

**METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
REGIONAL PARKS COMMITTEE**

MEETING

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

9:00 am

28th Floor Committee Room, 4515 Central Boulevard, Burnaby, British Columbia

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

A G E N D A

A. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1. September 10, 2025 Meeting Agenda

That the Regional Parks Committee adopt the agenda for its meeting scheduled for September 10, 2025 as circulated.

B. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

1. July 2, 2025 Meeting Minutes

That the Regional Parks Committee adopt the minutes of its meeting held July 2, 2025 as circulated.

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C. DELEGATIONS

D. INVITED PRESENTATIONS

1. Mark van der Zalm, President, and Michael Wiebe, Director of Philanthropy and Project Development, Metro Vancouver Regional Parks Foundation

Subject: Update on Metro Vancouver Regional Parks Foundation

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2. Sofia Slater, Program Manager, and Michael Wiebe, Director of Philanthropy and Project Development, CTS Youth Society

Subject: Update of CTS Youth Society latest achievements

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E. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE OR CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Metro Vancouver Regional District Park Dedication Removal of Certain Land in Deas Island Regional Park Bylaw No. 1382, 2025

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Executive Summary

The Ministry of Transportation and Transit (MOTT), through the Transportation Investment Corporation (TI Corp), plans to replace the aging George Massey Tunnel with an eight-lane tunnel (the “Project”). To accommodate the Project, MOTT requires parts of the Deas Island Regional Park (the “Park”) being approximately 1,846 square metres for permanent highway expansion (the “Highway Land”) and approximately 42,791 square metres for temporary construction laydown and working space during construction of the Project (the “Lease Land”, and collectively with the Highway Land the “Park Dedication Removal Lands”). Following the completion of the Project, the Lease Lands will be restored at the cost of MOTT, and rededicated. The Park Dedication Removal Lands are shown on the map in Attachment 2.

To dispose of the Park Dedication Removal Lands, Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD) must first remove park dedication from these lands. Park dedication removal can be achieved by way of the bylaw set out in Attachment 1. The adoption of the Bylaw requires approval of the electors, which can be obtained by means of an alternative approval process. After the park dedication has been removed, the lands can be disposed of in accordance with the Real Estate Authority Policy.

Recommendation

That the MVRD Board:

- a) give first, second and third readings to *Metro Vancouver Regional District Park Dedication Removal of Certain Land in Deas Island Regional Park Bylaw No. 1382, 2025* (the “Bylaw”);
- b) direct the Corporate Officer to carry out an alternative approval process to obtain elector approval for the Bylaw pursuant to section 269(b) of the *Local Government Act*;
- c) establish the deadline for receiving elector responses in relation to the approval process as November 17, 2025;
- d) establish that elector response forms shall be in the form set out in Attachment 5 of the report dated July 28, 2025, titled “Metro Vancouver Regional District Park Dedication Removal of Certain Land in Deas Island Regional Park Bylaw No. 1382, 2025”;
- e) direct the Corporate Officer that the area to which the approval process applies is the entire area of the Metro Vancouver Regional District, and a fair determination of the total number of electors of the area to which the approval process applies is 1,752,298; and

- f) direct staff to report the results of the alternative approval process detailed in Recommendation b) to the Board and, if such approval has been obtained, to forward the Bylaw to the Board for final reading and adoption.

2. Contribution Agreement - CTS Youth Society (2026-2028)

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Executive Summary

The CTS Youth Society (CTS) is a non-profit society that aims to connect youth in Metro Vancouver with their natural environment, their community, and each other through life-changing outdoor experiences. CTS programs are designed and delivered for youth and by youth, providing free and accessible community education through environmental stewardship, leadership programs, and public service.

Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD) has a three-year Contribution Agreement with CTS Youth Society totaling \$241,000 which will expire at the end of 2025. A new Contribution Agreement between MVRD and CTS Youth Society in or substantially in the form attached is proposed for the next three calendar years, commencing January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2028. This agreement includes annual contributions of \$84,500 (2026), \$86,500 (2027) and \$88,500 (2028) for a total funding amount of \$259,500. These amounts are similar to the previous agreement and have been adjusted for inflation.

Recommendation

That the MVRD Board approve the Contribution Agreement, as outlined in Attachment 1 of the report dated July 15, 2025, titled “Contribution Agreement - CTS Youth Society (2026-2028)”, between Metro Vancouver Regional District and CTS Youth Society for a three-year term commencing on January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2028, with annual contributions of \$84,500 (2026), \$86,500 (2027) and \$88,500 (2028) totaling \$259,500.

3. Natural Resource Management Restoration Program Update

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Executive Summary

In 2025, 42 restoration projects are planned across the regional parks system. These planned restoration projects include stream daylighting and maintaining wetland habitats, removal of invasive species, improving forest resilience, improving habitat diversity, restoring disturbed areas, buffer plantings, creating wildflower meadows, as well as restoring forested and riparian areas. This report highlights selected projects for 2025. This work improves the health of regional parks ecosystems contributing to improved regional resilience and provides opportunities for residents to engage in environmental stewardship, deepening their connection with nature.

Recommendation

That the Regional Parks Committee receive for information the report dated June 13, 2025, titled “Natural Resource Management Restoration Program Update”.

4. Natural Asset Management in Regional Parks – Campbell Valley Regional Park Pilot

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Executive Summary

The final phase of the Natural Asset Management in Regional Parks project was to undertake a pilot study to develop a natural asset management plan for one park - Campbell Valley Regional Park. This report provides a summary of the approach developed by the pilot study, and the results.

The Campbell Valley Regional Park natural asset management plan guides decision-making by integrating inventory assessment, condition evaluation, and risk analysis, developing measurable objectives to track progress, and identifying management strategies for the park. The plan determined that the current levels of effort are sufficient to sustain Campbell Valley’s natural assets and mitigate risks to a reasonable degree. Advancing natural asset management is a key focus of continuous improvement within Regional Parks.

The pilot study approach can be applied to developing asset management plans for other regional parks, as time and resources allow.

Recommendation

That the MVRD Board receive for information the report dated July 28, 2025, titled “Natural Asset Management in Regional Parks – Campbell Valley Regional Park Pilot”.

5. Manager's Report - Regional Parks

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Executive Summary

Attachment 1 to this report sets out the Regional Parks Committee Work Plan for 2025. 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.

Recommendation

That the Regional Parks Committee receive for information the report dated August 20, 2025, titled “Manager’s Report – Regional Parks”.

F. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Regional Parks Upcoming Events - September 2025

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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 September 10, 2025 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 September 10, 2025.

Membership:

McEwen, John (C) – Anmore

Bligh, Rebecca (VC) – Vancouver

Au, Chak – Richmond

Calendino, Pietro – Burnaby

Elke, Tracy – Pitt Meadows

Ferguson, Steve – Langley Township

Hodge, Craig – Coquitlam

Kruger, Dylan – Delta

Lahti, Meghan – Port Moody

Leonard, Andrew – Bowen Island

Muri, Lisa – North Vancouver District

Penner, Darrell – Port Coquitlam

Ross, Jamie – Belcarra

Stutt, Rob – Surrey

Tan, Jenny – Maple Ridge

Thompson, Sharon – West Vancouver

**METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
REGIONAL PARKS COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD) Regional Parks Committee held at 9:02 am on Wednesday, July 2, 2025 in the 28th Floor Committee Room, 4515 Central Boulevard, Burnaby, British Columbia.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Vice Chair, Director Rebecca Bligh, Vancouver
Director Pietro Calendino, Burnaby
Councillor Tracy Elke, Pitt Meadows (arrived at 9:27 am)
Director Steve Ferguson, Langley Township
Director Craig Hodge, Coquitlam (arrived at 9:08 am)
Director Dylan Kruger, Delta
Director Andrew Leonard, Bowen Island*
Director Lisa Muri, North Vancouver District
Councillor Darrell Penner, Port Coquitlam*
Director Jamie Ross, Belcarra
Councillor Jenny Tan, Maple Ridge
Councillor Sharon Thompson, West Vancouver

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councillor Chak Au, Richmond
Director Meghan Lahti, Port Moody
Chair, Director John McEwen, Anmore
Director Rob Stutt, Surrey

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jim Atkinson, Chair, Lower Coquitlam River Nature Association
Irene Lau, Chair, Burnaby Lake Park Association
Jane Thomsing, Coordinator, Lower Coquitlam River Nature Association

STAFF PRESENT:

Mike Redpath, Director, Regional Parks
Catherine Grosson, Legislative Services Coordinator, Board and Information Services
Sonu Kailley, Director, Financial Planning, Financial Services

A. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**1. July 2, 2025 Meeting Agenda****It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Regional Parks Committee adopt the agenda for its meeting scheduled for July 2, 2025 as circulated.

CARRIED**B. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES****1. May 7, 2025 Meeting Minutes****It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Regional Parks Committee adopt the minutes of its meeting held May 7, 2025 as circulated.

CARRIED**C. DELEGATIONS**

No items presented.

D. INVITED PRESENTATIONS**1. Jim Atkinson, Chair, and Jane Thomsing, Coordinator, Lower Coquitlam River Nature Association**

Subject: Lower Coquitlam River Nature Association

Jane Thomsing and Jim Atkinson provided members with a presentation titled "Presentation to Metro Vancouver Regional Parks Committee", which outlined Lower Coquitlam River Nature Association's volunteer-driven programs and initiatives in Āléxətəm Regional Park and surrounding areas. Members were informed about the Association's programs and events, which include birdwatching, bat monitoring, and educational activities regarding the preservation of the Oregon Forest Snail.

9:08 am Director Hodge arrived at the meeting.

9:27 am Councillor Elke arrived at the meeting.

2. Irene Lau, Chair, Burnaby Lake Park Association

Subject: Burnaby Lake Park Association

Irene Lau provided members with a presentation titled “Metro Vancouver Regional Parks Committee”, which outlined Burnaby Lake Park Association’s volunteer-driven stewardship, education, and outreach activities in Burnaby Lake Regional Park and surrounding areas. Members were informed about bird education programs and migratory bird preservation efforts, fun seasonal activities within the Burnaby Lake Regional Park, and the Association’s growing online presence and engagement.

E. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE OR CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**1. DRAFT Five Year Capital Plan (2026 – 2030) Regional Parks**

Report dated June 10, 2025, from Mike Redpath, Director, Regional Parks, and Jeffrey Fitzpatrick, Division Manager, Design and Development, Regional Parks, presenting to the Regional Parks Committee the DRAFT Regional Parks 2026 - 2030 Capital Plan for comments, which will then be incorporated into the Fall Budget approval process.

Mike Redpath and Sonu Kailley, Director, Financial Planning, Financial Services, provided members with a presentation titled “Regional Parks: DRAFT Five Year Capital Plan (2026-2030)” which outlined Metro Vancouver’s annual budget timeline, how the capital plan aligns with *2022 Regional Parks Plan* goals, land acquisition, drivers, expenditures, and reviewed plans for capital development in 2026, as well as next steps.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Regional Parks Committee receive for information the report dated June 10, 2025, titled “DRAFT Five Year Capital Plan (2026 – 2030) Regional Parks.”

CARRIED**2. MVRD Consumption of Liquor in Regional Parks Administrative Update Amendment Bylaw No. 1427, 2025**

Report dated June 10, 2025, from Marc Paquin, Bylaw and Policy Coordinator, Board and Information Services, presenting *MVRD Consumption of Liquor in Regional Parks Administrative Update Amendment Bylaw No. 1427, 2025* to amend *Metro Vancouver Regional District Consumption of Liquor in Regional Parks Bylaw No. 1385, 2024* to update references in MVRD Bylaw No. 1385, 2025 to the recently adopted MVRD Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the MVRD Board:

- a) give first, second, and third reading to *Metro Vancouver Regional District Consumption of Liquor in Regional Parks Administrative Update Amendment Bylaw No. 1427, 2025*; and
- b) adopt *Metro Vancouver Regional District Consumption of Liquor in Regional Parks Administrative Update Amendment Bylaw No. 1427, 2025*.

