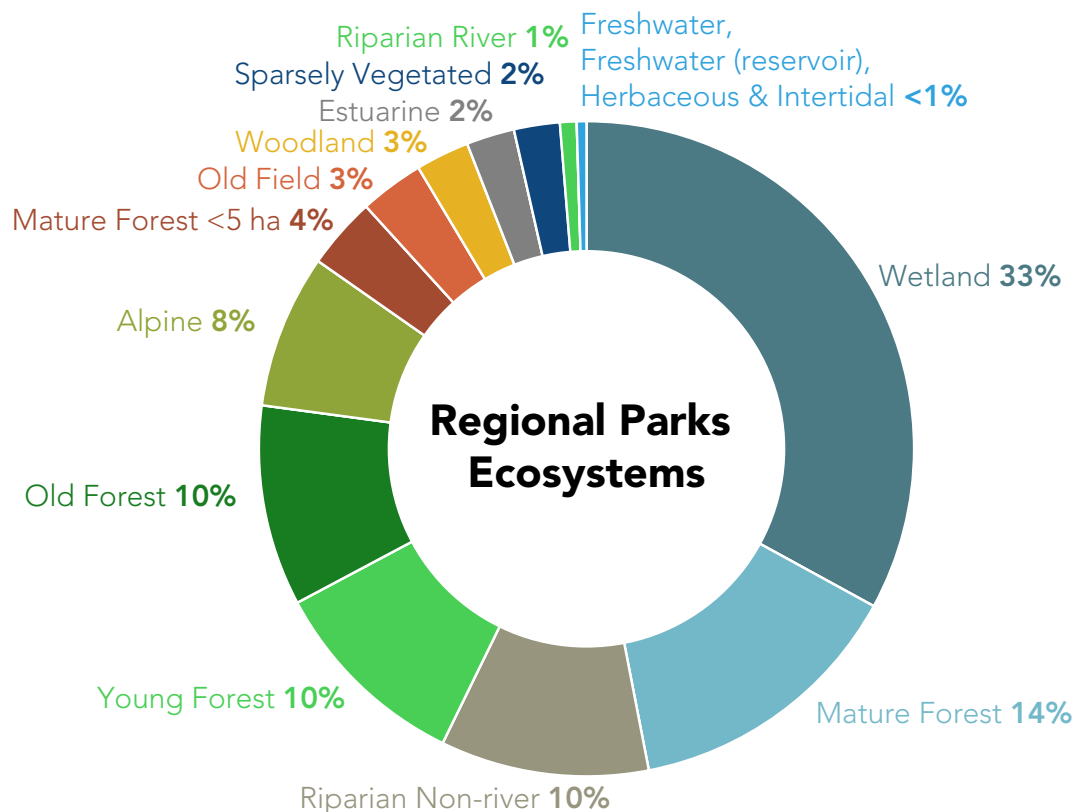
**23** regional parks

**2** regional park reserves

**5** regional greenways

**2** ecological conservancy areas

\* Sensitive ecosystems are ecologically fragile, rare, or at-risk and include wetlands, older forests and woodlands. Important modified ecosystems are younger and more human modified but still have ecological value and importance to biodiversity, such as young forests (under 80 years old).



# Natural Resource Management

We work throughout the year to protect and conserve ecosystem health.

## Goals of the Natural Resource Management Framework:

1. Ensure ecosystem health and long-term resiliency to conserve diverse biological communities and their associated habitats
2. Provide opportunities for public to connect with natural areas while conserving the integrity and resilience of ecosystems
3. Provide opportunities for public involvement in natural resource management through partnerships and stewardship activities

## 2023 Accomplishments

- Created or maintained 37.8 hectares of ecological restoration areas
- Updated the Regional Parks *Integrated Pest Management Plan* and conducted invasive plant treatments in most regional parks
- Completed 32 restoration projects in 17 regional parks including:
  - Planting 3,500 trees at Pacific Spirit and Lynn Headwaters regional parks
  - Restoration of areas impacted by the 2022 wildfire at Minnehada Regional Park
  - 18 hectares of seedling removal from wildfire site at Burns Bog Ecological Conservancy Area
  - Enhanced the riparian area at Derby Reach Regional Park
  - 10 projects supported by the Metro Vancouver Regional Parks Foundation



Tree planting at Lynn Headwaters Regional Park

Watch these videos showing natural resource management in action.



**Minnehada Regional Park  
Fire Restoration**  
([vimeo.com/835991893](https://vimeo.com/835991893))

Following a wildfire that broke out at Minnehada Regional Park in October 2022, nature is starting to regenerate the affected area and staff are assisting through restorative efforts.



**Lynn Headwaters Regional Park  
Forest Health**  
([vimeo.com/819679427](https://vimeo.com/819679427))

Human stewardship plays an important part of forest health, that's why we are restoring an area of trees that were damaged by Western hemlock looper moth near the Lynn Headwaters Regional Park entrance.



**Salmon Tracking in ǻ́éxətəm  
Regional Park**  
([vimeo.com/797846071](https://vimeo.com/797846071))

Innovative new technology is behind a ǻ́éxətəm (tla-hut-um) Regional Park research project that could improve salmon populations in the Coquitlam River, and possibly other areas in the region.



Burns Bog Ecological Conservancy Area



## Promoting Bog Recovery in Areas Affected by Wildfire

Following a wildfire that swept through part of Burns Bog Ecological Conservancy Area in 2016, a dense stand of lodgepole pine seedling has developed in the area. The development of tree cover can result in increased wildfire risk and other potential impacts such as the decline of open bog plant species.

In 2021, we initiated a project to promote recovery of bog plant communities and maintain bog function. Over the last three years, Regional Parks staff, consultants and volunteers removed as many as 250,000 seedlings/saplings from 18 hectares in the burn zone. Seedling removal, monitoring, and research projects will continue to track the progress of bog recovery.

# Parks Operations and Maintenance

Keeping regional parks and park assets at the standard of care expected by visitors each year takes an incredible amount of effort. Even in the most challenging environmental conditions, we ensure regional parks are maintained for safe public enjoyment 365 days of the year.

## 2023 Accomplishments

- Continued preparation for wildfire response: provided higher-level training for staff and outfitted them with new flame- and high-temperature resistant uniforms
- Conducted numerous park patrols during fire season to ensure the public were following provincial fire ban and restrictions imposed by Regional Parks and local authorities
- Aligned rules and regulations from the *Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw* with permit conditions to better support Regional Parks regulations and compliance staff
- Facilitated training for 31 park patrollers on fair and consistent application of the Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw
- Hosted Go Electric Parks, a showcase event that brought together over 225 staff from across the region, highlighting innovation in alternative-powered operations and maintenance equipment



Watch this video about **Go Electric Parks!**  
([vimeo.com/834885261](https://vimeo.com/834885261))



Regional Parks patrollers in training



Campbell Valley Regional Park



## Photography Permit

Campbell Valley Regional Park is a popular spot for photographers. In recent years, we have noticed an increasing number of concerns including photographers going off trail, blocking trails, and disturbing wildlife. Some photographers brought large groups in buses, causing parking and alcohol-related problems.

To address these issues, we implemented a pilot project in 2023. Commercial photographers now require a commercial use permit when conducting business at Campbell Valley Regional Park. This pilot program ensures bylaw compliance as commercial activity in a regional park requires a commercial use permit.

Since the start of the pilot, staff have noted a reduction in the number of related issues and increased bylaw compliance.

## Safe Regional Parks and Park Visitors

We work to fairly and consistently educate members of the public on park rules and behaviour expectations as Metro Vancouver protects natural assets and provides safe and enjoyable visitor experiences.

Using good park design, education, and as a last resort, enforcement, we keep visitors safe by:

- Providing a uniformed presence in regional parks
- Educating park visitors on safe use of regional parks
- Investigating and responding to public safety concerns
- Coordinating patrols and response from emergency teams



