



Regional Parks Interpreter delivering a program

Strengthening Nature Connections for our Region

REGIONAL PARKS PUBLIC PROGRAMMING STRATEGY

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OUR ROLE:
PROTECTING
Metro Vancouver's
natural areas
+
CONNECTING
people with them

STRENGTHENING CONNECTION

- Collaboration
- Diversity and inclusion
- Reconciliation
- Health and wellness



COLLABORATION

- Programming with libraries
- Municipal events
- Joint training and information sharing



DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

- Picnic in a Park event
- Practice English in a Park public programs
- Collaboration with SUCCESS, Mosaic, Options, Parks Canada, and Nature Kids





“A wonderful event! Zoey is so nice and professional. I shared this activity with my friends and colleagues. Hope we all understand more about the nature around us and do right thing to protect our surroundings.”

~ Participant

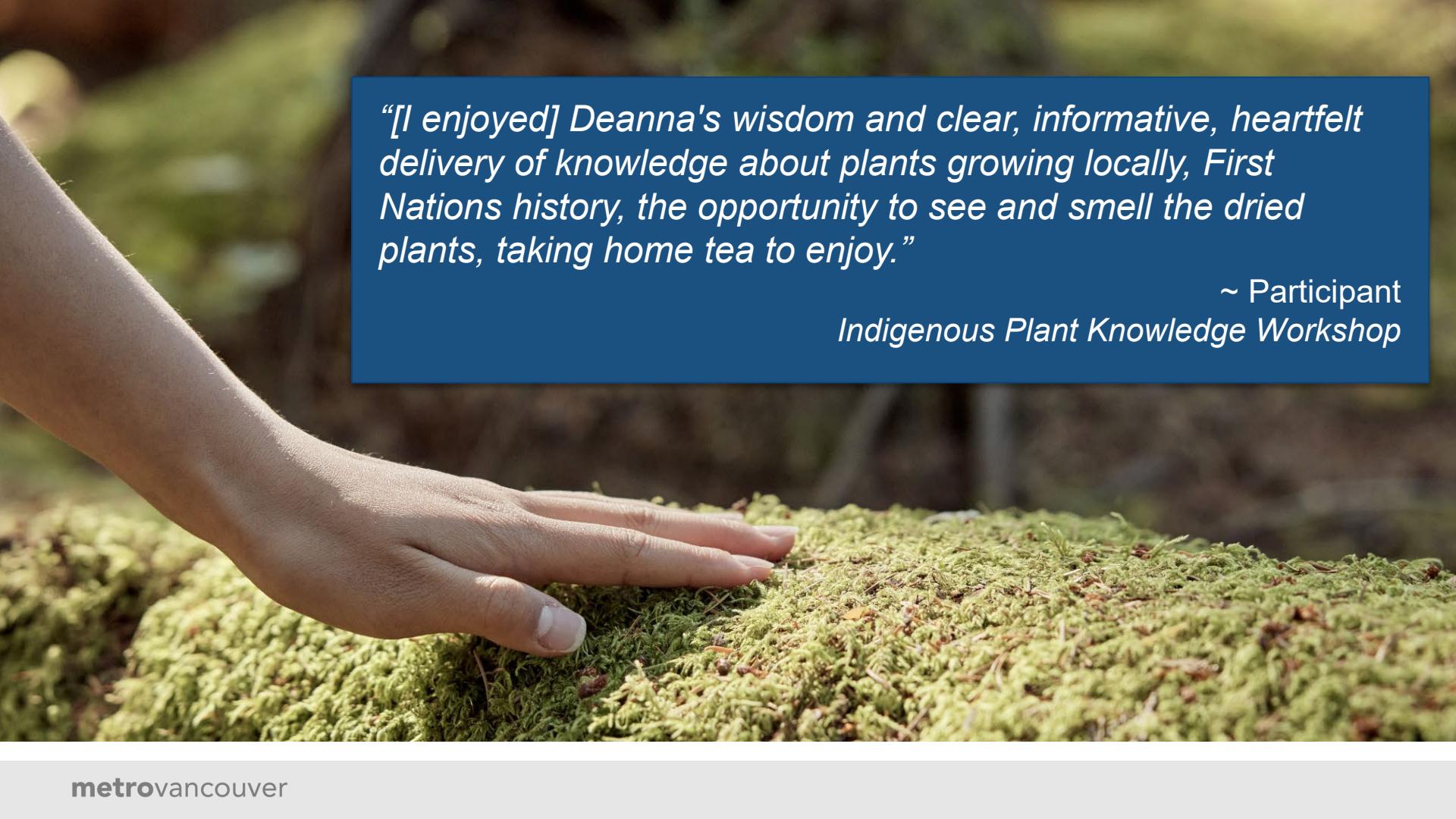


Indigenous Plant Knowledge Workshops

RECONCILIATION

- Ensure programs start with territorial acknowledgements
- Work with First Nations to tell their own stories





“[I enjoyed] Deanna's wisdom and clear, informative, heartfelt delivery of knowledge about plants growing locally, First Nations history, the opportunity to see and smell the dried plants, taking home tea to enjoy.”