CARRIED**3. Burnaby Lake Regional Park – Engagement and Management Plan**

Report dated June 2, 2025, from Steve Schaffrick, Division Manager, Central Area, Regional Parks, informing the MVRD board about the engagement process with First Nations, the public, and other interest holders on the Burnaby Lake Regional Park Management Plan.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the MVRD Board receive for information the report dated June 2, 2025, titled “Burnaby Lake Regional Park – Engagement and Management Plan.”

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

Report dated June 2, 2025, from Mike Redpath, Director, Regional Parks, providing an update on increased public transportation service to regional parks and an overview of recently held events in regional parks.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Regional Parks Committee receive for information the report dated June 2, 2025, titled “Manager’s Report – Regional Parks.”

CARRIED**F. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- 1. Best Practice Review & Proposed Updates for Development Cost Charge Categories**
- 2. Regional Parks Upcoming Events – July 2025**

G. OTHER BUSINESS

No items presented.

H. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

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CARRIED**I. ADJOURNMENT****It was MOVED and SECONDED**

That the Regional Parks Committee adjourn its meeting of July 2, 2025.

CARRIED

(Time: 10:35 am)

Catherine Grosson,
Legislative Services Coordinator

John McEwen,
Chair

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METRO VANCOUVER
REGIONAL PARKS
FOUNDATION

Presented By:
Mark van der Zalm - President
Michael Wiebe - Director of Philanthropy & Project Development

September 2025

ECOBLITZ 2024

\$76,800

PLUS IN-KIND SUPPORTS



TD Tree Planting \$8,300
Tynehead Regional Park
338 trees planted



Burns Bog Restoration Project \$55,000
Burns Bog Ecological Conservancy Area
2 hectares restored



TD Tree Planting \$13,500
Campbell Valley Regional Park
1,160 trees planted

ADDITIONAL FUNDED PROJECTS

A Rocha Canada Habitat Restoration | \$28,000
Campbell Valley Regional Park

Muench Bar Riparian Area Restoration Phase 4 | \$16,600
Derby Reach Regional Park

Nature House Upgrades | \$2000
Campbell Valley Regional Park

CTS Youth Society Stewardship & Leadership Development | \$15,000
Various Regional Parks

Canyon Trails Restoration | \$10,000
Capilano River Regional Park

Trishaw Rides for Seniors | \$5,000
Pacific Spirit Regional Park



YEAR-END GIVING PARK PARTNERS CHALLENGE

\$43,500

RAISED FOR REGIONAL PARKS IN 2024

Participating Park Partners:

- Burnaby Lake Park Association
- CTS Youth Society
- Derby Reach Brae Island Parks Society
- Kanaka Educations & Environmental Partnership Society
- Minnehada Park Association
- Pacific Spirit Park Society
- Stream of Dreams
- Vancouver Avian Research Centre



8 NEW PARK PROJECTS FUNDED

\$81,430

RAISED FOR REGIONAL PARKS IN 2025

\$555,000

RAISED FOR REGIONAL PARKS SINCE 2021



Picnic in the Park \$5,000
Surrey Bend Regional Park



Bird Viewing Tower \$20,000
Boundary Bay Regional Park



Floodgate & Salmon Research \$15,000
Léxatam Regional Park



Indigenous-Led Summer Camps \$20,000
Various Regional Parks



Bat & Owl Habitat Boxes \$5,000
Campbell Valley Regional Park



Invasives & Local Food Education \$2,000
East Area Regional Parks



Ecoblitz Stewardship Activities \$4,000
Various Regional Parks



Native Species Planting \$10,000
Burnaby Lake Regional Park

FUELLING FUTURES

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST



\$26,813
RAISED FOR REGIONAL
PARKS IN 2025

100+
GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

28
CORPORATE SPONSORS
AND DONORS

4 NEW LANGLEY PARK PROJECTS FUNDED



Expanding CTS Youth Society Camps
South Langley Regional Park



Path & Plant: Protecting Pepin Brook
Aldergrove Regional Park



Year-Round Horse Riding
Campbell Valley Regional Park



Rewilding & Restoring
South Langley Regional Park



25
ANNIVERSARY

METRO VANCOUVER
REGIONAL PARKS
FOUNDATION



GROUSE
MOUNTAIN
THE PEAK OF VANCOUVER



Amount Raised

\$40,940

Number of Participants

850



BIG CEDAR ROUTE SAFETY UPGRADES
Lynn Headwaters Regional Park



CANYON TRAILS RESTORATION
Capilano River Regional Park



HANES CROSSING BRIDGE
Lynn Headwaters Regional Park



PINTS FOR PARKS

LOCAL BEERS LOCAL PARKS



Cheers to supporting regional parks!

When you order a pint from a participating brewery, a portion of the proceeds goes directly to vital regional park projects like restoring habitats, improving trails, and protecting wildlife.

Pints for Parks Projects













- Riparian Restoration | *tamtamixʷtan/Belcarra Regional Park*
- Camosun Bog Restoration | *Pacific Spirit Regional Park*
- Big Cedar Route Safety Upgrades | *Lynn Headwaters Regional Park*
- Raptor Trail & Wetlands | *Boundary Bay Regional Park*
- Nature House Native Species Planting | *Burnaby Lake Regional Park*

Participating Breweries

- Main Street Brewing
- The Parkside Brewery
- La Cerveceria Astilleros
- Four Winds Brewing
- Dageraad Brewing
- ... more coming, stay tuned!



EVENTS

	<p>SCARECROW STROLL October 2024 Arts Nursery</p>		<p>REGIONAL PARKS SNAP & SHARE May 1-25, 2025 Metro Vancouver Regional Parks</p>
	<p>PARK PARTNERS MIXER January 2025 Aintree Heritage House</p>		<p>CORPORATE BREAKFAST May 8, 2025 Redwoods Golf Course, Langley</p>
	<p>OUTDOOR ADVENTURE SHOW February 2025 Vancouver Convention Centre</p>		<p>SEEK THE PEAK June 2025 Grouse Mountain Regional Park & Resort</p>
	<p>NIGHT QUEST March 21 & 22, 2025 Pacific Spirit Regional Park</p>		<p>PICNIC IN THE PARK June 2025 Surrey Bend Regional Park</p>
	<p>GOODBYE CHUMS April 2025 Kanaka Creek Regional Park</p>		<p>CANADA DAY CELEBRATIONS July 2025 City of Burnaby</p>
	<p>REEL EARTH DAY CHALLENGE April 8-22, 2025 Metro Vancouver</p>		<p>PINTS FOR PARKS Ongoing 2025 Local Breweries and Cideries</p>
	<p>LOWER MAINLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE April 29-May 1, 2025 Westin Whistler Resort</p>		<p>OWL HOOT-ENANNY September 2025 Campbell Valley Regional Park</p>



BRINGING PEOPLE TO NATURE

BUS GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATIONS OPEN OCTOBER 1ST

The bus grant program will reopen in October 2025, accepting applications on a rolling basis until the fiscal year funds are fully allocated. Early submission is encouraged as funding is limited.



SENIORS IN REGIONAL PARKS PROGRAM APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

Funded by a \$25,000 government grant, this program provides transportation and program support to help seniors' groups access Metro Vancouver's regional parks, reducing barriers so they can enjoy the physical and mental health benefits of connecting with nature.



"Many seniors expressed how meaningful it was to be seen, heard, and celebrated. For some, this was their first time participating in such a public cultural event in Canada, and their pride and happiness were truly contagious."

-Inas Lashin, REACH Community Health Centre

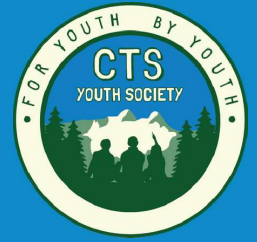
METRO VANCOUVER GROWING OUR PARKS, GROWING OUR PARTNERSHIP

What's Next for 2026:

- Develop a new project process and support emerging regional park initiatives
- Modernize the commemorative bench program
- Expand fundraising efforts through grants, partnerships, and new opportunities
- Strengthen and grow successful programs, with increased giving to Park Partners
- Reach new audiences and promote broader access to regional parks







CTS YOUTH SOCIETY

CONNECT. TEACH. SUSTAIN.

SEPTEMBER 2025 PROGRAM UPDATE



Presented By:
 Sofia Slater - Program Manager
 Michael Wiebe - Director of Philanthropy & Project Development

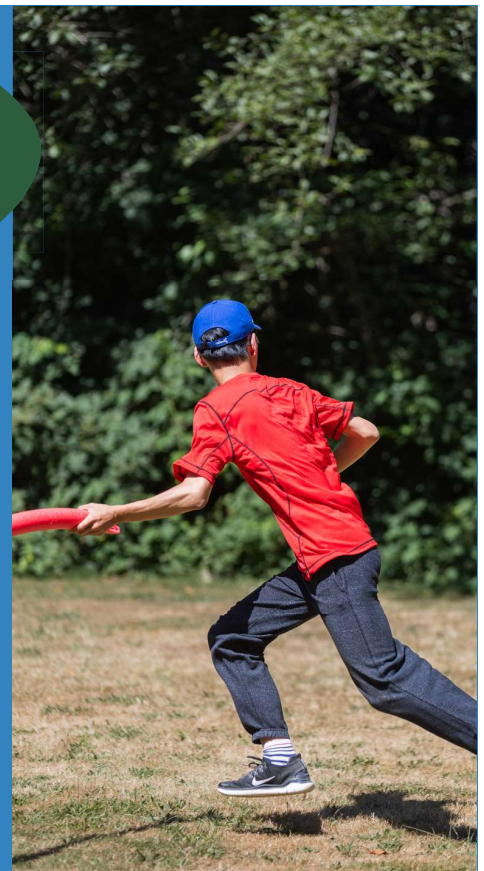
FOR YOUTH, BY YOUTH.

PARTNERSHIP
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CTS Youth Society is an independent registered charity that helps connect youth in Metro Vancouver with nature, their communities, and each other through meaningful outdoor experiences.

Our programs are free and open to all because we believe every young person deserves the chance to experience the joy of summer camp, no matter their circumstances.

We're deeply grateful to the Metro Vancouver Regional Parks staff for their support. These camps and programs wouldn't be possible without their help as 1/3 of our funding comes from Metro Vancouver along with priceless in-kind.



Supporting Metro Vancouver's Strategic Goal for Inclusive Parks

Who We Reach

- We support all Metro Vancouver youth, focusing on underserved groups like newcomers, minorities, and families who can't afford traditional camps.

What We Do

- Provide hands-on daytime and overnight nature experiences for youth age 12-18
- Foster long-term connections with regional parks
- Support youth leadership and environmental stewardship

Why It Matters

- Builds the next generation of regional park stewards
- Expands access to nature for less-served communities
- Reflects the diversity of Metro Vancouver



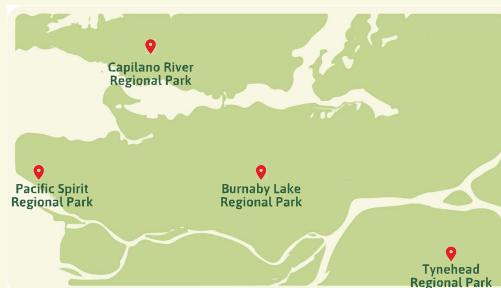
CTS Youth Society Summer 2025

Up from 556 in 2024

- 682 Youth Registrations
- 130+ Youth Waitlisted
- 20 Camps
- 26 Peer Leader Volunteers
- 25 Youth Council members
- 4 Indigenous-led camps
- 23 Volunteer Regional Park Projects (in 4 new locations!)
- 5,074 Volunteer Hours
- 1 Spring Break Camp

Our first ever!