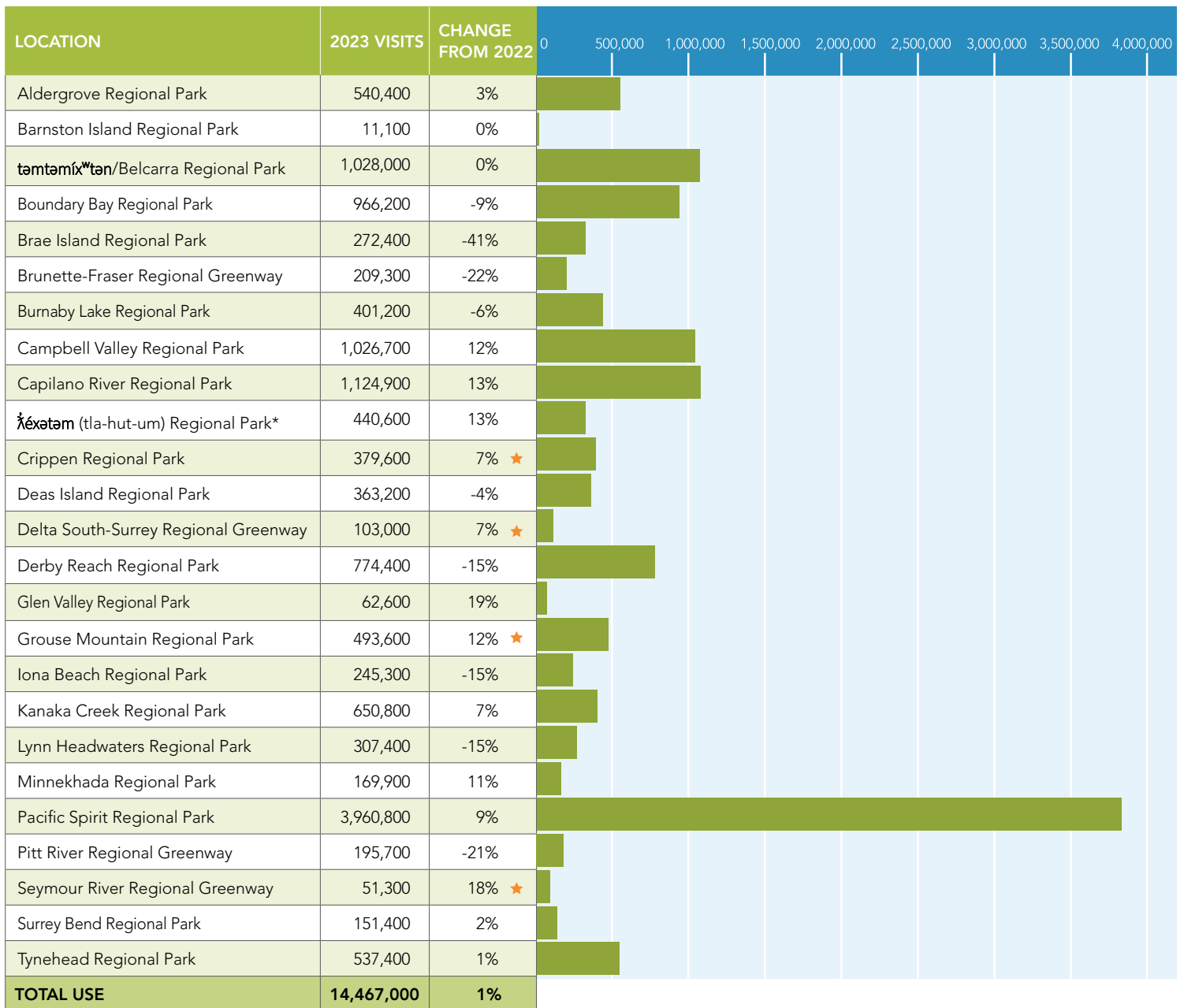


# Connecting People with Nature

# Visits

**14.5 million estimated park visits in 2023**  
(3.4% average annual increase from 2003 to 2023)

**2 regional parks & 2 regional greenways**  
received record number of visits



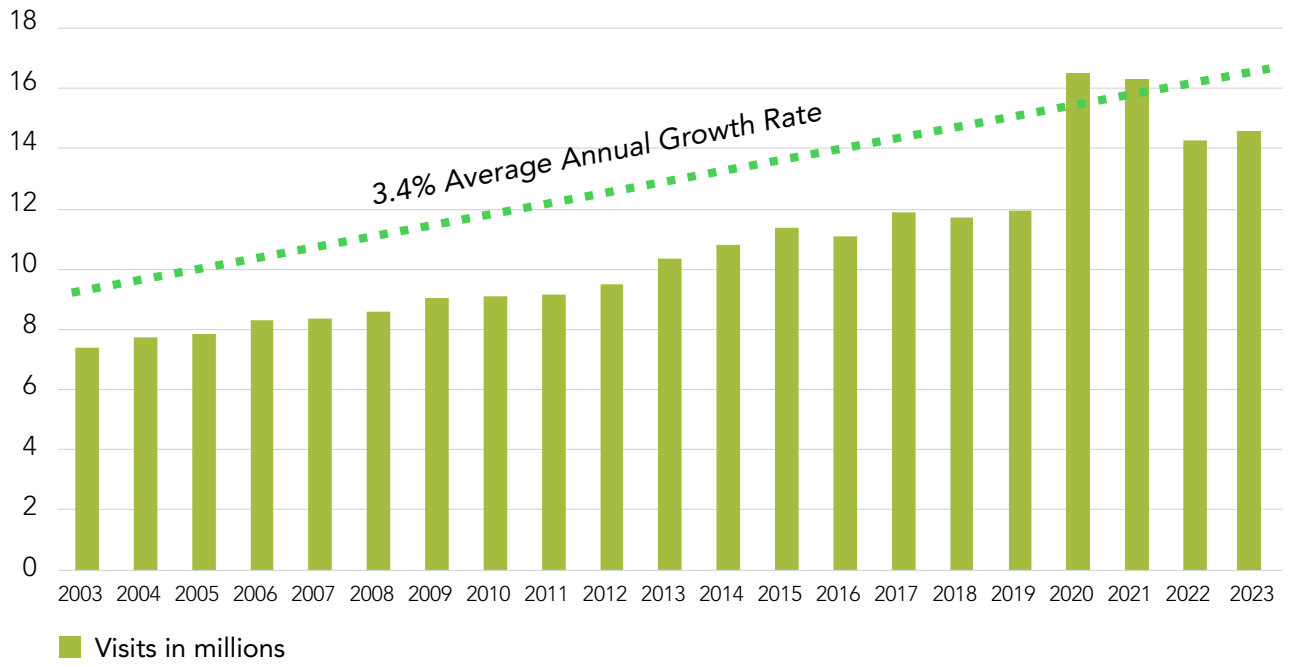
★ Record annual visitation

\* Formerly known as Colony Farm Regional Park

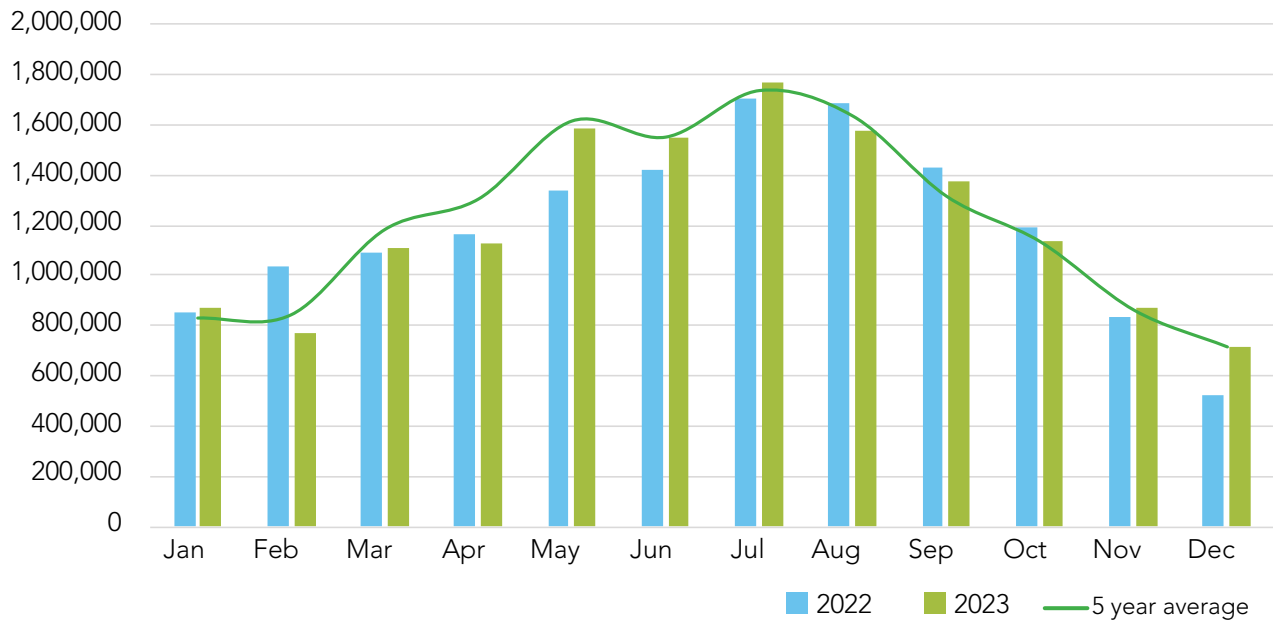
Note: Visitation estimates are rounded to the nearest hundred in this figure.

Data counters installed at park entrances (roads and trails) are used to produce annual and monthly visitation estimates for each park.

# Annual Visits



# Visits by Month



# Public Programs and Events



**49,828** total participants

**11,066** group program participants

**33,649** public program participants



**578** total programs, events, and outreach activities

**455** field trips & workshops

**123** programs

Most Metro Vancouver residents live in an urban environment with less access to natural areas than previous generations. This growing urban population has increased visitation in existing parks and is placing greater pressure on local greenspaces.

Public programming in regional parks responds to these challenges by deepening audience understanding, appreciation, and protection of the natural environment. Experienced-based programs and events are designed to inspire appreciation and understanding of the environment.