~ Participant
Indigenous Plant Knowledge Workshop

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

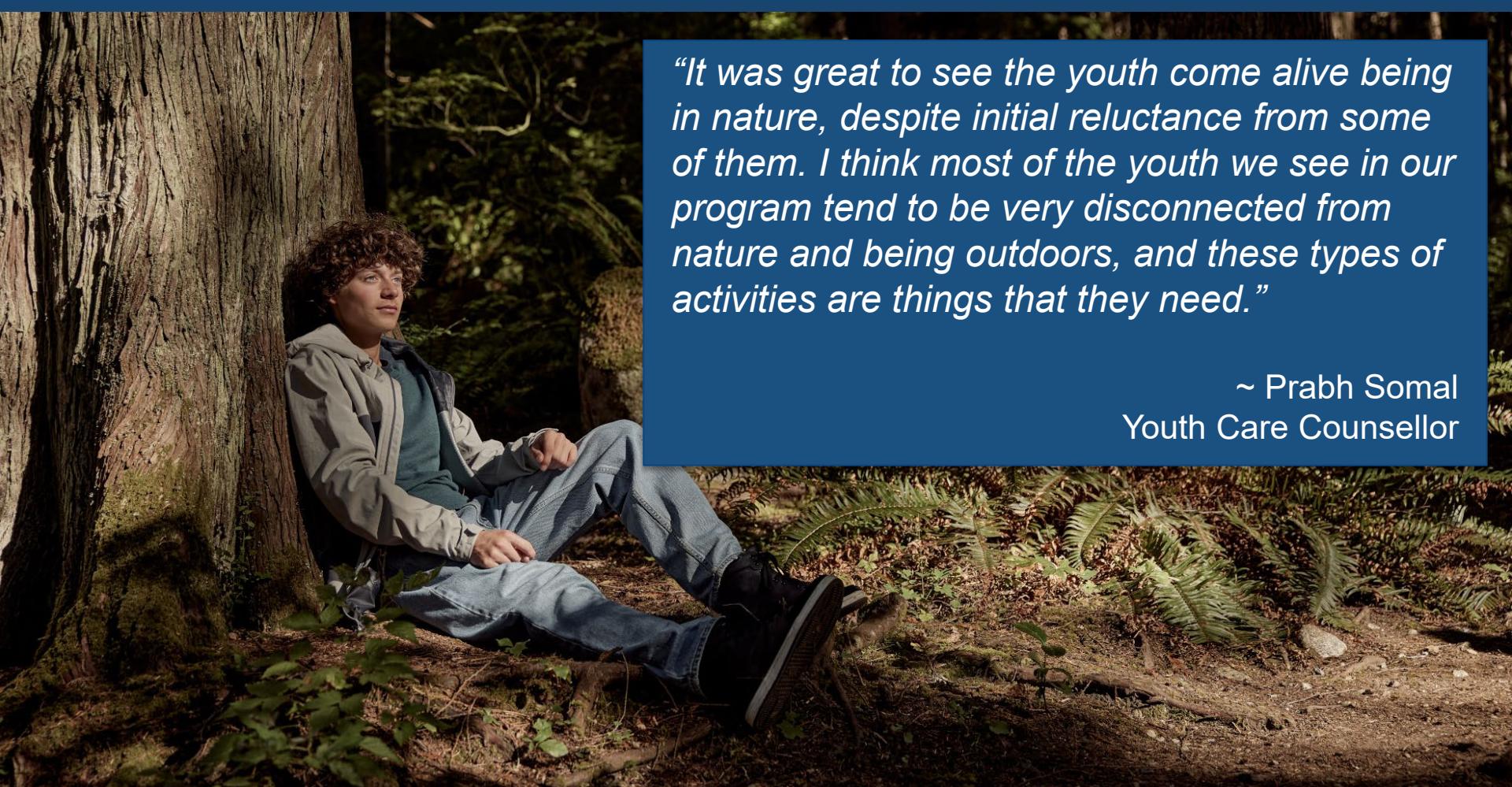
- Nurture with Nature
- Forest Bathing
- Forest Harmonies
- Youth Wellness Walks





YOUTH WELLNESS WALKS

- Partnership with Fraser Health's Adolescent Day Treatment Program
- Supported by Reel Green Grant



“It was great to see the youth come alive being in nature, despite initial reluctance from some of them. I think most of the youth we see in our program tend to be very disconnected from nature and being outdoors, and these types of activities are things that they need.”