CAMP LOCATIONS



of Peer Leaders said they would like to sign up for the program again next year



of Camp Counsellors said they would recommend working at CTS Youth Society to their peers



of Peer Leaders (youth volunteer leaders) said their leadership and communication skills improved thanks to CTS Youth Society



2023-2025

1,822

youth registered for CTS camps and programs in regional parks

58

youth-led stewardship projects held in regional parks

13,541

youth volunteer hours in regional parks

2025 DEMOGRAPHICS RECAP

85%

of Peer Leaders reported being members of a racialized group

100%

of youth campers said they are more likely to visit a regional park in the future

100%

of Peer Leaders said they have a more positive view of regional parks

15

campers gained access to early registration through subsidized housing

Registration opened up early to:

- Metro Vancouver Housing
- Vancouver Aboriginal Child and Family Services
- Indigenous Housing BC

21%

of guardians identified their camper as a person with a disability

21%

Of guardians identified their camper as a recent immigrant or New Canadian

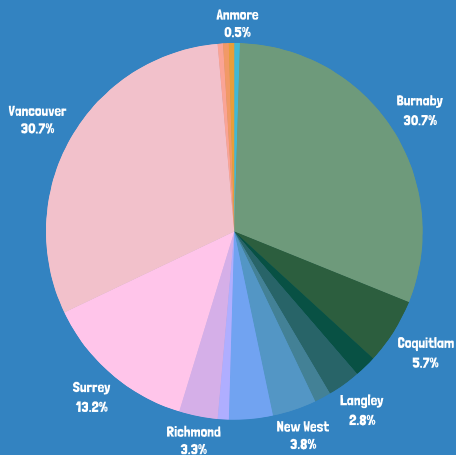
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Metro Vancouver municipalities were represented in participants

23%

of campers had not been or were not sure if they had been to a regional park before

YOUTH ACROSS THE REGION



1. Anmore
2. Burnaby
3. Coquitlam
4. Delta
5. Langley
6. Maple Ridge
7. New Westminister
8. North Vancouver
9. Port Coquitlam
10. Richmond
11. Surrey
12. Vancouver
13. Victoria
14. West Vancouver
15. White Rock



STEWARDSHIP

Core Stewardship and Camp Locations:

- Capilano River, Burnaby Lake, Tynehead, and Pacific Spirit Regional Parks

Expanded Stewardship Locations:

- Iona Beach Regional Park, Brunette-Fraser Regional Greenway (Sapperton Landing), Burns Bog Ecological Conservancy Area, South Langley Regional Park

Types of Stewardship Activities

- Invasive Species Removal
- Native Planting & Mulching
- Fence Building & Habitat Protection
- Environmental Education
- Longitudinal Projects (e.g., bug counts, seasonal tracking)

Continuity, Consistency, and Ownership

Our stewardship model goes beyond one-off events:

- Long-Term Sites
- Project Continuity
- Consistent Monitoring



MISHKOOPITUM SUMMER CAMPS

Mish-koop-it-um (meaning "discover" in Michif) Camps take place on select days throughout the summer, offering all the great experiences of a CTS Overnight Camp plus art, games, food, and cultural activities led by Métis community leaders.

Co-created with:

- North Fraser Métis Association (2021-2022)
- Stream of Dreams (2021-2022)
- Led by 2MétisWomen and community leaders (2023-2025)

Funded by

- Metro Vancouver Regional Parks Foundation's REEL Earth Day Challenge

Program Highlights

- Builds cultural pride & awareness
- Encourages appreciation for Indigenous cultures
- Explores traditional activities, foods, music & more
- Bridges cultural gaps through shared experiences
- Inclusive: ages 12–18, all backgrounds
- Free for all participants



BURNS BOG YOUTH PROJECT

This project engaged over 20 youth to restore 2 hectares damaged by a 2016 fire, focusing on removing invasive tree seedlings to support native peatland recovery.

- 100% of staff said they would love to be involved in a similar project in the future
- 12 out of 16 youth staff identified as BIPOC
- 4 youth staff were Indigenous
- 6 youth staff had previously participated in CTS Youth Society programs

For this project, we received the 2025 Canadian Youth Climate Action Award from Pivot Green! (\$7,500)



PAWSITIVE TICKETING

A youth-led outreach pilot in Pacific Spirit Regional Park to promote responsible dog ownership through positive reinforcement.

When & Where

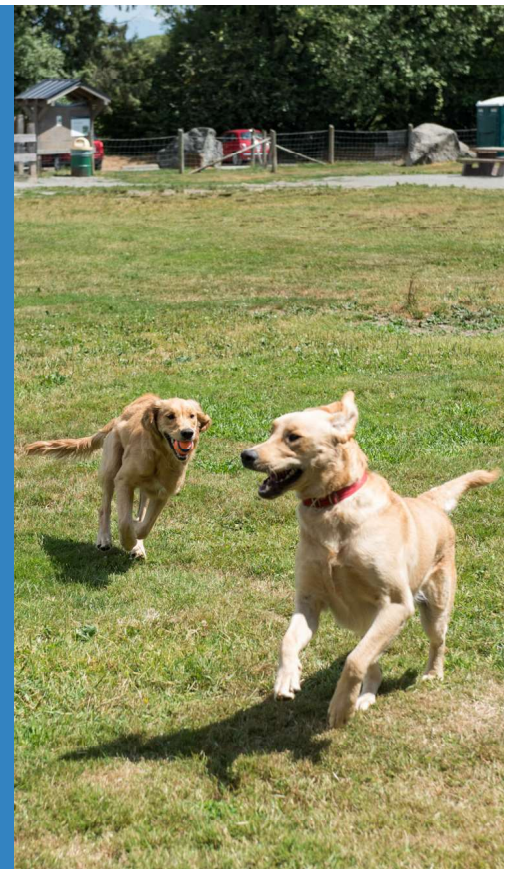
Sept 20, 27 & Oct 4, 2025

How It Works

- CTS Youth + Regional Parks staff host a pop-up booth
- Recognize dog walkers showing good behavior (e.g., leashing, control, waste pickup)
- Hand out "Pawsitive Tickets"
- Share info on dog rules & current policy review

Why It Matters

- Encourages positive public engagement
- Supports youth in civic/environmental action
- Promotes awareness of dog management review
- Data Collected
 - Of walkers observed
 - Positive behaviours seen
 - Interactions & public feedback



THE 2025 REVIEWS ARE IN...

This experience has taught be alot about what regional parks offered

Parks have important bugs and plants

I am motivated to learn my plants do I can point them both in and out of camps.

my son had a really good time! thank you very much for your hard work!!!

I made friendships from youth all across Vancouver.

Brought back my spark for being in nature and the interest of plants and animals.

more hide and seek

The friendships, connections, and fun memories I make.

Made visiting less intimidating

you immerse yourself in nature for a weekend or throughout the week

When I saw how truly happy my child looked when I picked him up, it made me really happy too.

I truly can't thank CTS enough,

I'm able to see all the work people put in to make our parks accessible and safe

Get confidence to speak out into a crowd of people

Thank you for another wonderful summer experience for my son!

It made me more aware and familiar of the regional parks.

The sense of belonging and community that comes with each camp

an amazing outdoor camp program that ignites the passion for nature and outdoors for people.

I feel like I am more educated about the Regional Parks and that makes me want to visit more.



To: Regional Parks Committee

From: Mike Redpath, Director, Regional Parks

Date: July 28, 2025 Meeting Date: September 10, 2025

Subject: **Metro Vancouver Regional District Park Dedication Removal of Certain Land in Deas Island Regional Park Bylaw No. 1382, 2025**

RECOMMENDATION

That the MVRD Board:

- a) give first, second and third readings to *Metro Vancouver Regional District Park Dedication Removal of Certain Land in Deas Island Regional Park Bylaw No. 1382, 2025* (the “Bylaw”);
 - b) direct the Corporate Officer to carry out an alternative approval process to obtain elector approval for the Bylaw pursuant to section 269(b) of the *Local Government Act*;
 - c) establish the deadline for receiving elector responses in relation to the approval process as November 17, 2025;
 - d) establish that elector response forms shall be in the form set out in Attachment 5 of the report dated July 28, 2025, titled “Metro Vancouver Regional District Park Dedication Removal of Certain Land in Deas Island Regional Park Bylaw No. 1382, 2025”;
 - e) direct the Corporate Officer that the area to which the approval process applies is the entire area of the Metro Vancouver Regional District, and a fair determination of the total number of electors of the area to which the approval process applies is 1,752,298; and
 - f) direct staff to report the results of the alternative approval process detailed in Recommendation b) to the Board and, if such approval has been obtained, to forward the Bylaw to the Board for final reading and adoption.
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Ministry of Transportation and Transit (MOTT), through the Transportation Investment Corporation (TI Corp), plans to replace the aging George Massey Tunnel with an eight-lane tunnel (the “Project”). To accommodate the Project, MOTT requires parts of the Deas Island Regional Park (the “Park”) being approximately 1,846 square metres for permanent highway expansion (the “Highway Land”) and approximately 42,791 square metres for temporary construction laydown and working space during construction of the Project (the “Lease Land”, and collectively with the Highway Land the “Park Dedication Removal Lands”). Following the completion of the Project, the Lease Lands will be restored at the cost of MOTT, and rededicated. The Park Dedication Removal Lands are shown on the map in Attachment 2.

To dispose of the Park Dedication Removal Lands, Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD) must first remove park dedication from these lands. Park dedication removal can be achieved by way of the bylaw set out in Attachment 1. The adoption of the Bylaw requires approval of the electors, which can be obtained by means of an alternative approval process. After the park dedication has been removed, the lands can be disposed of in accordance with the Real Estate Authority Policy.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek MVRD Board approval of the Bylaw (Attachment 1). The purpose of the Bylaw is to remove park dedication from the Park Dedication Removal Lands (Attachment 2). The intent is that the Highway Land will be subsequently sold, and the Lease Land will be subsequently leased, to MOTT in connection with the Project. To proceed with the Bylaw, MVRD will need to conduct an alternative approval process. After the alternative approval process has completed, staff will report back to MVRD Board on the results and, if approval has been obtained, will forward the Bylaw to the Board for adoption.

BACKGROUND

MVRD is the registered owner of the fee simple lands (the “Lands”) described in Attachment 3. The Lands form part of the Park and are located within the City of Delta (the “City”). Established in 1981, the Park is composed of 91 hectares and includes 5.9 kilometers of trails, washrooms, picnic tables, and a dock. The Park had approximately 354,900 visits in 2024.

MOTT, through TI Corp, plans to replace the aging George Massey Tunnel with the Project. To facilitate construction of the Project, MOTT requires the Highway Land and Lease Land, which are zoned as light industrial, designated as environmentally sensitive area, located within the Agricultural Land Reserve, and are currently used as a regional park.

The Highway Land, a narrow triangular parcel adjacent to the east of Highway 99, is shown in the map attached as Attachment 4. This land is required for permanent highway expansion.

The Lease Land is a larger area, as shown in the map attached as Attachment 4, and is required for temporary construction laydown, working space, and storage and other supporting activities to facilitate the construction of the Project, which may include the erection of temporary cranes, offices, and concrete batch plant structures. The use of the land will require the clearing of trees and vegetation. While MOTT will be undertaking restoration of the Lease Land once the Project is complete, it will likely take multiple decades for the Park to be re-established to its current condition. Due to the scale of the Project, the length of the initial term of the lease is seven years, with two automatic renewal terms of one year each. Further Lease renewals will be considered, as needed, in the event construction takes longer than anticipated.

For MOTT’s required uses, the park dedication must be removed from the Park Dedication Removal Lands. In accordance with section 278 of the *Local Government Act*, which incorporates section 30 of the *Community Charter*, a bylaw, with the approval of the electors, is required to remove park dedication from the Park Dedication Removal Lands. If the Bylaw is adopted, the Park Dedication Removal Lands will be free of dedication for park purposes and can thereafter be disposed of in accordance with the Real Estate Authority Policy. Staff will introduce a bylaw to restore the park dedication for the Lease Land after the Project is complete.