## 2023 Accomplishments

- Developed and delivered new programs to English language learners, including outreach presentations, in-park guided walks, and how-to-lead-hikes workshops
- Collaborated with **q̓w̓a:n̓x̓ən** (Kwantlen First Nation) elder who delivered seven programs at various regional parks
- Grade-school students from **səlilwətəł** (Tsleil-Waututh Nation) **siʔám̓θət** School participated in an interpretive program in **təmtəmíxʷtən**/Belcarra Regional Park, their ancestral winter village site
- Youth from the Fraser Health Adolescent Day Treatment program participated in the highly successful Youth Wellness Walks
- Record numbers of visitors attended Meteor Shower Watch in Aldergrove Regional Park to learn about the beauty and connection to the night sky, and Flashlight Mysteries in Deas Island Regional Park, an escape room-inspired event
- Collaborated with libraries across the region to increase programming and outreach to new audiences
- Celebrated a new interpretive art mural located in Kanaka Creek Regional Park at the fish fence site, where broodstock is collected for the nearby Bell-Irving Hatchery



Watch this video about **Kanaka Creek Interpretive Mural Celebration** ([vimeo.com/838412155](https://vimeo.com/838412155))

# What Regional Parks Participants Say

*This event blew me out of the water. I had a fantastically magical time. It was well organized, fun-filled, and very thoughtful. The trail was beautifully set up with lights and educational entertainment. It was awesome and we will definitely join again!*

Night Quest participant  
(Pacific Spirit Regional Park)

All our volunteers are very engaged with ecology and conservation and love conserving their local natural spaces. I believe this workshop has helped to give them the tools and inspiration to use their passion and knowledge as a way to teach and inspire others to learn more about and care for their local natural areas.

Melanie Apps, Invasive Species Council of BC - Youth Volunteer Coordinator, Interpretation Skills Workshop participant

*The kids were buzzing with all they learned about today and were sharing it with everyone they saw when we returned. Trips to the beach will not be the same from here on out for my crew!*

Teacher from Smiling Creek Elementary, Seashore Sleuths field trip participant  
(Boundary Bay Regional Park)



# Facility Reservations

Regional parks have rentable facilities suitable to group picnicking and camping, weddings, special events, meetings, filming, and workshops. In 2023, more people than ever took advantage of our reserveable day-use facilities.



**137,608** visits\* at camping facilities in six regional parks

**123,432** visits at individual camping facilities in Derby Reach and Brae Island regional parks

**194** unique groups had **14,176** visits at outdoor and indoor camping facilities in four regional parks



**827** groups had **127,885** visits at reservable day-use buildings and facilities

**545** unique groups with **28,488** guests visited picnic shelters in eight regional parks

**282** unique groups had **99,397** visits at buildings and other day-use booking opportunities in regional parks

\* "Visits" are counted as "person days" (so one person staying for two days counts as two "visits")



*We spend as much time as possible camping. We're going to be here camping here until April. We moved here in the middle of October. This is probably our seventh time here. It's lovely in the winter. I like the rather large camp spaces. Being very close to Fort Langley is excellent because it's just a 10 minute walk. I enjoy hearing the trains at night. There's a little owl that hoots and there's a lot of other nature here, which is great. There's birds and there's even deer.*

Mary Roy





*I'm an independent contractor working as the caretaker of Minnehada Lodge. My main job is to oversee events. Mostly weddings, parties, and other corporate events, plus security and day-to-day upkeep. There's no such thing as a typical day at the lodge. We used to visit here from England because we had family who lived about 15 minutes away. Then we moved here back in 2006. Being from Europe, we miss seeing old buildings! One of our daughters got married here a couple of years ago, and then our son's getting married here next year. I feel incredibly lucky to be up here. It just keeps me on my toes.*

Simon Murtagh, Caretaker for Minnehada Lodge



## 2023 Accomplishments

- Replaced furniture at Camp Capilano, Cammidge House, Minnekhada Lodge, and Inverholme Schoolhouse
- Streamlined information sharing and collection of indoor facility rental agreements and registration forms to enhance customer experience and ease of booking
- Refreshed reservable facility web pages with new photographs, updated information, and current fees to enhance customers' experiences
- 213 groups submitted group visit notification forms, allowing staff to understand group needs and provide groups with key information and educational points to help address management issues

## New Booking System for Designated Nature Spaces in Pacific Spirit Regional Park



Pacific Spirit Regional Park has three designated nature spaces — Salish, Lily, and Heron. These sites are one of the few places in regional parks where groups can gather off trail. Metro Vancouver's park interpreters, elementary schools, wilderness first aid companies, outdoor nature schools, and the general public use these designated nature spaces. The original first-come, first-served model for these popular spaces became a challenge for the multiple user groups.

Starting January 1, 2023, staff implemented a booking system for the designated nature spaces. The system allows commercial use and school groups to book these sites exclusively at a low cost. If not booked, they remain available at no cost on a first-come, first-served basis. In 2023, 350 groups booked these sites with 9,073 users.



# Volunteering



**18,022** total  
volunteer hours



**4,747** total  
volunteer instances

A volunteer instance is when one person volunteers once at an event or program.

Regional parks protect critical wildlife habitat and provide ecosystem services such as cleaning the air and helping to control temperatures. Each year, staff, partners, and volunteers invest time and effort to restore the health and beauty of these special places. Volunteers contribute to the delivery of a range of programs and activities in regional parks including community science, educational activities, and other events in regional parks. In 2023, individuals and groups volunteered over 18,000 hours, surpassing participation levels from the last three years.



## Annual Volunteer Appreciation Event Returns

In May 2023, in recognition of the valuable contributions made by our partners and volunteers, we hosted an inspirational evening of learning and networking. Approximately 150 volunteers and partners attended the Regional Parks Volunteer Appreciation evening — the first such event that we hosted in over three years.



2023 Annual Volunteer Appreciation Event



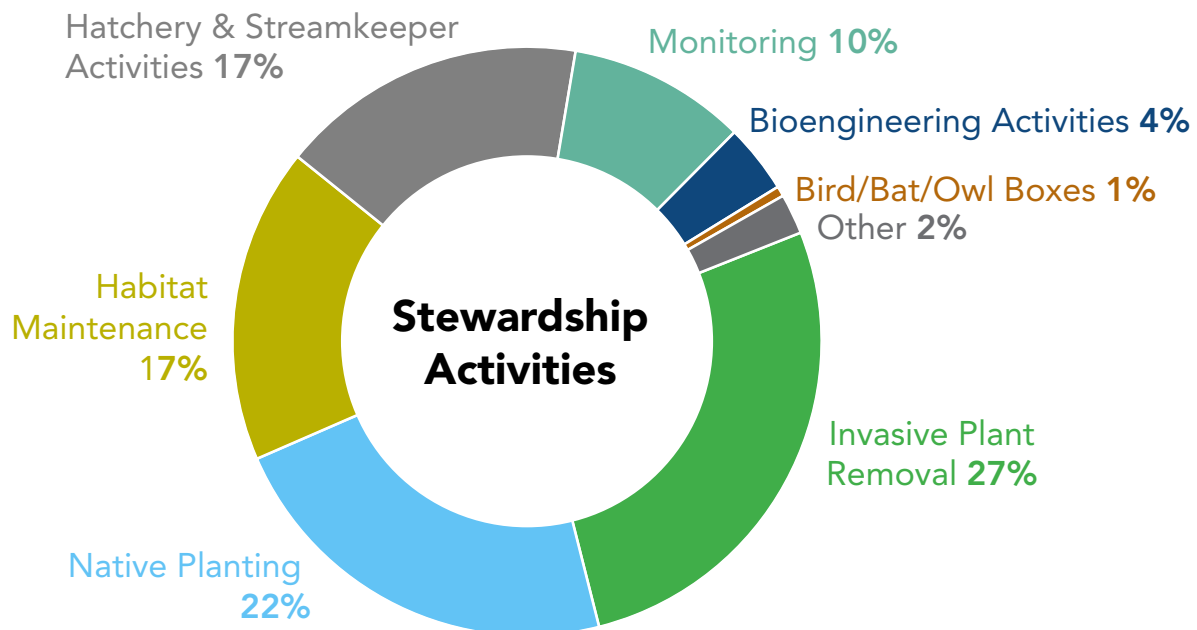


**5,586** kg of invasive species removed

**10,734** native plants added to regional parks

## Environmental Stewardship

In 2023, 3,924 volunteer instances supported 370 environmental stewardship work parties in regional parks, which resulted in the contribution of 10,681 volunteer hours.



## Park Partners and Public Programs

Volunteers support the delivery of community science, educational activities, and other events in regional parks. In addition, volunteers contribute hours to strategic and program planning, coordination, display development, fundraising, and board governance. In 2023, 823 volunteer instances resulted in the contribution of over 7,341 volunteer hours.



Watch this video about [Langley Bog Clean Up in Derby Reach Regional Park](https://vimeo.com/864204519)  
([vimeo.com/864204519](https://vimeo.com/864204519))

In September 2023, volunteers from Derby Reach/Brae Island Parks Association removed abandoned plastic, tires, and other debris from Langley Bog — a restricted area of Derby Reach Regional Park.

Their efforts are helping prevent greenhouse gases from being emitted into the atmosphere.

The project was funded in part by Metro Vancouver Regional Parks Foundation.

