

METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT (MVRD) REGIONAL PARKS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

ON TABLE

1. Presentation materials for Item D1 re: Metro Vancouver Regional Parks Foundation 25th Anniversary. Item received after publishing on February 26, 2025.





COLLABORATION

- Ongoing positive collaboration with Metro Vancouver Regional Parks staff
- 35 new projects identified for:
 - REEL Earth Day Challenge
 - o Seek the Peak
 - o Corporate Breakfast
 - General fundraising
- Projects include:
 - o Habitat restoration & enhancement
 - o Invasive species management & removal
 - o Campground development
 - o Trail rehabilitation
 - o Wildlife & scenic viewing areas
 - Indigenous programs & installations
 - Community engagement & stewardship





NIGHT QUEST March 21 & 22, 2025 Pacific Spirit Regional Park

GOODBYE CHUMS

April 2025 . Kanaka Creek Regional Park



REEL EARTH DAY CHALLENGE

April 8-22, 2025 Metro Vancouver



LOWER MAINLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

April 29-May 1, 2025 Westin Whistler Resort

REGIONAL PARKS SNAP & SHARE

May 1-25, 2025 Metro Vancouver Regional Parks



CORPORATE BREAKFAST

May 8, 2025 Redwoods Golf Course, Langley

SEEK THE PEAK

June 2025 Grouse Mountain Regional Park & Resort

PICNIC IN THE PARK

June 2025 Surrey Bend Regional Park

PARKSFEST

September 2025 Burnaby Lake Regional Park

PINTS FOR PARKS

Ongoing 2025 Local Breweries and Cideries



BUS GRANTS UPDATE

- \$25,000 of the \$35,000 grant allocation for this fiscal has been awarded.
- Current priority is given to applications from:
 - o Community centres
 - o Youth organizations
 - Seniors groups
 - o Organizations supporting individuals with disabilities or those facing challenges
- This prioritization aims to enhance diversity and make the bus grant program more accessible to a wider range of community members.
- The recently approved \$25,000 "New Horizons for Seniors" grant will help cover transportation costs for seniors

APPROVED GRANT LOCATIONS

Boundary Bay Regional Park: 13 Capilano River Regional Park: 10 təmtəmíxwtən/Belcarra Regional Park: 8 Burnaby Lake Regional Park: 4 Pacific Spirit Regional Park: 4 Iona Beach Regional Park: 2 Crippen Regional Park: 2 Derby Reach Regional Park: 1 Delta Nature Reserve: 1



CTS YOUTH SOCIETY IMPORTANT 2025 DATES



- Camp Counsellor Applications Open: March 7-31
- Camp Pre-Registration: April 23
 - o Metro Vancouver Housing, Métis Youth, Habitat for Humanity
- Camp Registration: May 1
- First Day of Camp: July 4
- Last Day of Camp: August 15
- Peer Leader Jamboree: August 15-17
- Annual CTS BBQ: August 22
- Youth Council (Sept 2024- Present)
 - o 5 in-person events held
 - Average attendance: 10 youth per event
 - o Upcoming event March overnight at Camp Capilano
 - Current Registrations: 24 Youth
- Link to 2025 Camp Schedule
- Link to 2024 Annual Report



BURNS BOG RESTORATION PROJECT

PARTNERS:

- CTS Youth Society
- Metro Vancouver Regional Parks Foundation
- Youth Climate Corps (YCC)

IMPACT

- Youth Employment 5 YCC staff + 10 youth received stipends
- Ecological Restoration Removed invasive pine saplings to protect carbon storage & biodiversity
- Education & Training Hands-on learning & skill development

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

- Duration: 20 days (Oct 5, 2024 completion)
- Participants: 25 youth
- Restoration: 40,000+ seedlings removed across 1.5 hectares





PARK PARTNERS YEAR-END CHALLENGE

• \$43,500 raised

PARK PARTNERS MIXER

- February 6th, 2025
- 27 attendees from:
- CTS Youth Society
 - o Stream of Dreams
 - Vancouver Avian Research Centre
 - o Kanaka Education & Environmental Partnership Society
 - o Minnekhada Park Association
 - o Derby Reach & Brae Island Parks Association
 - o Campbell Valley Equestrian Society
 - o Burnaby Lake Park Association
 - Nature Kids BC



VANCOUVER OUTDOOR ADVENTURE SHOW

- March 1 & 2, 2025
- Vancouver Convention Centre
- Strengthened community awareness, grew our supporter network, and inspired more people to protect and enjoy regional parks.
 - Engaged with 900 visitors at our booth
 - o Shared our mission to protect and enhance regional parks
 - o Promoted volunteer opportunities and donor programs
 - o Connected with outdoor enthusiasts and potential supporters



INCREASED SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE

• New followers campaign

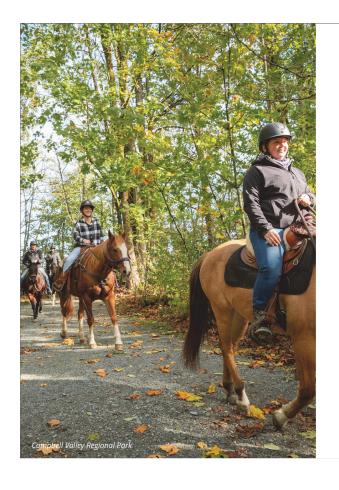
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INCREASED GRANT APPLICATIONS

- Applied for over \$250K in funding
- Secured nearly: \$100K in new support





- April 8-22, 2025
- Goal: \$100,000
- Pitched projects:
 - o Mishkoopitum Summer Camps \$20,000
 - o Picnic in the Park: \$5,000
 - UBC Bird Viewing Tower: \$20,000
 - o Burnaby Lake Nature House Plantings: \$10,000
 - o Invasive Species Impact on Local Foods: \$2,000
 - o Indigenous Ethnobotany/Trail Signs: \$10,500
 - o Resilient Waters Salmon Project: \$15,000
 - o Ecoblitz: \$2,500
 - o Lagoon Habitat Enhancement: \$15,000
- View the 2024 REDC Impact Report

NEW VIDEO CONTENT

METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL PARKS FOUNDATION - 25TH ANNIVERSARY