APPROVAL OF THE ELECTORS

In order to proceed with consideration of the Bylaw, MVRD must seek approval of the electors which can be achieved by means of an alternative approval process.

In accordance with the *Community Charter* and the *Local Government Act*, the alternative approval of the electors is obtained if: (1) notice of the approval is published, (2) through elector response forms, electors are provided an opportunity to indicate that the MVRD Board may not proceed with the bylaw unless it is approved by assent of the electors, and (3) at the end of the time for receiving elector responses, the number of elector responses received is less than 10% of the number of electors in the area to which the approval process applies, which for the Bylaw is the entire Metro Vancouver Regional District area. The Elector Response Form that electors must complete to object to the Bylaw is found in Attachment 5.

Section 86(3)(c) of the *Community Charter* requires that a fair determination of the total number of electors of the participating area to which the alternative approval process applies be made. The participating area of the alternative approval process is the entire area of Metro Vancouver Regional District. To make the determination of the number of electors, staff requested a voters' list for the participating area from Elections BC. This was received on April 22, 2025. This list indicated that there are 1,752,298 eligible electors. It is recommended that 1,725,298 be considered a fair determination of the number of eligible electors for the participating area. Based on the number of eligible electors, 175,230 is the number of electors who must submit signed elector response forms in order to prevent the Board from adopting the Bylaw.

Upon completion of the alternative approval process, the Corporate Officer will bring forward a subsequent report to an open MVRD Board meeting certifying the results, and if alternative approval of the electors is obtained, recommending that the proposed Bylaw be brought forward for final reading and adoption. If the Bylaw is adopted, the Highway Land and the Lease Land will be free of dedication for park purposes and can thereafter be disposed of in accordance with the Real Estate Authority Policy.

ALTERNATIVES

1. That the MVRD Board:
 - a) give first, second and third readings to *Metro Vancouver Regional District Park Dedication Removal of Certain Land in Deas Island Regional Park Bylaw No. 1382, 2025*;
 - b) direct the Corporate Officer to carry out an alternative approval process to obtain elector approval for the Bylaw pursuant to section 269(b) of the *Local Government Act*;
 - c) establish the deadline for receiving elector responses in relation to the approval process as November 17, 2025;
 - d) establish that elector response forms shall be in the form set out in Attachment 5 of the report dated July 28, 2025, titled "Metro Vancouver Regional District Park Dedication Removal of Certain Land in Deas Island Regional Park Bylaw No. 1382, 2025";
 - e) direct the Corporate Officer that the area to which the approval process applies is the entire area of the Metro Vancouver Regional District, and a fair determination of the total number of electors of the area to which the approval process applies is 1,752,298; and

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- f) direct staff to report the results of the alternative approval process detailed in Recommendation b) to the Board and, if such approval has been obtained, to forward the Bylaw to the Board for adoption.
 2. That the MVRD Board receive for information the report dated July 28, 2025, titled “Metro Vancouver Regional District Park Dedication Removal of Certain Land in Deas Island Regional Park Bylaw No. 1382, 2025”.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

If the Board approves Alternative 1, as described above, and MVRD obtains the approval of the electors by way of the alternative approval process and adopts the Bylaw, the Highway Land and the Lease Land will be free of park dedication enabling MVRD to thereafter sell the Highway Land and to lease the Lease Land to MOTT.

As part of the alternative approval process, electors will be notified of the opportunity to indicate that they would like MVRD to seek the assent of electors before proceeding, by notices published in local news media. This advertising will cost approximately \$9,276 and staff will seek reimbursement from MOTT for this cost.

OTHER IMPLICATIONS

If MVRD Board does not approve Alternative 1, MOTT may elect to seek an alternative process to acquire rights to these lands, which may affect the negotiated compensation package.

CONCLUSION

The purpose of this report is to seek MVRD Board consideration of the first three readings of the Bylaw, direction to proceed with an alternative approval process to obtain approval of the electors for the removal of park dedication for the Park Dedication Removal Lands, and, thereafter, assuming having received approval of the electors, proceed with the Board’s consideration of final adoption of the Bylaw with the intent to thereafter sell the Highway Land and lease the Lease Land to MOTT in connection with the Project.

ATTACHMENTS

1. MVRD Park Dedication Bylaw No. 1382, 2025.
2. Map of Park Dedication Removal Lands.
3. The Lands.
4. Map of Highway Land and Lease Land.
5. Elector Response Form.

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**METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
BYLAW NO. 1382, 2025**

A bylaw to Authorize Park Dedication Removal of Certain Land in Deas Island Regional Park

WHEREAS:

- A. Pursuant to Section 278 of the *Local Government Act* and Section 30(3) of the *Community Charter*, a regional district, by bylaw adopted with the approval of the electors, may remove park dedication;
- B. Metro Vancouver Regional District (“MVRD”) is the registered owner in fee simple of certain lands (the “Lands”) in Deas Island Regional Park legally described as:
- PID: 013-086-316
District Lot 704, Except: Part on SRW Plan 21733, Group 2, New Westminster District; and
- PID: 013-087-401
District Lot 781, Group 2 New Westminster District;
- C. The Province of British Columbia, as represented by the Ministry of Transportation and Transit (“MOTT”), wishes to buy from MVRD a portion of the Lands measuring 1,846 square meters to expand Highway 99 (the “Highway Land”). MOTT also wishes to lease from MVRD another portion of the Lands measuring 42,791 square meters to use as temporary staging area during the construction of the George Massey Tunnel replacement (the “Lease Land”);
- D. The total area of the Highway Land and the Lease Land (together, the “Park Dedication Removal Lands”) is 44,637 square metres as shown in the sketch plan attached as Schedule “A,” and the sketch plan showing the Highway Land and the Lease Land is attached as Schedule “B”, all forming part of this Bylaw; and
- E. The Board of Directors of the MVRD has obtained the approval of the electors by way of alternative approval process to remove regional park dedication from the Park Dedication Removal Lands, with the intent to subsequently sell the Highway Land and to lease the Lease Land to MOTT.

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 Park Dedication Removal of Certain Land in Deas Island Regional Park Bylaw No. 1382, 2025”.

Schedules

- 2. The following schedules are attached to and form part of the bylaw:
 - Schedule "A", Sketch Plan of the Park Dedication Removal Lands; and
 - Schedule "B", Sketch Plan of the Highway Land and the Lease Land.

Park Dedication Removal Lands

- 3. MVRD shall remove regional park dedication from the Park Dedication Removal Lands as outlined in Schedule A of this Bylaw.
- 4. The Park Dedication Removal Lands shall be free of any dedication to the public for the purpose of a regional park.

Read a first, second, and third time this ____ day of _____, _____.

Approved by the Electors this ____ day of _____, _____.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, _____.