*I had experienced Minnehada as a child from 1960 to 1970 when my grandmother worked here. There was a working farm here and my grandmother was the domestic manager of the farm house. Now I chair the Minnehada Park Association. I really wanted to come back (to Minnehada) and also help other people connect with it because I know how powerful nature is. We do a lot of stewardship, everything from bat monitoring to western toad monitoring. We do nature tents and we just launched an art program. And also the wildfire recovery project with two monitoring stations up near the High Knoll. People can participate by taking photos of the wildfire area. And what we want to do with that is create a time lapse that will show the forest recovery. We'll also be replanting in the wildfire area starting in the fall. We're volunteer based, so if you want to join, contact us at [coordinator@minnehada.ca](mailto:coordinator@minnehada.ca).*

Celia DeLuca, Chair, Minnehada Park Association





## What Our Volunteers Say

*We are now in our 10th year of collaborative partnerships between ENVR 400 students at UBC and Metro Vancouver Regional Parks. This partnership provides a tremendous benefit to our students, who get to contribute to authentic park management projects while learning to collaboratively design and implement meaningful research from start to finish. They gain valuable field experience and grapple with real-world problems. One additional aspect I appreciate as an instructor is when new teams can build on previous research from past ENVR 400 students, now that this partnership has been running for a decade.*

Sara Harris, Earth, Ocean, and Atmospheric Sciences, University of British Columbia

# Getting the Word Out

## Regional Parks Newsletter

This monthly e-newsletter highlights behind-the-scenes stories as well as the latest Regional Parks news and events.

**6,093** subscribers  
(up 6% from 2022)

Check out archived issues online [metrovancouver.org](https://www.metrovancouver.org) (search "Regional Parks newsletter")

## Nature Program Guide

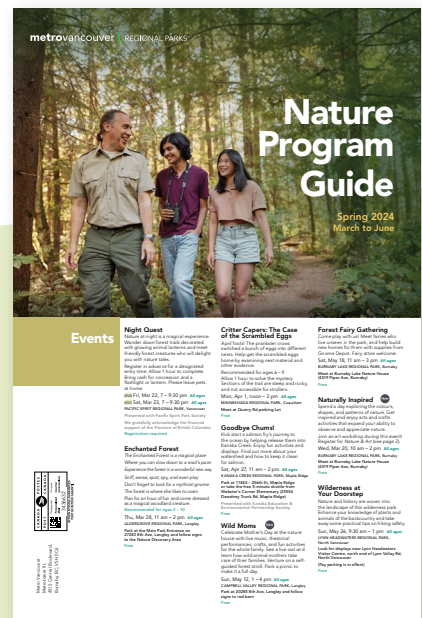
Published in the spring, summer, and fall/winter.

Promotes events and activities for all ages to learn about, connect with, and enjoy nature in regional parks.

Distribution includes household mailouts, park kiosks, community centres, libraries, and city halls.

Over **6,000** people received each seasonal nature program guide by email.

**20,500** hard copies of the nature program guide were distributed per edition, on average.



# Social Media and Video

Regional Parks connects with people through social media, sharing information ranging from nature activities and volunteer opportunities to safety and land acquisition announcements. Social media is also a way for people to reach out to and engage with Regional Parks.

## 9 Regional Parks videos produced in 2023

- Eight videos shared on social media/websites, one internal/presentation video
- 156,733 people reached through videos on Facebook (Metro Vancouver and Regional Parks)
- 27,783 Facebook engagements (includes reactions, comments, shares, and clicks)
- 35,299 video views (Metro Vancouver and Regional Parks Facebook, YouTube, and Vimeo)

## 3 Humans of Regional Parks productions

- Deas Island Regional Park
- Minnekhada Regional Park
- Brae Island Regional Park

A series to give a glimpse of Metro Vancouver’s regional parks through the eyes of visitors. Sharing stories as diverse as our park users as they answer the question, “what makes regional parks special to you?”

[metrovancover.org](https://metrovancover.org) (search “humans regional parks”)



**MetroVancouverRegionalParks**

**44,634** Facebook engagements  
(includes reactions, comments, shares)



**@MetroVancouver**

**57,058** X (formerly Twitter)  
impressions



**@metrovancoverbc**

Total reach of **43,770** viewers\*

\* Regional Parks content

**In 2023, Metro Vancouver Regional Parks protected 13,938 hectares of regionally important natural areas with 14.5 million visits to its regional parks.**



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Minnehada Regional Park

# Regional Parks 2023 Annual Report

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Park Programs & Outreach Coordinator, Regional Parks

Regional Parks Committee – May 8, 2024  
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Park Planner I, Regional Parks



# WORKING COLLABORATIVELY WITH FIRST NATIONS

- Colony Farm Regional Park renamed to ʔéxətəm Regional Park
- kwikwəʔəm (Kwikwetlem First Nation) and their members selected the name ʔéxətəm
- ʔéxətəm means “to be invited” in həh̓qəmi̓hə̓m̓



ʔéxətəm Regional Park

## Protecting Important Natural Areas



Burns Bog Ecological Conservancy Area

## LAND ACQUISITION AND STEWARDSHIP

- 99 hectares parkland acquired
- Regional Parks Land Acquisition & Development Fund increased by \$4 million
- **370** stewardship work parties
- **5,586** kg of invasive species removed
- **10,734** native plants added to parks



## VOLUNTEERING

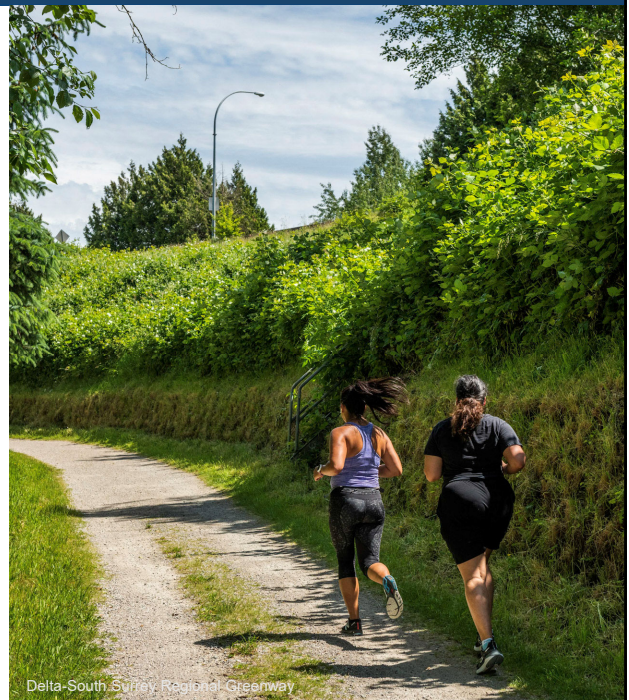
- **4,747** volunteer instances
- **18,022** hours to stewardship, education, and interpretive programs





## VISITS

- 14.5 million park visits in 2023
- Record visits at:
  - Grouse Mountain Regional Park
  - Crippen Regional Park
  - Delta-South Surrey Regional Greenway
  - Seymour River Regional Greenway



## PUBLIC PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

- **49,828** total participants
- **578** total programs, events, and outreach activities



Deas Island Regional Park

## BUILDING AND MAINTAINING PARK ASSETS

Completed:

- Washroom building at Derby Reach Regional Park
- Major trail improvements to the Grouse Grind and BCMC Trail
- 3.3 kilometres of hiking and cycling trail in Campbell Valley Regional Park



New washroom, Derby Reach Regional Park



Pollinator meadow, Pacific Spirit Regional Park

Thank you

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Together we make our region strong

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To: Regional Parks Committee

From: David Leavers, Division Manager, Visitor and Operations Services, Regional Parks

Date: April 19, 2024 Meeting Date: May 8, 2024

Subject: **MVRD Regional Parks Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 1384, 2024 – Amends Bylaw No. 1177, 2012**

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### RECOMMENDATION

That the MVRD Board:

- a) give first, second, and third reading to *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Parks Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 1384, 2024*; and
  - b) adopt *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Parks Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 1384, 2024*.
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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In February 2024, the MVRD Board approved a pilot program to permit alcohol consumption in designated areas of six regional parks from Friday, June 28 to Monday, October 14, during park hours.

A bylaw amendment is required given the current bylaw does not provide authorization for the consumption of alcohol without (a) a licence issued under the *Liquor Control and Licensing Act*; and (b) a park permit.

Staff propose to add a new “or” option under subsection 3.5 (c) to the bylaw to permit the designation of public places as places where liquor may be consumed.

This report summarizes this one proposed amendment required to enable the implementation of the MVRD Board-approved pilot program to permit alcohol consumption in regional parks.

### PURPOSE

To consider an amendment to the *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 1177, 2012* that proposes one change to enable the implementation of the MVRD Board-approved pilot program to permit alcohol consumption in regional parks in 2024.

### BACKGROUND

On March 22, 2024, the MVRD Board approved a Pilot Program to Permit Alcohol Consumption in Regional Parks in designated areas of six regional parks in 2024, and directed staff to report back with the required bylaw amendment to *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 1177, 2012* to authorize the designation of specific areas of select regional parks where liquor may be consumed.

In addition, the MVRD Board directed staff to report back with a draft “Metro Vancouver Regional District Consumption of Liquor in Regional Parks Bylaw” to ensure compliance with the *Liquor Control and Licensing Act* of the Province of British Columbia. This new bylaw is proposed in a separate report.

The MVRD Board-approved pilot program for 2024 will permit responsible alcohol consumption in designated areas at six regional parks:

- i. Boundary Bay Regional Park
- ii. Brunette-Fraser Regional Greenway
- iii. Campbell Valley Regional Park
- iv. Capilano River Regional Park
- v. Derby Reach Regional Park
- vi. Iona Beach Regional Park

Pending the approval of both this bylaw amendment and a new “Metro Vancouver Regional District Consumption of Liquor in Regional Parks Bylaw,” the 2024 pilot program will run from Friday, June 28, 2024 to Monday, October 14, 2024 with alcohol consumption to be permitted at any time during park hours during the duration of the pilot program.

