

**METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT (MVRD)
REGIONAL PARKS COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

O N T A B L E

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



Presented By:
Mark Mahl - Executive Director
March 2025

Pacific Spirit Regional Park



Lynn Headwaters Regional Park

COLLABORATION

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



2025 EVENTS



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:
 - Community centres
 - Youth organizations
 - Seniors groups
 - 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
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Burnaby Lake Regional Park: 4
Pacific Spirit Regional Park: 4
Lynn Headwaters Regional Park: 2
Iona Beach Regional Park: 2
Crippen Regional Park: 2
Derby Reach Regional Park: 1
Delta Nature Reserve: 1



CTS YOUTH SOCIETY IMPORTANT 2025 DATES



- Peer Leader Applications Open: February 21-March 10
- Camp Counsellor Applications Open: March 7-31
- Camp Pre-Registration: April 23
 - 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)
 - 5 in-person events held
 - Average attendance: 10 youth per event
 - 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
 - Stream of Dreams
 - Vancouver Avian Research Centre
 - Kanaka Education & Environmental Partnership Society
 - Minnekhada Park Association
 - Derby Reach & Brae Island Parks Association
 - Campbell Valley Equestrian Society
 - 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
 - Shared our mission to protect and enhance regional parks
 - Promoted volunteer opportunities and donor programs
 - Connected with outdoor enthusiasts and potential supporters



Lynn Headwaters Regional Park

INCREASED SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE

- New followers campaign

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Campbell Valley Regional Park

INCREASED GRANT APPLICATIONS

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



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

NEW VIDEO CONTENT

METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL PARKS FOUNDATION – 25TH ANNIVERSARY





THANK YOU

for your partnership, support, and guidance.

Minnehaha Regional Park