Mike Hurley, Chair

Dorothy Shermer, Corporate Officer

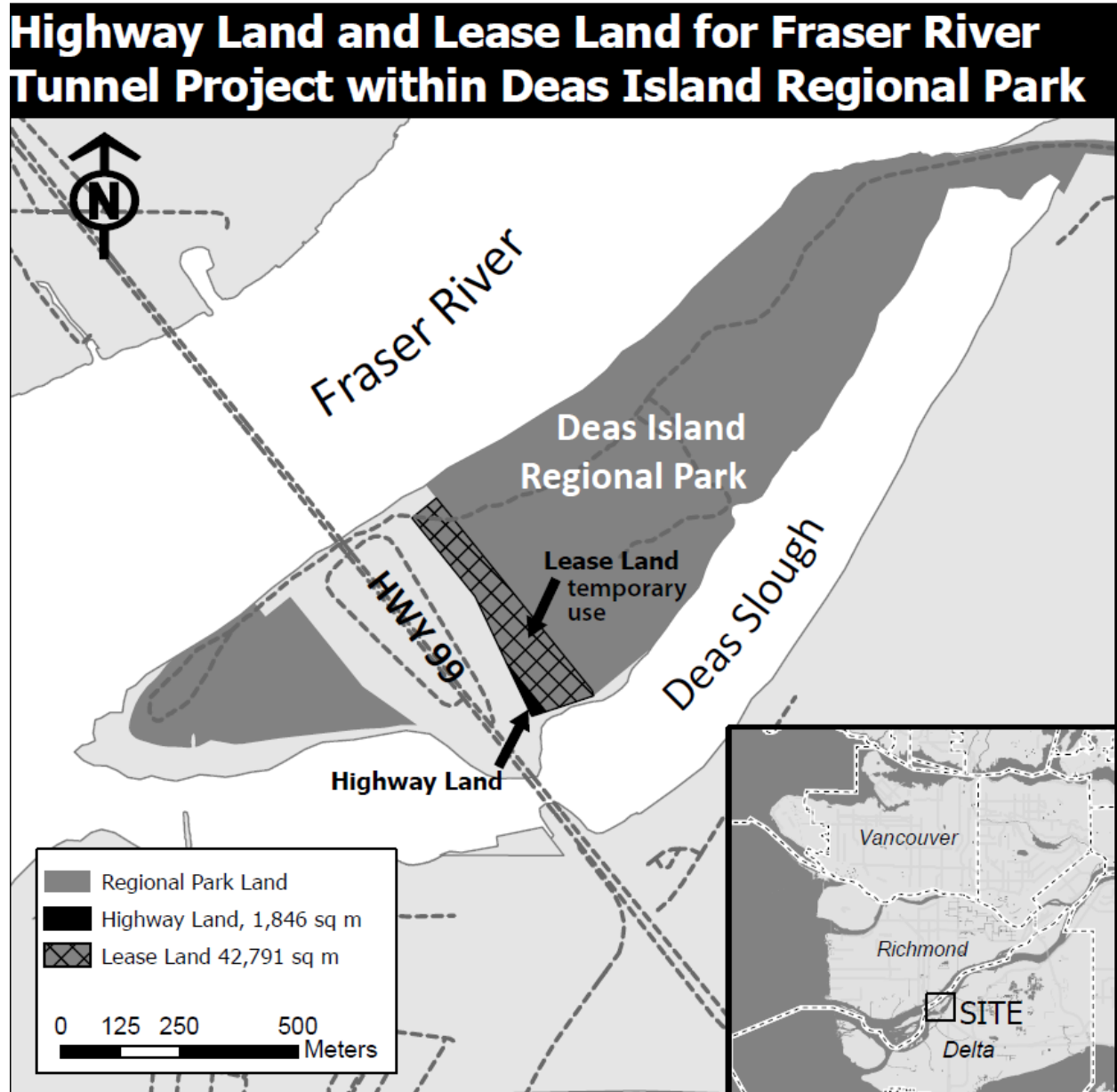
Schedule A

Sketch Plan of the Park Dedication Removal Lands



Schedule B

Sketch Plan of the Highway Land and the Lease Land



MAP OF THE PARK DEDICATION REMOVAL LANDS



THE LANDS

Parcel Identifier: 013-086-316

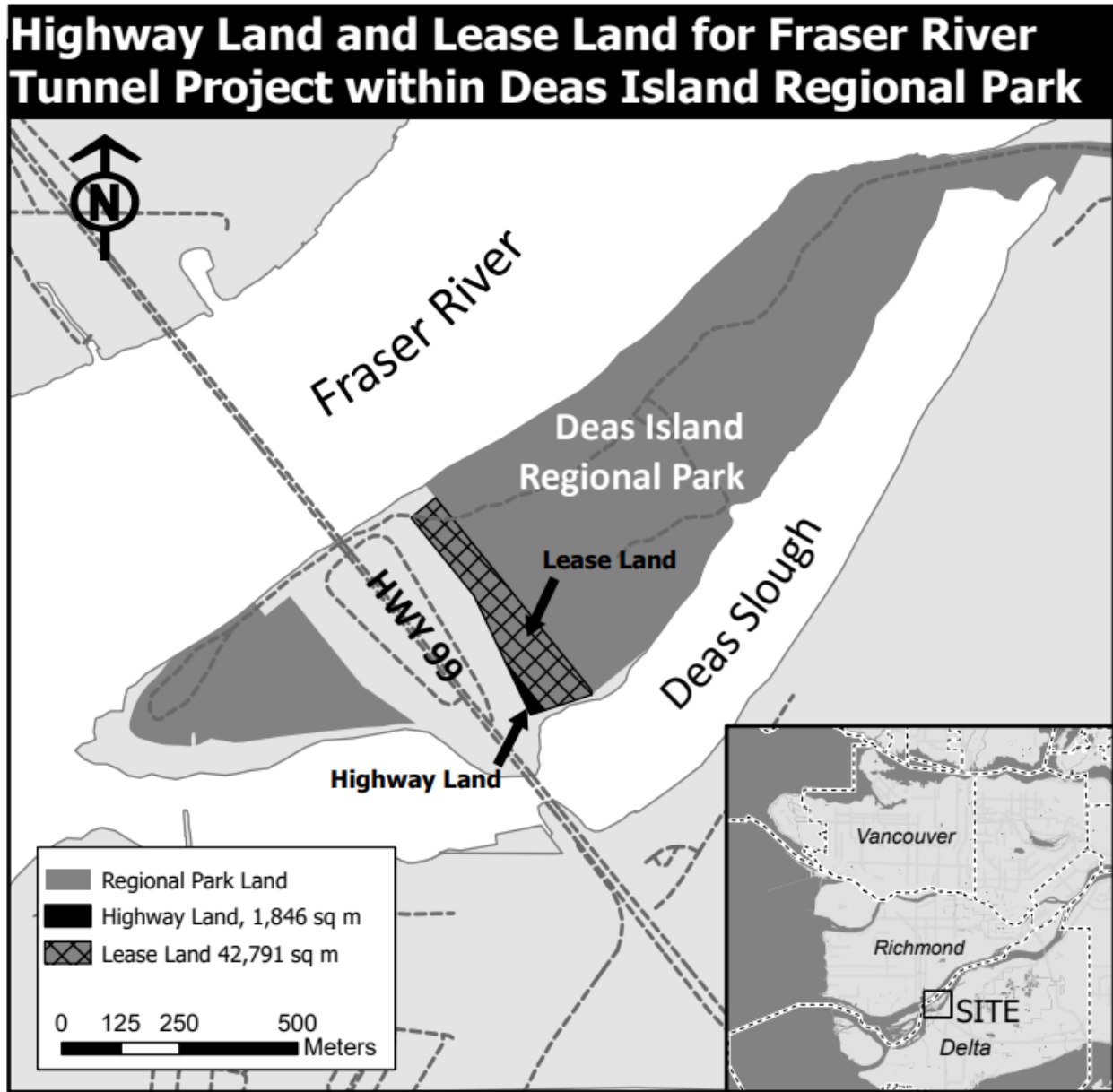
Legal Description: District Lot 704 Group 2 NWD Except: Part on SRW Plan 21733;

and

Parcel Identifier: 013-087-401

Legal Description: District Lot 781 Group 2 NWD.

MAP OF THE HIGHWAY LAND AND THE LEASE LAND





**Metro Vancouver Regional District Park Dedication Removal of Certain Land in Deas Island
Regional Park Bylaw No. 1382, 2025**

ELECTOR RESPONSE FORM

By completing this Elector Response Form, I oppose the Metro Vancouver Regional District’s (“MVRD”) intention to adopt without assent of the electors the bylaw titled *Metro Vancouver Regional District Park Dedication Removal of Certain Land in Deas Island Regional Park Bylaw No. 1382, 2025* authorizing MVRD to remove regional park dedication from 44,637 square meters of Deas Island Regional Park.

I, the undersigned, hereby certified that:

- I am a Canadian citizen;
- I am 18 years of age or older;
- I have resided in British Columbia for at least 6 months before the day I signed this form;
- I have resided in, or been for at least 30 days the registered owner of real property in, the Metro Vancouver Regional District, where the alternative approval process is being conducted;
- I am not disqualified under the *Local Government Act*, or any other enactment from voting in an election or otherwise disqualified by law; and
- I have not signed or submitted another Elector Response Form with respect to this Bylaw.

Address			
Full Name			
	Last Name (Surname)		First Name
Signature		Date	

- Choose one: I am a resident elector (see attached for eligibility requirements); or
 I am a non-resident property elector who lives in another community and owns property in the jurisdiction located at:

_____ (address)
 (see attached for additional eligibility requirements)

The deadline for submitting this elector response form to the MVRD is **4:30 pm on November 17, 2025**. Electronic copies will not be accepted. Mail the completed form to the attention of the Corporate Officer at: *Metro Vancouver Regional District, 4515 Central Blvd, Metrotower III, Burnaby, BC V5H 0C6*; or deliver the completed form in person to the Information Centre on the 29th floor of Metrotower III, 4515 Central Blvd, Burnaby.

The Metro Vancouver Regional District Board may proceed with the adoption of *Metro Vancouver Regional District Park Dedication Removal of Certain Land in Deas Island Regional Park Bylaw No. 1382, 2025* unless 175,230 electors sign and submit a completed copy of this Elector Response Form to the Metro Vancouver Regional District by the deadline of 4:30 pm on November 17, 2025.

A person must not sign more than one Elector Response Form in relation to this alternative approval process.

Additional information can be found on the attached information sheet titled *Alternative Approval Process Background Information*.

REGISTERED OWNER CONSENT TO A PERSON REGISTERING AS A NON-RESIDENT PROPERTY ELECTOR

Complete the following section only if there is more than one registered owner of the property. Each registered owner must provide written consent to the person registering as a Non-Resident Property Elector. The person designated as the Non-Resident Property Elector must be one of the owners of the property and must be one of the individuals granting consent.

We, together with the person registering as a Non-Resident Property Elector, constitute the majority of registered owners of real property situated in the Metro Vancouver Regional District, and hereby give consent to:

Surname, Given Name of Person Designated to be the Non-Resident Property Elector

to be registered as the Non-Resident Property Elector for the jointly-owned property described above.

Registered Owner's Surname, Given Name

Signature

Registered Owner's Surname, Given Name

Signature

Registered Owner's Surname, Given Name

Signature

Add a page with additional signatures if required.

To: Regional Parks Committee

From: Paul Brar, Division Manager, Regional Parks Services, Regional Parks

Date: July 15, 2025 Meeting Date: September 10, 2025

Subject: **Contribution Agreement - CTS Youth Society (2026-2028)**

RECOMMENDATION

That the MVRD Board approve the Contribution Agreement, as outlined in Attachment 1 of the report dated July 15, 2025, titled "Contribution Agreement - CTS Youth Society (2026-2028)", between Metro Vancouver Regional District and CTS Youth Society for a three-year term commencing on January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2028, with annual contributions of \$84,500 (2026), \$86,500 (2027) and \$88,500 (2028) totaling \$259,500.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The CTS Youth Society (CTS) is a non-profit society that aims to connect youth in Metro Vancouver with their natural environment, their community, and each other through life-changing outdoor experiences. CTS programs are designed and delivered for youth and by youth, providing free and accessible community education through environmental stewardship, leadership programs, and public service.

Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD) has a three-year Contribution Agreement with CTS Youth Society totaling \$241,000 which will expire at the end of 2025. A new Contribution Agreement between MVRD and CTS Youth Society in or substantially in the form attached is proposed for the next three calendar years, commencing January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2028. This agreement includes annual contributions of \$84,500 (2026), \$86,500 (2027) and \$88,500 (2028) for a total funding amount of \$259,500. These amounts are similar to the previous agreement and have been adjusted for inflation.

PURPOSE

To seek MVRD Board approval to enter into a new Contribution Agreement with CTS Youth Society for the period commencing January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2028.

BACKGROUND

The CTS Youth Society (originally named the Catching the Spirit Youth Society) was established in 2005 to deliver free and accessible youth programs in regional parks. MVRD has historically provided funding to support CTS Youth Society's operating costs through annual contribution funding.

The CTS Youth Society utilizes and leverages this funding to provide summer camps, stewardship activities, and peer leadership programs. These programs are offered to youth ages 12-18 years at no cost. CTS programs provide foundational educational experiences in nature that support the health and wellbeing of youth across the region.

2024 CTS PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

CTS Youth Society is required to submit an annual report as part of the contribution agreement with MVRD. The 2024 CTS Youth Society Annual Report is included as Attachment 2.

CTS Youth Society program highlights for last year include:

- 21 summer camps which had 556 registrants (plus a 300-person waitlist).
- 4,572 volunteer hours logged in regional parks.
- 23 projects and learning sessions.
- 20 stewardship activities.
- 4 park partnerships with local community groups.
- 26 Peer Leaders.

A project highlight includes the Burns Bog Restoration Project, which was a collaborative initiative between CTS Youth Society, Youth Climate Corps, and Metro Vancouver Regional Parks Foundation. The project provided over 20 youth with an opportunity to engage in meaningful work that benefitted both their community and the natural environment. Over the course of the 25-day project, the team focused on the targeted removal of invasive pine saplings across critical sections of Burns Bog, contributing to the long-term health and resilience of the ecosystem.

The CTS Youth Council is a dedicated group of youth who go above and beyond their summer Peer Leader roles. These passionate young leaders volunteer their time during the school year to plan events, organize fundraisers, and engage in outreach activities that keep the CTS community connected in the off-season. More than just a leadership group, the Youth Council provides a supportive space where members can develop valuable skills such as communication, teamwork, and event planning while building lasting friendships. It's a place where they can hang out with like-minded peers, grow as individuals, and make a meaningful impact in their community.

CTS Youth Society partnered with Métis representatives to bring Mishkoopitum (meaning "discover" in Michif) camps to life in Metro Vancouver Regional Parks. These camps offered participants the opportunity to learn about Métis and First Nations worldviews and culture through interactive activities such as games, art, traditional food, and storytelling in nature. All three Mishkoopitum Camps reached full capacity and had waitlists, demonstrating a strong interest from youth in learning more about First Nations history and culture.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

MVRD's continued support of the CTS Youth Program is aligned with the goals of the *Regional Parks Plan (2022)* as well as the Regional Parks related goals of the *Board Strategic Plan 2022-2026*.

Providing contribution funding for the CTS Youth Society is also aligned with the *Metro Vancouver Regional Parks Public Programming Strategy (2020)*. This strategy provides recommendations on nature-based programming and interpretation, including investing in youth, to meet the future needs of the region's growing population. As it is often challenging to attract youth to existing Regional Parks programs, which are generally child and family focused, the CTS Youth Society is able to fulfill this programming need on behalf of MVRD, particularly to youth in financial need and with limited access to nature.

AGREEMENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The approved agreement template for contribution agreements has been utilized for this new proposed agreement having a three-year term commencing January 1, 2026.

The proposed agreement includes annual contributions of \$84,500 (2026), \$86,500 (2027) and \$88,500 (2028) for a total funding amount of \$259,500.

MVRD will waive fees for use of Regional Parks facilities where feasible and within reason for the purposes of implementing the services identified in the agreement.

CTS Youth Society will acknowledge the funding support and assistance provided by MVRD in its publications, public announcements, presentations, and other communications related to the services.

There is provision for early termination by MVRD in the event that CTS Youth Society makes any changes to the services provided under the agreement without MVRD's consent, CTS Youth Society fails to perform any of its obligations under the agreement and such failure continues for a period of 30 days, or if the funds are used in a manner contrary to the agreement or not in the public's interest.

CTS Youth Society is required to submit an annual report to the MVRD as per the terms of the agreement. Within six months of the agreement expiring, CTS Youth Society is required to make a presentation to MVRD's Regional Parks Committee summarizing its achievements.