#### **PROPOSED AMENDMENT**

The *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 1177, 2012* states at section 3.5 that “No person shall possess or consume liquor within a regional park unless such possession and consumption is pursuant and in compliance with:

- (a) A licence issued under the *Liquor Control and Licensing Act*; and
- (b) A park permit.”

An amendment to *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 1177, 2012* is required to authorize the designation of specific areas of select regional parks where alcohol may be consumed.

Staff propose to add an “or” option under subsection 3.5 (c) to the bylaw to authorize the consumption of alcohol in designated areas of specific regional parks (Attachment 1).

- (c) A Metro Vancouver Regional District bylaw designating public places where liquor may be consumed, in accordance with section 73(2) of the *Liquor Control and Licensing Act*, SBC 2015, c. 19, as amended.

#### **ALTERNATIVES**

1. That the MVRD Board:
  - a) give first, second, and third reading to *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Parks Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 1384, 2024*; and
  - b) adopt *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Parks Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 1384, 2024*.

2. That the MVRD Board receive for information the report dated April 19, 2024 titled “MVRD Regional Parks Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 1384, 2024, Amends Bylaw 1177, 2012” and provide alternate direction to staff.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The proposed pilot program for the consumption of alcohol will give staff the opportunity to assess any additional costs related to the pilot program. It is anticipated that signage, park operations, ranger, patrol, and waste management costs will be minimal and can be funded within existing approved operating budgets.

### **CONCLUSION**

Staff are recommending the approval of one amendment to the *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Parks Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 1177, 2012* that is required to enable the implementation of the MVRD Board approved pilot program to permit alcohol consumption in Regional Parks.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Parks Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 1384, 2024*

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**METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT  
BYLAW NO. 1384, 2024  
A bylaw to amend “Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw  
No. 1177, 2012”**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. The Metro Vancouver Regional District Board (the “Board”) adopted “Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 1177, 2012”; and
- B. The Board wishes to amend the “Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 1177, 2012”.

**NOW THEREFORE** the Board of the Metro Vancouver Regional District enacts as follows:

**Citation**

- 1. The official citation of this bylaw is “Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Parks Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 1384, 2024”.

**Amendment of Bylaw**

- 2. “Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 1177, 2012” is amended as follows:

- a) Section 3.5 is deleted and replaced with the following:

- 3.5 No person shall possess or consume liquor within a regional park unless such possession and consumption is pursuant to and in compliance with:

- (a) a licence issued under the *Liquor Control and Licensing Act*, SBC 2015, c. 19, as amended; and
      - (b) a park permit; or
      - (c) a Metro Vancouver Regional District bylaw designating public places where liquor may be consumed, in accordance with section 73(2) of the *Liquor Control and Licensing Act*, SBC 2015, c. 19, as amended.

Read a first, second, and third time this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

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George V. Harvie, Chair

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Dorothy Shermer, Corporate Officer

To: Regional Parks Committee

From: David Leavers, Division Manager, Visitor and Operations Services, Regional Parks

Date: April 16, 2024 Meeting Date: May 8, 2024

Subject: **MVRD Consumption of Liquor in Regional Parks Bylaw No. 1385, 2024**

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### RECOMMENDATION

That the MVRD Board:

- a) give first, second, and third reading to *Metro Vancouver Regional District Consumption of Liquor in Regional Parks Bylaw No. 1385, 2024*; and
  - b) adopt *Metro Vancouver Regional District Consumption of Liquor in Regional Parks Bylaw No. 1385, 2024*.
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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In March 2024, the MVRD Board approved a pilot program to permit alcohol consumption in designated areas of six regional parks from Friday, June 28, 2024 to Monday, October 14, 2024, during park hours.

The Province of British Columbia has jurisdiction over possession and consumption of liquor. The *Liquor Control and Licensing Act* makes it unlawful for people to possess open liquor or consume liquor in a number of places, including parks, that are not private places; however, the province has delegated authority to regional districts and other local governments to, by bylaw, designate public places where liquor may be consumed, and it has prescribed how this must be done.

This bylaw ensures compliance with the Province of British Columbia's requirements and enables the implementation of the MVRD Board-approved pilot program to permit alcohol consumption in six regional parks in 2024.

### PURPOSE

To propose a new bylaw that will enable the implementation of the MVRD Board-approved pilot program to permit alcohol consumption in six regional parks in 2024.

### BACKGROUND

On March 22, 2024, the MVRD Board approved a Pilot Program to Permit Alcohol Consumption in Regional Parks in designated areas of six regional parks in 2024, and directed staff to report back with an amendment to *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 1177, 2012* to authorize the designation of specific areas of select regional parks where liquor may be consumed. This required bylaw amendment is proposed in a separate report.

In addition, the MVRD Board directed staff to report back with a draft "Metro Vancouver Regional District Consumption of Liquor in Regional Parks Bylaw" to ensure compliance with the *Liquor*

*Control and Licensing Act* (British Columbia). This bylaw is required to contain information related to the approved pilot program. This report responds to this MVRD Board direction.

The MVRD Board-approved pilot program for 2024 will permit alcohol consumption in designated areas at six regional parks:

- i. Boundary Bay Regional Park
- ii. Brunette-Fraser Regional Greenway
- iii. Campbell Valley Regional Park
- iv. Capilano River Regional Park
- v. Derby Reach Regional Park
- vi. Iona Beach Regional Park

Pending the approval of both the aforementioned bylaw amendment and a new “Metro Vancouver Regional District Consumption of Liquor in Regional Parks Bylaw,” the 2024 pilot program will be able to proceed from Friday, June 28, 2024 to Monday, October 14, 2024 with alcohol consumption permitted at any time during park hours during the duration of the pilot program.

#### **PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA REQUIREMENTS**

The province of British Columbia has jurisdiction over possession and consumption of liquor. The *Liquor Control and Licensing Act* s. 73 makes it unlawful for people to possess open liquor or consume liquor in a number of places, including parks, that are not private places; however, at subsection (2), the province has delegated authority to regional districts and other local governments to, by bylaw, “designate a public place over which [we] [have] jurisdiction, or part of such a place, as a place where liquor may be consumed,” and it has prescribed how this must be done.

The *Liquor Control and Licensing Regulation* sets out further direction for regional districts and other local governments at section 197:

- 197 A bylaw under section 73 (2) of the Act designating a public place as a place where liquor may be consumed must
- (a) require the person responsible for the public place to post signs setting out
    - (i) the boundaries of the public place, and
    - (ii) the hours that liquor may be consumed, and
  - (b) describe the number and size of the signs and how they are to be posted.

#### **MVRD CONSUMPTION OF LIQUOR IN REGIONAL PARKS BYLAW**

Given these Provincial requirements, a draft “Consumption of Liquor in Regional Parks Bylaw” has been prepared to contain these required details of the pilot program (Attachment 1).

By embedding the program information in a dedicated bylaw, the program can be altered or cancelled by amending or repealing the bylaw as required.

The new bylaw:

- Includes an effective date of June 28, 2024

- Includes a number of new definitions that are referenced, including “designated area,” which means any portion of a regional park that has been designated as a public place in which liquor may be consumed
- Identifies the six regional parks that are included in the pilot program
- Specifies the dates and hours in 2024 when liquor may be consumed in any designated area

### **Pilot Program Site Signage**

In addition, and as required by the *Liquor Control and Licensing Regulation*, the sign specifications are included in the bylaw and requires that Regional Parks will post signs setting out the boundaries of each of the designated areas and the dates and hours during which liquor may be consumed. Each designated area will be required to have at least four signs to designate the boundaries of a designated area. Signs will include a visual representation (map) of the designated area. Maps of the designated areas within each of the six parks have been developed and are included as Schedule A of the draft bylaw, as required.

Staff are currently working with both the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority and the Fraser Health Authority to include health messaging on public communications materials. In addition, signage at waterfront locations will have messaging that swimming and alcohol don't mix.

### **ALTERNATIVES**

1. That the MVRD Board:
  - a) give first, second and third reading to *Metro Vancouver Regional District Consumption of Liquor in Regional Parks Bylaw No. 1385, 2024*; and
  - b) adopt *Metro Vancouver Regional District Consumption of Liquor in Regional Parks Bylaw No. 1385, 2024*.
2. That the MVRD Board receive for information the report dated April 16, 2024 titled “Metro Vancouver Regional District Consumption of Liquor in Regional Parks Bylaw No. 1385, 2024” and provide alternate direction to staff.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The proposed pilot program for the consumption of alcohol will give staff the opportunity to assess any additional costs related to the pilot program. It is anticipated that signage, park operations, ranger, patrol, and waste management costs will be minimal and can be funded within existing approved operating budgets.

### **CONCLUSION**

Staff are recommending the approval of the “Metro Vancouver Regional District Consumption of Liquor in Regional Parks Bylaw No. 1385, 2024” that is required to enable the implementation of the MVRD Board-approved pilot program to permit alcohol consumption in Regional Parks.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. *Metro Vancouver Regional District Consumption of Liquor in Regional Parks Bylaw No. 1385, 2024*

**METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT**  
**BYLAW NO. 1385, 2024**  
**A bylaw for consumption of liquor in regional parks**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. The Board of Directors of the Metro Vancouver Regional District (the “Board”) may, pursuant to section 73(2) of the *Liquor Control and Licensing Act*, SBC 2015, c. 19, designate a public place over which it has jurisdiction, or part of such a place, as a place where liquor may be consumed; and
- B. The Board of Directors of the Metro Vancouver Regional District wishes to designate certain public places within regional parks as places where liquor may be consumed.