~ Prabh Somal
Youth Care Counsellor



Pacific Spirit Regional Park

Questions?

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Together we make our region strong



Grouse Mountain Regional Park

Atmospheric River Impacts – Regional Parks

OCTOBER 19, 2024 ATMOSPHERIC RIVER EVENT

Richard Wallis

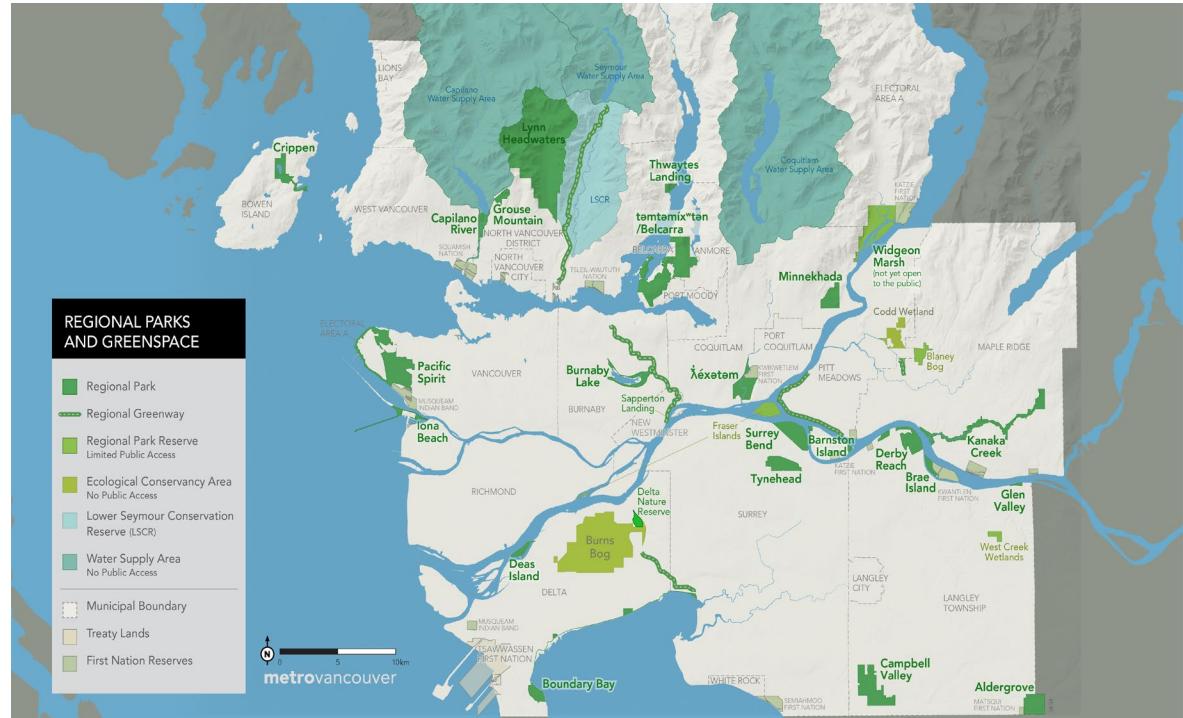
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PREPARING FOR STORM EVENTS

- Climate change
- Emergency Plans
- Inter-agency contacts
- Trained staff
- Duty Officer



PRE-PLANNING ACTIONS

Communications

- Social media
- Website
- Staff information



PRE-PLANNING ACTIONS

Physical preparation

- Signage
- Barricades and cones
- Trail closures
- Sandbagging



TRAIL FLOODING

Capilano River, Kanaka Creek



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Campbell Valley, Delta South Surrey Greenway



TRAIL IMPACTS

Capilano River, Tynehead



FLOODING

Kanaka Creek, Minnekhada



WINDFALL TREES

Pacific Spirit, Belcarra



WINDFALL TREES

Delta Nature Reserve Boardwalk



HIGH WATER FLOWS

Lynn Headwaters



HIGH WATER FLOWS

Kanaka Creek



LANDSLIDES

Pacific Spirit, Widgeon Marsh



NEXT STEPS

- Storm Impact clean-up underway
- Documenting storm impacts and reviewing lessons learned to prepare for next storm event
- Letting 'nature take its course' (**adaptation**)
- Implementing engineered/ manufactured or natural based solutions to future impacts (**mitigation**)





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