ALTERNATIVES

1. That the MVRD Board approve the Contribution Agreement, as outlined in Attachment 1 of the report dated July 15, 2025, titled "Contribution Agreement - CTS Youth Society (2026-2028)", between Metro Vancouver Regional District and CTS Youth Society for a three-year term commencing on January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2028, with annual contributions of \$84,500 (2026), \$86,500 (2027) and \$88,500 (2028) totaling \$259,500.
2. That the MVRD Board receive for information the report dated July 15, 2025, titled "Contribution Agreement – CTS Youth Society (2026-2028)."

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Subject to the approval by the MVRD Board, the proposed contribution funding contributions of \$84,500 in 2026, \$86,500 in 2027 and \$88,500 in 2028 will be built into the 2026-2030 Financial Plan.

CONCLUSION

The proposed three-year Contribution Agreement with CTS Youth Society supports the continuation and sustainability of the CTS Youth Program. With a strong governance model, a dedicated Board of Directors, and qualified staff to oversee its operations and growth, the CTS Youth Society is well positioned to impact even more young people from across the region in the years to come.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Contribution Agreement between Metro Vancouver Regional District and the CTS Youth Society.
2. CTS Youth Society 2024 Annual Report.

REFERENCES

1. CTS Youth Society. (2025). <https://ctsyouthsociety.com/>.

CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is made on DATE, _____ 2025.

BETWEEN:

METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

4515 Central Boulevard, 21st
Floor Burnaby, BC
V5H 0C6
("MVRD")

AND:

CTS YOUTH SOCIETY

6825 Cariboo Road
Burnaby, BC
V3N 4A3
(the "Recipient")

WHEREAS:

- A. The Recipient is a non-profit society with an independent Board of Directors, incorporated under the British Columbia *Society Act* (now the *Societies Act*) on July 18, 2019 and having Society Number S0071697 and Charitable Registration Number 780982070 RR0001;
- B. The purposes of the Recipient are to advance education by providing the following programs in the Metro Vancouver region for young people aged 12 – 18 and of all socio-economic backgrounds:
 - (i) leadership development programs focusing on building leadership capabilities, self-esteem and empowerment, life skills, teamwork, responsible citizenship and engagement in environmental and social responsibility; and
 - (ii) seasonal outdoor educational programs primarily located in the regional parks of MVRD focused on learning about ecology, conservation, sustainability, responsible citizenship, engagement in environmental and social responsibility, and nature skills;
- C. The Recipient has requested, and MVRD has agreed to provide to the Recipient, funds for certain planned Recipient services and activities in 2026-2028, consistent with previous years and to assist the MVRD in achieving the goals of its Regional Parks Plan; and
- D. Pursuant to Section 263(1)(c) of the *Local Government Act*, MVRD may provide assistance for the purpose of benefitting the community or any aspect of the community.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises, terms and conditions contained in this Agreement (the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged), the parties agree as follows:

1. INTERPRETATION

- 1.1. In this Agreement the following terms have the following meanings:

“Agreement” means this agreement and the schedules appended hereto, as may be amended by the parties from time to time.

“Funds” has the meaning set out in Section 4.1.

“Plan” means the plan attached as Schedule “A” of this Agreement which sets out the specific services and/or activities planned by the Recipient for the Term.

“Services” means the activities and/or services set out in the Proposal.

“Term” has the meaning set forth in Article 2.

2. TERM

The term of this Agreement will commence on January 1, 2026, and end on December 31, 2028 (the **“Term”**), unless earlier terminated as provided in this Agreement.

3. SERVICES

- 3.1. The Recipient will provide the Services in accordance with the Plan and the terms and conditions of this Agreement (including the criteria outlined in Schedule “B”), and in strict compliance with all applicable bylaws of MVRD and the local municipality, all applicable legislation and regulations, and all guidelines or policies provided by MVRD in writing from time to time pursuant to this Agreement.
- 3.2. The Recipient will, at MVRD’s written request, provide all information required to enable MVRD to evaluate, using the criteria set out in Schedule “B” hereto, the Recipient’s provision of the Services during the Term.
- 3.3. MVRD must approve any changes to the Plan or Services in writing prior to the changes being made during the Term.
- 3.4. If the Recipient makes any changes to the Plan or Services without the prior approval of MVRD pursuant to Section 3.3, MVRD may, at its sole discretion, immediately terminate the Agreement by written notice to the Recipient.

4. FUNDING AND PAYMENT

- 4.1. MVRD will during the Term provide to the Recipient funding up to the maximum total amount of \$259,500 (the **“Funds”**) to support the Recipient’s provision of the Services, which amount will be advanced according to the provisions of this Article 4.
- 4.2. Subject to the Recipient’s ongoing compliance with the terms of this Agreement, MVRD will pay to the Recipient, by cheque or electronic funds transfer, the following annual instalments, on or before the date indicated:

- (a) \$84,500 on or before January 31, 2026;

(b) \$86,500 on or before January 31, 2027; and

(c) \$88,500 on or before January 31, 2028.

4.3. Every advance of any part of the Funds is subject to MVRD being satisfied, in its sole and absolute discretion, that the Recipient is able to and will perform the remaining Services in accordance with the Plan and all requirements of this Agreement.

4.4. The Recipient will only use the Funds to provide the Services in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement and for no other purpose.

4.5. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the Recipient acknowledges and agrees that the Funds and each advance of them pursuant to this Article 4 is subject to the approval by the MVRD of the relevant MVRD budget including the Funds and/or such advance.

5. REPORTING

The Recipient will present an annual report to MVRD on or before March 31 of the year following the year in which each advance of the Funds was received. The annual report will include at a minimum:

(a) a summary of operating results showing revenues and expenditures to September 30 of the preceding year; and

(b) a brief narrative summary reviewing the goals, objectives and the results achieved for the year, including the challenges, program cancellations, and significant issues addressed.

6. TAXES

It is the Recipient's responsibility to determine whether or not it has to be registered for GST and/or PST purposes. The amount of funding provided in this Agreement includes any GST and/or PST which may be payable by MVRD. Any liability for GST and/or PST required in respect of this Agreement will be the responsibility of the Recipient.

7. SEPARATE FUNDS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

7.1. The books of account of the Recipient will be kept in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practices.

7.2. The Recipient will ensure that the Funds are accounted for separately from any other funds of the Recipient and are separated in its books of account.

7.3. MVRD may, in its sole and absolute discretion, require that the Recipient maintain a separate bank account for the Funds and revenues from the Services and to keep all operating revenues and expenditures pursuant to this Agreement separate from other activities that may be undertaken by the Recipient from time to time.

8. RIGHT OF AUDIT

At any time, MVRD may give to the Recipient written notice that it desires its representative to examine the books of account of the Recipient, and the Recipient will produce to such representative for examination within ten days after receipt of such notice, its books of account. Such representative will have a right of access to all records, documents, books, accounts and vouchers of the Recipient and will be entitled to require from the directors and officers of the Recipient such information and explanations as, in the opinion of such representative, may be necessary to enable the representative to report to the board of directors of MVRD on the financial position of the Recipient.

9. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

9.1. The Recipient represents and warrants that:

- (a) each of its employees and any contractors carrying out work in connection with the Services has the proper skill and training to perform the work in a competent and professional manner in accordance with industry standards;
- (b) it is and will remain duly organized, validly existing, and in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction in which it is organized; and
- (c) the execution and delivery of this Agreement and the completion of the transactions contemplated in this Agreement have been duly and validly authorized by all necessary corporate action of the Recipient, and this Agreement constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of the Recipient enforceable against the Recipient in accordance with its terms and the persons signing this Agreement on behalf of the Recipient are duly authorized to do so.

10. INDEMNITY AND RELEASE

- 10.1. The Recipient will indemnify and save harmless MVRD, its elected officials, appointed officers, employees, agents, and contractors from and against all actions, causes of action, claims, liabilities, damages, losses, costs, legal fees, fees, fines, charges or expenses which any or all of them may incur, be threatened by or be required to pay by reason of or arising out of the provision of the Services by the Recipient, the Recipient's use of any facility where the Services are provided, the breach by the Recipient of any term or condition of this Agreement, or by the Recipient's contravention of any law, enactment or regulation of a federal, provincial or local government.
- 10.2. The Recipient hereby releases MVRD, its elected officials, appointed officers, employees, agents, and contractors from and waives any claim, right, remedy, action, cause of action, loss, damage, expense, fee or liability which the Recipient may have against any or all of them in respect of an act of MVRD in relation to this Agreement, except insofar as such claim, right, remedy, action, cause of action, loss, damage, expense, fee or liability arises from the negligence of MVRD, its elected officials, appointed officers, employees, agents or contractors.
- 10.3. This Article 10 survives the expiry or earlier termination of this Agreement.

11. PUBLICATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

- 11.1. Except as specifically permitted under Section 11.2, neither party will use the logos or name of the other party, or the names of the other party's staff, with respect to the Services or anything arising therefrom without the prior written consent of the other party, which consent will not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.
- 11.2. The Recipient will acknowledge the funding support and assistance of MVRD towards the Services in all publications, public announcements, presentations and other forms of release or communications relating to the Services, using the following statement or such other modified statement as provided or agreed to by MVRD:

"This program was funded with support from the Metro Vancouver Regional District."

12. INSURANCE

The Recipient must obtain appropriate insurance coverage for the Services and must maintain such insurance coverage in full force and effect until the Services have been completed, and will provide evidence of such insurance coverage at MVRD's request.

13. TERMINATION

- 13.1. MVRD may terminate this Agreement immediately upon providing written notice to the Recipient:
- (a) Pursuant to section 3.4;
 - (b) If the Recipient fails to perform any of its obligations in the Agreement and such failure has not been rectified to the satisfaction of MVRD within thirty days from delivery by MVRD to the Recipient of written notice specifying the failure and requiring its remedy;
 - (c) If the Recipient makes an assignment in bankruptcy or is declared bankrupt; or
 - (d) If MVRD, in its sole discretion, determines that any of the Funds are being used in a manner contrary to the Plan, this Agreement or the public interest.
- 13.2. MVRD may terminate this Agreement for any reason whatsoever upon giving 90 days' written notice to the Recipient.
- 13.3. The Recipient may terminate this Agreement upon giving thirty days' written notice to MVRD should the Recipient, for any reason, be unable to meet its obligations with respect to the provision of the Services as set forth in this Agreement.
- 13.4. Upon termination of this Agreement by either party and for any reason, the Recipient must immediately return any Funds that have not been spent on providing the Services. The Recipient must provide a full accounting of all Funds advanced but not returned.

14. NOTICE

- 14.1. Unless otherwise specified in this Agreement, any notice required to be given under this Agreement by any party must be in writing and will be deemed to have been given if mailed by prepaid registered mail, sent by electronic mail (email), or delivered to the address of the other party as set forth below, or at such other address as the other party may from time to time direct in writing, and any such notice will be deemed to have been received if mailed or emailed, 72 hours after the time of mailing or email, and if delivered by personal delivery, upon the date of delivery. If normal mail service or email service is interrupted by strike, slow down, force majeure or other cause, then a notice sent by the impaired means of communication will not be deemed to be received until actually received, and the party sending the notice must utilize any other such services which have not been so interrupted or must deliver such notice by personal delivery in order to ensure prompt receipt thereof.

To MVRD:

Mike Redpath, Regional Parks
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To the Recipient:

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CTS Youth Society
6825 Cariboo Road
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15. TIME

Time is of the essence in this Agreement.

16. BINDING

In consideration of being granted the Funds, the Recipient agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions of this Agreement, and if the Recipient represents a group or organization, the Recipient agrees to inform all responsible persons associated with the group or organization or involved in performing any of the Services of the terms and conditions of this Agreement and to ensure that all such terms and conditions are complied with.

17. ASSIGNMENT

The Recipient may not assign this Agreement, in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of MVRD.

18. ENUREMENT

This Agreement will enure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns.

19. RELATIONSHIP OF PARTIES

No provision of this Agreement will be construed to create a partnership or joint venture relationship, an employer-employee relationship, a landlord-tenant relationship, or a principal-agent relationship between the parties. Neither party will represent or hold itself out to be an agent of the other party and neither party will have any authority to act for or assume any obligations or responsibilities, express or implied, on behalf of the other party.