**NOW THEREFORE** the Board of the Metro Vancouver Regional District enacts as follows:

**Citation**

1. The official citation of this bylaw is “Metro Vancouver Regional District Consumption of Liquor in Regional Parks Bylaw No. 1385, 2024”.

**Effective Date**

2. This bylaw will come into effect on June 28, 2024.

**Schedule**

3. The following Schedule is attached to and forms part of the bylaw:
- Schedule “A”, Maps of Designated Areas.

**Definitions**

4. In this bylaw:

“**designated area**” means any portion of a regional park that has been designated under section 5 of this Bylaw as a public place in which liquor may be consumed;

“**liquor**” means, subject to the Liquor Control and Licensing Regulation, beer, wine, spirits or other products intended for human consumption and that contain more than 1% of alcohol by volume;

“**Liquor Control and Licensing Act**” means the *Liquor Control and Licensing Act*, SBC 2015, c.19, as amended;

“**Liquor Control and Licensing Regulation**” means the Liquor Control and Licensing Regulation, B.C. Reg. 241/2016, as amended;

“**park manager**” means the person designated as park manager under *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 1177, 2012*;

“**park officer**” means a person appointed as a park officer under *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 1177, 2012*;

“**park permit**” has the same meaning as in *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 1177, 2012*;

“**public place**” includes a place, building or vehicle to which the public is invited or has or is allowed access; and

“**regional park**” means lands acquired, dedicated, held or occupied as park, including lands dedicated as regional parks or regional trails under the *B.C. Park (Regional) Act* and continued under the *B.C. Local Government Act*, lands dedicated by Metro Vancouver Regional District, water lot areas leased or otherwise held by Metro Vancouver Regional District, and all trails, greenways, ecological conservancy areas, park reserves and any other sites acquired, dedicated, held, occupied, managed, or designated as park land under the jurisdiction or administration of Metro Vancouver Regional District.

**Designated Areas and Hours**

5. The portions of these regional parks, listed in the table below:

<b>Regional Park</b>
Boundary Bay Regional Park
Brunette-Fraser Regional Greenway
Campbell Valley Regional Park
Capilano River Regional Park
Derby Reach Regional Park
Iona Beach Regional Park

and as shown in Schedule A of this bylaw are designated as public places where liquor may be consumed in accordance with this bylaw.

6. Liquor may be consumed in a designated area from:
- (a) June 28, 2024, to September 2, 2024, during the hours of 7:00 AM to 10:00 PM;
  - (b) September 3, 2024, to September 23, 2024, during the hours of 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM;
- and
- (c) September 24, 2024, to October 14, 2024, during the hours of 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM.
7. A person must not consume liquor in an area of a regional park that is located:
- a) Outside of a designated area; or
  - b) Within a designated area but otherwise subject to a valid park permit;
- unless otherwise permitted under a park permit.

### **Sign Specifications**

8. The park manager or their delegate must post signs setting out the boundaries of each designated area and the dates and hours during which liquor may be consumed in the designated area.
9. Each designated area must have at least four signs to designate the boundaries of the designated area.
10. The signs to be posted in accordance with section 8 must:
  - (a) Be at least 30 centimetres by 45 centimetres in size;
  - (b) Be affixed to posts or park infrastructure such as fences and kiosks; and
  - (c) Include a visual representation of the designated area.

### **Offences**

11. Offences set out in the *Liquor Control and Licensing Act* and *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 1177, 2012* apply to a person who consumes liquor in a regional park outside of:
  - (a) A designated area; or
  - (b) The hours set out in section 6 of this bylaw.

### **Severability**

12. If any part or provision of this bylaw is for any reason held to be invalid or unenforceable by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, it will be severed and the validity of the remaining portions of this bylaw will not be affected.

Read a first, second, and third time this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

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George V. Harvie, Chair

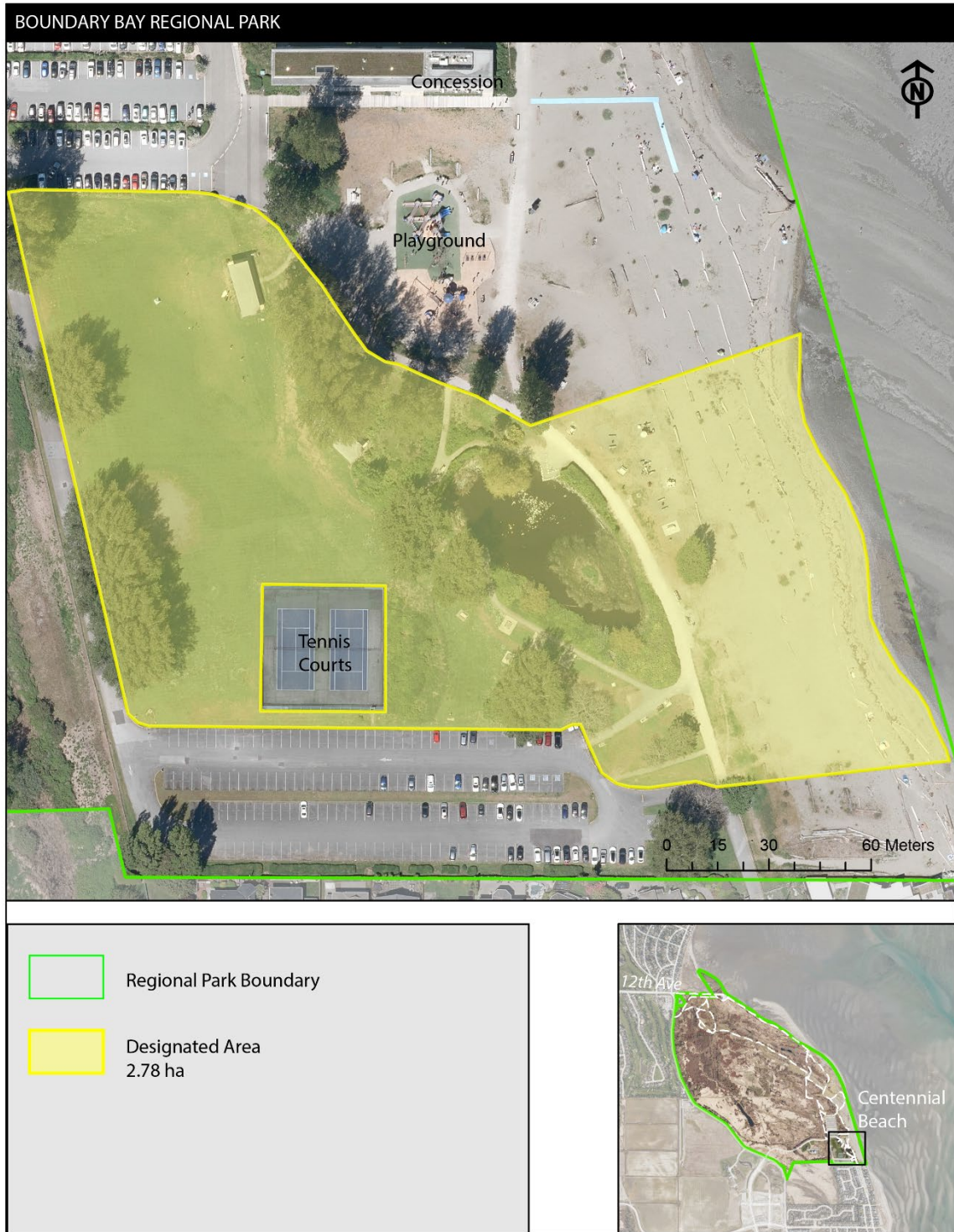
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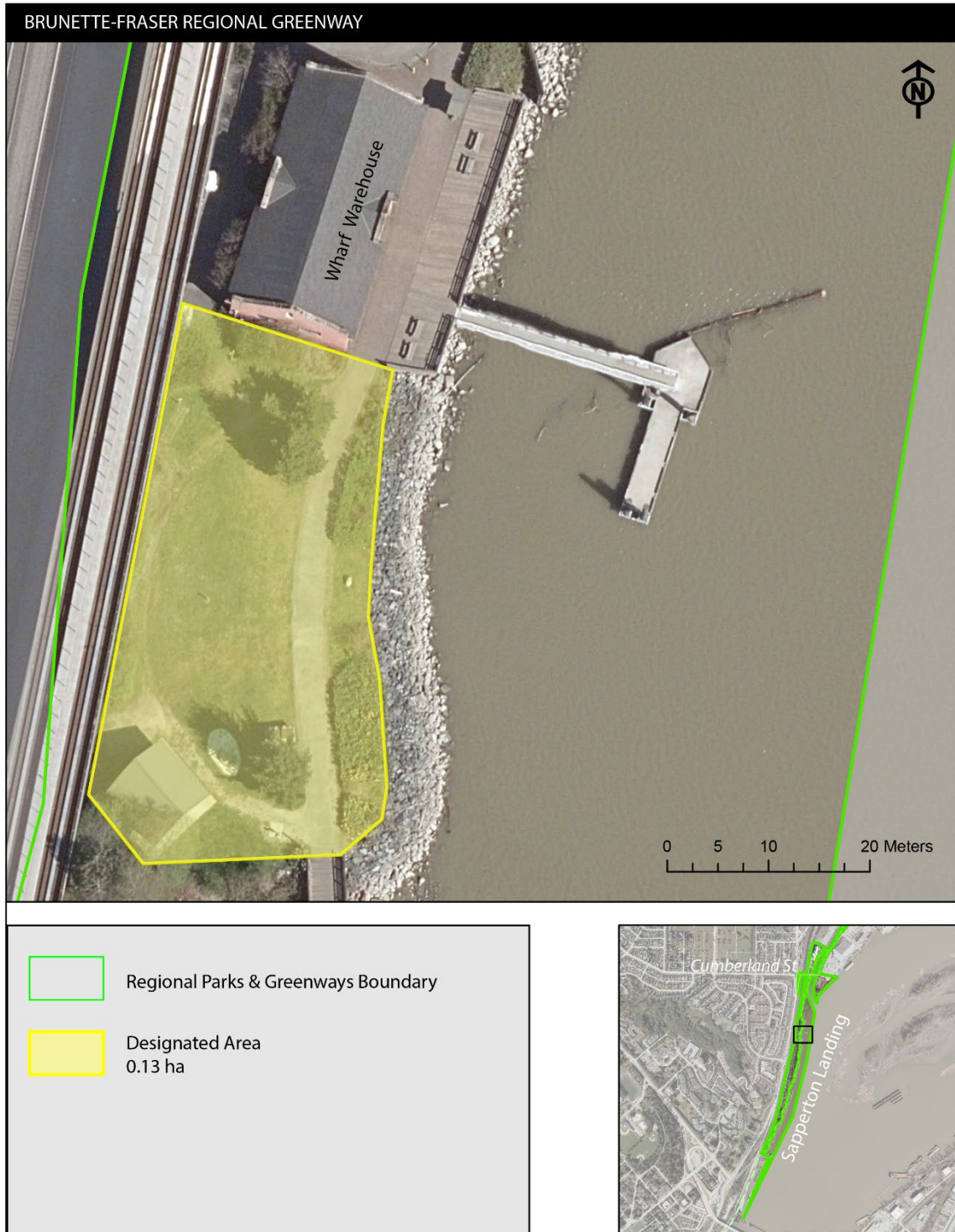
# Schedule A

## Maps of Designated Areas

### Boundary Bay Regional Park



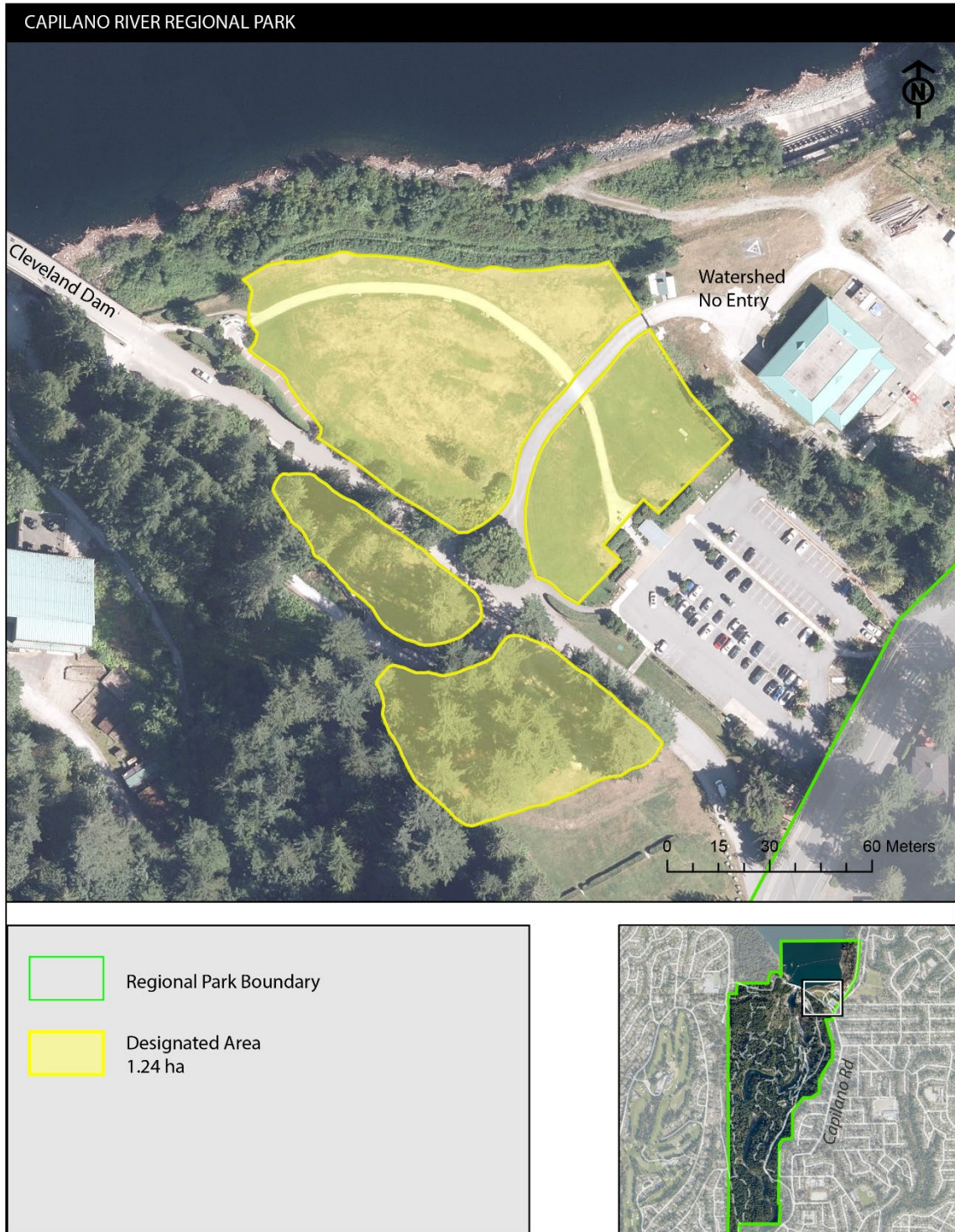
# Brunette-Fraser Regional Greenway



# Campbell Valley Regional Park





# Capilano River Regional Park



# Derby Reach Regional Park



 Regional Park Boundary

 Designated Area  
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# Iona Beach Regional Park



To: Regional Parks Committee

From: Mike Redpath, Director, Regional Parks

Date: May 1, 2024 Meeting Date: May 8, 2024

Subject: **Manager's Report – Regional Parks**

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Regional Parks Committee receive for information the report dated May 1, 2024, titled “Manager’s Report – Regional Parks.”

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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The attachment to this report sets out the Regional Parks Committee Work Plan for 2024. The status of work program elements is indicated as pending, in progress, or complete. The listing is updated as needed to include new issues that arise, items requested by the Committee, and changes in the schedule.

### **2024 REGIONAL PARKS VISITOR SURVEY**

This summer, Metro Vancouver will conduct an in-person visitor satisfaction survey in regional parks and greenways. The survey, which has been repeated approximately every five years (2013 and 2019), collects data on regional park visitor demographics and origin, their activities within the parks, and general satisfaction with the experience and facilities provided in each park. The information gathered through previous surveys has been used to guide planning and operational decisions over the past decade.

The 2024 survey will include qualitative inquiries aimed at measuring how time spent in parks influences visitor well-being. Additionally, it will establish a baseline for equity indicators by comparing the demographic composition of park visitors to that of the regional population. The expanded scope of the 2024 survey will provide valuable insights into current levels of visitor satisfaction, enabling monitoring of trends in park utilization and visitor demographics, including a “pre-pandemic” and “post-pandemic” perspective.

### **REGIONAL PARKS KIOSK INFORMATION PANELS - REVIEW**

A review of the Regional Parks’ kiosk information panel design is underway. There are approximately 75 kiosks in the Regional Parks system which measure 8x4 feet (the most common) and 4x4 feet. The review focuses on the information panel content (not the kiosk structure design). The main panel currently features the park map, park system map, contact information, welcome message, park hours, rules and regulatory information (e.g., dogs, fishing regulations, restricted activities, wildlife safety, accessibility), and specific trail information. A secondary panel includes information about activities and visitor programs, facilities, and the Metro Vancouver Regional Parks Foundation. Content may also include information about historical features and natural history.

Regional Parks staff are currently gathering and reviewing parameters, required items, and external information sources. The latter includes findings from two reports. In 2022, a consultant observed interactions of park visitors with kiosks and conducted a survey to find out what information visitors are looking for, whether or not the visitors found the information they were looking for, what key messages the visitors took away from the kiosk, and what, if any, information visitors were not able to find. In 2023, a consultant assessed the current standard for kiosk information panels from a user experience design point of view and gave suggestions for improvements and examples of similar products that illustrate optimal user design experience. The information will inform the next steps in the panel review process.



Capilano River Regional Park near Cleveland Dam

### CULTURAL PLANNING AND CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT UPDATE



səlilwətał Welcome Pole

The relationship between səlilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh Nation) and Metro Vancouver Regional Parks continues to be strengthened through implementation of the Cultural Planning and Co-Operation Agreement at təmtəx'wətən/Belcarra Regional Park. In 2023, a joint Metro Vancouver/səlilwətał working group initiated a community engagement process to hear from səlilwətał members about how their cultural values, teachings, and perspectives can help inform park planning and management.