20. WAIVER

The waiver by a party of any failure on the part of the other party to perform in accordance with any of the terms or conditions of this Agreement will not be construed as a waiver of any future or continuing failure, whether similar or dissimilar.

21. AMENDMENTS

This Agreement may not be modified or amended except by the written agreement of the parties.

22. WHOLE AGREEMENT

The whole agreement between the parties is set forth in this document and no representations, warranties or conditions, express or implied, have been made other than those expressed in this Agreement.

23. LANGUAGE

Wherever the singular, masculine and neuter are used throughout this Agreement, the same is to be construed as meaning the plural or the feminine or the body corporate or politic as the context so requires.

24. CUMULATIVE REMEDIES

No remedy under this Agreement is to be deemed exclusive but will, where possible, be cumulative with all other remedies at law or in equity.

25. GOVERNING LAW AND JURISDICTION

This Agreement is to be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws applicable in the Province of British Columbia, and the parties attorn to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the Province of British Columbia.

26. COUNTERPARTS

This Agreement may be executed in counterparts with the same effect as if both parties had signed the same document. Each counterpart will be deemed to be an original. All counterparts will be construed together and will constitute one and the same Agreement. Delivery of an executed signature page to this Agreement by a party by electronic transmission will be as effective as delivery of a manually executed copy of this Agreement by such party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

For the METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

Jerry W. Dobrovlny, P. Eng., MBA
Chief Administrative Officer

For the CTS YOUTH SOCIETY

Adam Heffey
President

SCHEDULE "A"

CTS Youth Society (Recipient) 3-Year Plan (2026 - 2028) (Plan)

GOAL

To offer a region-wide youth program based in four or more MVRD regional parks over a three-year period from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2028.

THE PLAN

- Summer youth camps and year-round stewardship programs based in MVRD regional parks, with up to 500 youth participants drawn from across the region.
- Programs are available at no cost to all regional youth age 12-18 years; however, to reduce program cancellations, the Recipient may consider implementing a registration fee or commitment fee for programs developed by the Recipient and potentially administration fees for completion of forms or other administration as requested by participants.
- MVRD will exempt fees for use of Regional Parks facilities where feasible and within reason for the purposes of implementing the services identified in the Plan.
- Ongoing focus of the program is for it to be developed and delivered by youth, for youth.

THE SERVICES

- Meaningful and practical stewardship activities in MVRD regional parks and local communities;
- Partnership and strong networks with other community-based organizations that support or run youth programs;
- Provide outdoor recreation benefits for youth and supports their health, wellness and social well-being; and
- Educational experiences in regional parks complementing formal education programs.

To be eligible for future funding opportunities, and as part of the Services under this Agreement, a member of the Recipient must during the last six months of the Term make a presentation to the Regional Parks Committee of MVRD summarizing achievements under this Agreement.

SCHEDULE "B"

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Oversight: A representative of MVRD will be entitled to attend any or all meetings of the board of directors of the Recipient, for purposes of providing oversight as well as advice and guidance on the Recipient's projects.

Reporting: As a condition precedent to any advance of Funds under this Agreement, the Recipient must for the preceding calendar year, submit an Annual Report to MVRD in accordance with Section 5.1 of the Agreement.

Assessment: MVRD staff will consider the following criteria in its annual/ongoing evaluation of the Recipient's performance of the Services:

- Youth participation rates
- Number of locations utilized to provide services
- Leadership development success
- Participant feedback
- Maintenance of a website
- Maintenance of a social media presence
- Stewardship activities that contribute to ecological services in regional parks
- Reported progress of the Recipient in supporting MVRD in meeting its goals and strategies for regional parks, as set out in the current Regional Parks Plan and Public Programming Strategy Implementation Plan



2024 ANNUAL REPORT



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As CTS Youth Society reflects on 2024, it is evident that this past year has been one of growth, impact, and meaningful connections. Our commitment to empowering youth through environmental stewardship and community engagement continues to make a lasting difference in the lives of young people across the region.

We want to recognize our incredible team, board of directors, and supporters who make our work possible. Their dedication and passion ensure that we can continue to provide transformative programs that connect youth with nature and foster leadership in environmental conservation.

A special thank you goes to Janet Antonio, who led CTS Youth Society from 2019 through the majority of 2024 as Executive Director. Janet's leadership was pivotal in strengthening our programs, building community partnerships, and expanding our reach. It is an honour to build upon the foundation she has established.

We also extend our deepest gratitude to our Metro Vancouver Regional Parks partners, including Mike Redpath, David Leavers, and their teams. Their unwavering support and collaboration have been invaluable in advancing our shared mission of engaging youth in conservation efforts and fostering a deep appreciation for our natural spaces.

Looking ahead, we remain committed to growing our impact, engaging more youth, and strengthening partnerships that support our mission and create a sustainable program in 2025 and the 25th Anniversary in 2026. The future is bright for CTS Youth Society, and we are grateful to everyone who shares our vision of empowering young leaders to protect and care for our environment.

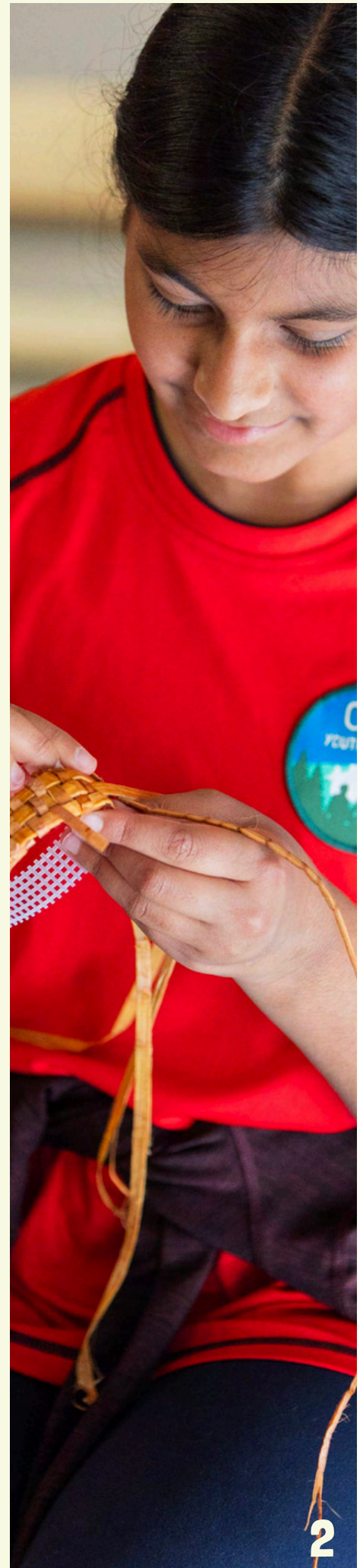
Thank you for being a part of this journey.



Adam Heffey
President



Mark Mahl
Executive Director





METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL PARKS

CTS Youth Society exists today thanks to the longstanding partnership and support from Metro Vancouver Regional Parks. For over 20 years, they have generously hosted our programs in regional parks, providing access to these incredible natural spaces. Beyond that, they have covered a significant portion of our annual operating costs, ensuring we can continue to offer life-changing outdoor experiences to youth. This ongoing support has been instrumental in helping us grow and thrive.



METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL PARKS FOUNDATION

Metro Vancouver Regional Parks Foundation is another vital supporter of CTS Youth Society. Dedicated to nurturing nature, protecting parklands, and connecting people with the natural environment, the Foundation plays a key role in enhancing our programs. By raising funds to support outdoor education and stewardship projects in regional parks, they help provide youth with meaningful opportunities to explore nature, develop leadership skills, and become environmental stewards. Their ongoing commitment ensures that more young people can experience the outdoors and build lasting connections with nature and their communities.

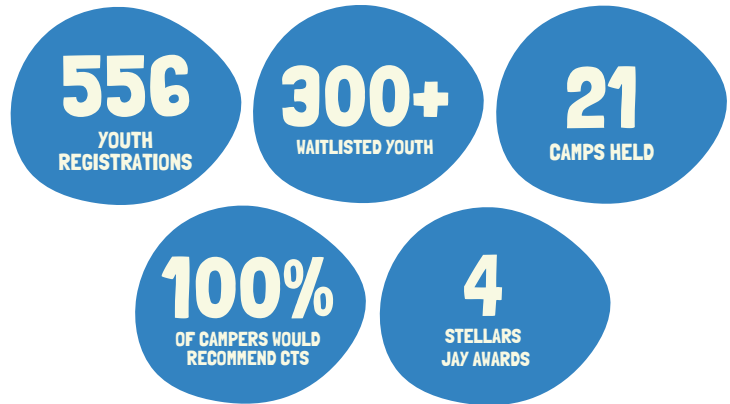


DONORS AND SUPPORTERS

For many Metro Vancouver youth, CTS Youth Society is their only opportunity to experience nature and participate in a summer camp where they gain lifelong skills, build core memories, and form lasting friendships. Our donors and supporters play a transformative role in these young lives by removing financial barriers and making summer camp accessible to all. Thanks to their generosity, year after year, youth who might not otherwise have the chance can connect with the outdoors, develop leadership and confidence, and create experiences that will stay with them forever.

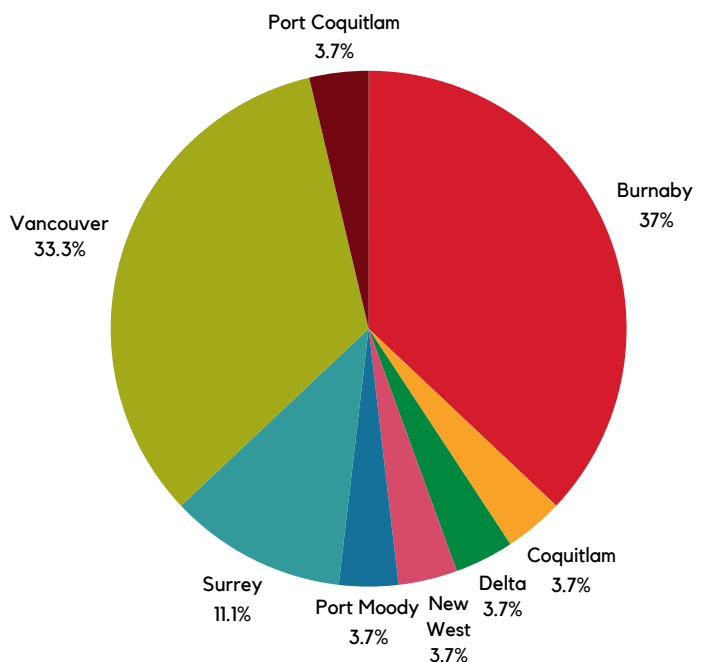


CAMPER ATTENDANCE



ATTENDANCE BY LOCATION

CTS Youth Society welcomed campers from 16 Metro Vancouver municipalities, reflecting broader regional engagement compared to previous years. Notably, participation from Surrey increased to 11%, up from 9%, and Burnaby saw a significant rise, jumping to 37% from 18.2%. While attendance from Vancouver jumped slightly to 33% compared to 30% in 2023, the overall representation across municipalities continues to grow, highlighting the expanding reach and impact of CTS Youth Society programs.