Two community engagement events, held in September and November 2023, brought səlilwətał members together in the park and in their community to discuss what reclaiming Indigenous identity on ancestral lands means to them. The knowledge and feedback shared during the engagement process resulted in emerging priorities related to cultural visibility, stewardship of the land, and access to the park.

The installation of səlilwətał's Welcome Pole, completed in November 2023, was one such priority

project that stands as a tangible symbol of the shared commitment to cultural preservation and celebration. The Welcome Pole, carved by səlilwətał artist Jonas Jones, was installed at the park's ocean-front picnic area and will be honoured in a səlilwətał ceremony later this spring.

Metro Vancouver continues to work together with səlilwətał to implement priority projects in 2024, including starting the process of renewing the Cultural Planning and Co-Operation Agreement, which recognizes both səlilwətał ancestral ties to the land and the present use by its members as well as a Metro Vancouver regional park. The term for the current agreement ends in February 2025 and renewal discussions are underway.



*səlilwətał community engagement event at təmtəx<sup>w</sup>tan/Belcarra Regional Park, September 2023*

### **FILMING IN REGIONAL PARKS – 2023**

Metro Vancouver recognizes the importance of the film industry as a significant contributor to the regional economy. With venues ranging from pristine wilderness to immaculate heritage homes located only a short distance from urban areas, Metro Vancouver-owned lands and properties provide some of the lower Mainland's premier filming and production locations.

The Metro Vancouver's Film Office is managed by Regional Parks staff who consider requests to use Metro Vancouver property for filming where such activities are compatible with maintaining operations. Every hour of every film shoot is supervised by Metro Vancouver's contracted site

supervisors, Angusfilm Production Services, to ensure the filming is done in a safe and responsible manner.

In 2023, revenues from filming were \$318,505, a decrease of 56% from 2022. There were 38 shoots, and 162 days of filming, down from 75 shoots and 260 days of filming in 2022.

The 2023 Hollywood actors' and writers' strikes dealt a serious blow to the film and TV production industry across North America, including in Metro Vancouver, and BC strikes involving the Writers Guild of America and the American actors' union SAG-AFTRA (Screen Actors Guild – American Federation of Television and Radio Artists) were not settled until late in the year.



*Filming at Deas Island Regional Park*

Minnehada Regional Park was the busiest location in 2023 with 26 filming activities, excluding prep and wrap days. The longest single shoot in 2023 was the TV Series Goosebumps that lasted 21 days at Minnehada Regional Park in the late Fall. The Lower Seymour Conservation Reserve had a total of 6 shoots and 43 days of filming.



*Filming at Minnehada Regional Park*

Most filming activity in 2023 came from TV series, and there were only four feature films. Commercials were the third largest type of filming activity, although the number of commercial shoots decreased over 50% compared to last year. Locally produced TV series included: Animal Control, Yellowjackets, Fire Country, Riverdale (Season 7), Dead Boy Detectives, Resident Alien, Sight Unseen, Crimetime Mysteries, Tracker, and Goosebumps.

Now that the Hollywood strikes are over, and production in and around Metro Vancouver is ramping up, 2024 is expected to be much more active.

## REGIONAL PARKS UPDATES

### Aldergrove Regional Park – There's Gnome One Like You

On March 28, 2024, the East Area Interpretive Team kicked off spring with a fabulous Enchanted Forest event, held at Aldergrove Regional Park. An astounding 829 participants attended the event. The gnomes returned to the forest for one special day and led interactive nature-focused stations. Many partner groups also joined the event: Fraser Valley Regional Library, Northern Spotted Owl Breeding Program, Langley Environmental Partners Society, and Parks Canada.



*Gnomes of Enchanted Forest at Aldergrove Regional Park*

### ᐱᑦᐱᑦᐱᑦ Regional Park – New Trail Development

The City of Port Coquitlam is developing a new trail that will provide pedestrian connectivity to different neighbourhoods, natural areas, and municipal and regional parks. The new loop trail is expected to be about 6.5 kilometres long. About 30 to 40 per cent of the trail will be inside ᐱᑦᐱᑦᐱᑦ Regional Park. The naming contest for the unnamed trail closed on April 7, 2024.

The first phase of the trail from Shaughnessy Street is under construction and will be completed in June or July 2024. There are plans to install a new pedestrian-controlled light at Shaughnessy Street to connect the trail to ᐱᑦᐱᑦᐱᑦ Regional Park. Metro Vancouver staff are coordinating with staff from the City of Port Coquitlam on opportunities to jointly develop trail connections to this civic trail and ᐱᑦᐱᑦᐱᑦ Regional Park.



*Port Coquitlam trail development*

### Burns Bog Ecological Conservancy Area – Marking 20 Years of Protection



*Burns Bog Ecological Conservancy Area*

Twenty years ago, four levels of government including Metro Vancouver protected Burns Bog as an ecological conservancy area. To commemorate this anniversary, a limited number of public tours will be offered in June. Registration and details will be available online at the Metro Vancouver website.

Bogs are homes to unique plants like the sundew and rare animals like the sandhill crane. They also capture carbon and store water — helping to prevent both floods and drought.

Most of Burns Bog Ecological Conservancy Area is closed to the public and managed for ecosystem protection and restoration. These special tours will offer a chance for members of the region to visit some of the protected areas.

Recognizing that First Nations stewarded this area for much longer, the four levels of government are also in discussions with local First Nation governments on finding ways to work together to enhance the protection and stewardship of the Burns Bog Ecological Conservancy Area.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Regional Parks Committee 2024 Work Plan

#### **REFERENCES**

1. [Metro Vancouver website](#)
2. [Burns Bog Ecological Conservancy Area](#)

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## Regional Parks Committee 2024 Work Plan

Report Date: May 1, 2024

## Priorities

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Quarter</b>	<b>Status</b>
Regional Parks Committee Priorities and 2024 Work Plan	Completed
Regional Parks Land Dedication Bylaw	Completed
Cape Roger Curtis Engagement Process and Rezoning – Update	Completed
Pilot Program to Permit Alcohol Consumption in Regional Parks	Completed
Regional Parks Real-Time Parking Availability Program	Completed
Mobile Vending Pilot Project	Completed
Belcarra South Picnic Area Revised Plan	Completed
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter</b>	
Regional Greenways Plan Implementation Updates	Completed
Pacific Spirit Regional Park - Wreck Beach Update	Completed
Regional Parks Community Involvement Update	Completed
Cultural Planning and Cooperation Agreement Update	Pending
Regional Parks Annual Report 2023	Pending
Kiosk Information Panels Review	Pending
Metro Vancouver Regional District Filming Update	Pending
Metro Vancouver Regional District Consumption of Liquor in Regional Parks Bylaw	Pending
Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Parks Regulation Amendment Bylaw	Pending
Cape Roger Curtis Update	Pending
Regional Parks Committee Tour of Regional Parks	Pending
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter</b>	
Draft 2025 - 2029 Capital Plan Overview	Pending
Regional Parks Financial Access Program	Pending
Regional Parks Regulation and Compliance Program Update	Pending
Natural Resource Management Program Stewardship Program Update	Pending
Metro Vancouver Regional Parks Foundation Update	Pending
Natural Asset Management Update	Pending
Metro Vancouver 10 Year Salmon Enhancement Action Plan Update	Pending
Regional Parks Building Strategy	Pending
Centennial Beach Concession Building / Services Review	Pending
Kanaka Education and Environmental Partnership Society (KEEPS) Contribution Agreement and Presentation	Pending
Pacific Spirit Park Society Contribution Agreement and Presentation	Pending

<b>4th Quarter</b>	
2025 - 2029 Five Year Financial Plan and 2025 Budget and Annual Rates	Pending
Regional Parks Development Cost Charge Program Update	Pending
MVRD Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw	Pending
Regional Parks Asset Management Plan	Pending
Repeal and Replace Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw	Pending
Sponsorship in Regional Parks Policy	Pending
Metro Vancouver Regional Parks Foundation Update	Pending
Regional Parks Public Programming Strategy Implementation Update	Pending

Status = Pending, In Progress or Completed

METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL PARKS

Upcoming Events

May 2024

DATE	UPCOMING EVENTS
04 MAY 2024	<b>The Secret Life of Trees</b> DERBY REACH REGIONAL PARK
04 MAY 2024	<b>Nature Magic with Microscopes</b> CAPILANO RIVER REGIONAL PARK
11 MAY 2024	<b>Forest Bathing</b> CAPILANO RIVER REGIONAL PARK
11 MAY 2024	<b>Salmon Send-Off</b> TYNEHEAD REGIONAL PARK
11 MAY 2024	<b>Story Time Walk</b> łéxətəm (formerly Colony Farm) REGIONAL PARK
12 MAY 2024	<b>Wild Moms</b> CAMPBELL VALLEY REGIONAL PARK
14 MAY 2024	<b>Piper Spit Bird Count</b> BURNABY LAKE REGIONAL PARK
18 MAY 2024	<b>Forest Fairy Gathering</b> BURNABY LAKE REGIONAL PARK
26 MAY 2024	<b>Wilderness at Your Doorstep</b> LYNN HEADWATERS REGIONAL PARK
26 MAY 2024	<b>Smolts on the Water</b> KANAKA CREEK REGIONAL PARK
30 MAY 2024	<b>Forest Bathing</b> təmtəmíxʷtən/BELCARRA REGIONAL PARK

\*Note: For more information on Regional Parks Programs & Events, please visit <https://metrovancover.org/events/events-calendar>