PARK PROJECTS



4572 volunteer hours
logged in regional parks



23 projects &
learning Sessions



20 stewardship activities

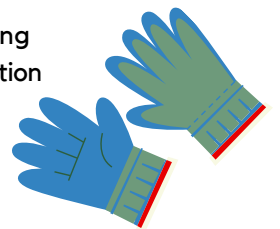


4 park partnerships with
local community groups

STEWARDSHIP PROJECTS

CTS Youth Society actively engages in volunteer stewardship activities in Metro Vancouver Regional Parks, fostering a commitment to environmental conservation and community service. Our participation in stewardship project's not only contributes to the well-being of regional parks but also instills a sense of environmental awareness and civic duty among its members, creating a positive impact on both the community and the ecosystems they serve. In 2024, our stewardship activities included:

- Bug counts for salmon health monitoring
- Wildfire safety education and prevention
- Community garden
- Gravel laying for path maintenance
- Invasive plant removal





PEER LEADER PROGRAM

A Peer Leader is a CTS Youth Society member, aged 15-18, who plans and leads camp excursions in Metro Vancouver Regional Parks with their fellow Peer Leader team members. Peer Leaders undergo five weeks of training in leadership, environmental stewardship, outdoor recreation, and safety. Throughout the summer, they work alongside Camp Supervisors to help make our "for youth, by youth" programs the best they can be!

PEER LEADER VOLUNTEER HOUR BREAKDOWN

This year, 26 Peer Leaders—many of whom were former CTS participants or returning Peer Leaders—completed four training sessions and led 21 camps. Thanks to their hard work and dedication, we successfully operated our camp programs at full capacity, which increased from 18 to 22 campers in 2024. Here’s a look at some quick 2024 statistics:

- 26 Peer Leaders, ages 15-18
- 3 Stellar Award recipients
- 3 graduating Peer Leaders
- 84% of Peer Leaders rated their overall experience 5/5
- 16% of Peer Leaders rated their overall experience 4/5
- 100% expressed interest in returning and would recommend the program to others

"I feel that I was able to grow as an individual by putting myself in an unfamiliar situation, allowing me to build my leadership skills while also getting to connect with great people."

-Anonymous Peer Leader & CTS Participant





Burns Bog Youth-Led Restoration Project

The Burns Bog Restoration Project was a collaborative initiative between Youth Climate Corps (YCC), CTS Youth Society (CTS), and Metro Vancouver Regional Parks Foundation (MVRPF). The project provided youth with an opportunity to engage in meaningful, paid work that benefitted both their community and the natural environment.

Over the course of the project, the crew focused on the targeted removal of invasive pine saplings across critical sections of Burns Bog, contributing to the long-term health and resilience of the ecosystem.

Project Goals & Key Activities:

- **Youth Employment:** The project employed 5 Youth Climate Corps staff members and supported at least 10 young people, each receiving a stipend for their work through YCC.
- **Ecological Restoration:** The primary activity involved the removal of invasive pine saplings to restore the bog’s unique ecosystem, which plays a vital role in carbon storage and maintaining local biodiversity.
- **Educational Component:** In addition to hands-on work, the project prioritized creating a positive learning environment and offered youth quality training.

Project Stats

- The project lasted for 20 days, beginning on October 5th, 2024.
- About 25 youth worked on the project throughout the 20 days
- Over 40k seedlings removed over an estimated 1.5 hectares



CAMP SUPERVISORS

In the summer of 2024, we hired eight supervising staff to help lead our programs. Of those, two were former Peer Leaders and CTS Youth Society participants, while four were returning summer staff members. These experienced team members brought valuable knowledge, leadership, and passion to our camps, helping to create an enriching and supportive environment for youth. We are incredibly grateful to Canada Summer Jobs for generously funding these roles, allowing us to provide meaningful employment opportunities while ensuring the success of our summer programs.



YOUTH COUNCIL

The CTS Youth Council is a dedicated group of youth, aged 15-18, who go above and beyond their summer Peer Leader roles to ensure CTS Youth Society continues to thrive year-round. These passionate young leaders volunteer their time during the school year to plan events, organize fundraisers, and engage in outreach activities that keep the CTS community connected in the off-season. More than just a leadership group, the Youth Council provides a supportive space where members can develop valuable skills—such as communication, teamwork, and event planning—while building lasting friendships. It’s a place where they can hang out with like-minded peers, grow as individuals, and make a meaningful impact in their community.



MISHKOOPITUM CAMPS

This year, CTS Youth Society partnered with 2MétisWomen to bring "Mishkoopitum" (meaning "discover" in Michif) Camps to life in Metro Vancouver Regional Parks. Led by Indigenous community representatives, these camps were free and open to all youth, offering participants the opportunity to learn about Métis and First Nations worldviews and culture through interactive activities such as games, art, traditional food, and storytelling in nature. All three Mishkoopitum Camps reached full capacity, with waitlists, demonstrating a strong interest from youth in engaging with these unique cultural experiences.

THE FIGURES

REVENUE

● Government Grants	\$85,902
● Metro Vancouver Contribution	\$85,625
● Donations & Program Funding	\$61,349
● Total:	\$232,876

EXPENSES

● Salaries & Benefits	\$181,457
● Office & Misc.	\$40,868
● Other Program Costs*	\$7,095
● Advertising	\$2,240
● Total:	\$231,660

*Includes repairs and maintenance.



Our Leadership

2024 Volunteer Board

Adam Heffey
President

Charlotte Avery
Vice President & Treasurer

Micheal Jerowsky
Funder Director

Noor Bhandal
Secretary

Directors
Nancy Sinclair
Miku Yamada
Kevin Zia
Sean Chung
Smiely Khurana
Julia Du

Metro Vancouver Liason
David Leavers

Our volunteer Board of Directors are the driving force behind CTS Youth Society. Their passion for youth empowerment and connection to nature is evident in their energy, commitment, and expertise. We are deeply grateful for another year of their voluntary guidance and service.





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To: Regional Parks Committee

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

Date: June 13, 2025 Meeting Date: September 10, 2025

Subject: **Natural Resource Management Restoration Program Update**

RECOMMENDATION

That the Regional Parks Committee receive for information the report dated June 13, 2025, titled “Natural Resource Management Restoration Program Update”.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2025, 42 restoration projects are planned across the regional parks system. These planned restoration projects include stream daylighting and maintaining wetland habitats, removal of invasive species, improving forest resilience, improving habitat diversity, restoring disturbed areas, buffer plantings, creating wildflower meadows, as well as restoring forested and riparian areas. This report highlights selected projects for 2025. This work improves the health of regional parks ecosystems contributing to improved regional resilience and provides opportunities for residents to engage in environmental stewardship, deepening their connection with nature.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to share information on the Regional Parks Natural Resource Management Restoration Program.

BACKGROUND

The 2025 Regional Parks Committee work plan identified an update on this program as part of its annual reporting.

NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

The Regional Parks Natural Resource Management Program works throughout the year to protect and conserve ecosystem health. The work is guided by the Natural Resource Management Framework (Reference 1) which identifies three goals:

1. Ensure ecosystem health and long-term resiliency to conserve diverse biological communities and their associated habitats.
2. Provide opportunities for the 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.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2024

In 2024, 32 restoration projects in 17 regional parks were completed by staff, contractors, and volunteers. Collectively they removed 19,099 kg of invasive species and added 11,745 native plants to regional parks. 3,991 volunteer instances supported 388 environmental stewardship work parties in regional parks, contributing 11,533 volunteer hours.

UPCOMING 2025 PROJECTS

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Some highlights include:

1. Canyon Trails Restoration at Capilano River Regional Park
This project targets an area of Capilano River Regional Park that has become degraded due to a high incidence of off-trail activities. An area of forest with a small stream running through it has become denuded of understory vegetation and is suffering from soil compaction and erosion. The restoration work will include closing down unsanctioned areas using education, engineering and enforcement. Permanent fencing and signage will be added and volunteers will restore the understory with native plants during the annual EcoBlitz in fall 2025.

2. Reforestation at Lynn Headwaters Regional Park
In 2019-2022, a significant outbreak of western hemlock looper (*Lambdina fiscellaria*) occurred in several areas on the north shore of Metro Vancouver. The outbreak resulted in a significant concentration of dead western hemlock trees in Lynn Headwaters Regional Park, in close proximity to park infrastructure, roads, trails, power lines and private residences. In late 2024, an area of the park near Kirkford Trail which is connected to established District of North Vancouver trails, was identified as also having many looper damaged trees.

The project aims to restore ecological processes and provide resiliency to future outbreaks by replanting in hemlock looper damaged areas of the park. Trees will be established in the Kirkford Trail area with funds from the 2024 Metro Vancouver Regional Parks Foundation "Seek the Peak" initiative.

3. Acadia Forest Underplanting at Pacific Spirit Regional Park
The aging red alder forest in the northern part of Pacific Spirit Regional Park were identified as being in poor health and needing attention in recent forest health studies. Work to restore and enhance this area has been ongoing since 2017 and has included invasives removal, forest underplanting, and treatment of large English holly and laurel trees. In the last eight years about 6000 trees have been planted and over 2000 invasive English Holly and laurel trees have been treated across 50 hectares of parkland.

In 2025, the remaining area north of Chancellor Blvd will have trees added and invasive species treated treatment. The Pacific Spirit Park Society are also continuing with their management of invasive species and replanting efforts in this area through George Ross grant funds.

4. **Blackberry Management at the Nature House in Burnaby Lake Regional Park**
This project will involve the strategic removal of invasive Himalayan blackberry and replanting the area with native species to promote biodiversity and improve ecosystem resilience. Volunteers with the Burnaby Lake Park Association will partner with Regional Parks staff using funds from the Metro Vancouver Regional Parks Foundation Real Green initiative for the work. This project will also include adding mulch and split rail fencing to protect the planted area.

5. **Pine Seedling Removal at Burns Bog Ecological Conservancy Area**
After the 2016 fire burned approximately 40 hectares of the conservancy area, surveys indicated that the area was on track to develop yet another dense stand of pine trees. In the early stages of growth these new seedlings are easier to remove by hand to prevent the dense pine stand from re-establishing, thereby contributing to conditions that may support a healthy raised bog community.

This will be the fourth year of clearing and will include work with contractors in cooperation with the City of Delta as a part of their interface fire management plan as well as with volunteers working with Regional Parks staff.

6. **Yellow Flag Iris Management at Widgeon Regional Park**
In summer 2024, a drone survey mapped the current extent of invasive yellow flag iris and found over 22,000 individual plants. These plants have the ability to release nearly 2 million seeds annually. Analysis on the spatial distribution of yellow flag iris indicated that the population seems to be relatively early in its colonization of the site and its treatment is still manageable. If this species is not managed soon it has the potential to degrade sensitive wetland habitat, interfere with navigable water ways and outcompete culturally significant food plant resources.

A multi-year systematic plan to manage the iris is starting this year with flowerhead removal to prevent seed spreading. Contractors, volunteers and staff have been working on the flowerhead removal part of the plan already this spring.

7. **Round Field Restoration at Campbell Valley Regional Park**
This project targets a four-hectare hay field just east of McLean Pond. The hay field has been infested with wild chervil, an invasive plant, for more than a decade. In 2019, the field was tilled and reseeded with a forage seed mix in an effort to reduce the wild chervil. Since then, it has gradually increased again.

Next year a new trail will be built around the perimeter of this field as part of the implementation of the park management plan. In anticipation, the field will be renovated again with the addition of some planted islands of trees, shrubs and wildflowers to increase biodiversity, provide raptor perching habitat and create visual interest for trail users.

8. **Riparian Restoration at Derby Reach Regional Park**
2025 will bring phase four of this project at Muench Bar, located along the Fraser River. A small field is being restored to a riparian forest which will help protect against future river erosion as well as add habitat diversity.

9. Trailside Buffer Planting at Tynehead Regional Park

This will be the fifth year of buffer planting along Perimeter Trail on the east side of the park. These plantings help filter noise from the nearby busy highway. What was once a large mowed grassy area is now a thriving area of trees, shrubs and wildflowers that attract a multitude of wildlife and pollinators. The highway is now barely visible from the trail in this area.

ALTERNATIVES

This is an information report. No alternatives are presented.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This work is supported by the 2025 Regional Parks restoration budget of \$375,000 and supplemented by grant funding from the Metro Vancouver Regional Parks Foundation and other donations.

CONCLUSION

The Regional Parks Natural Resource Management Program works throughout the year to protect and conserve ecosystem health. This report shares some highlights of the 2024 program and outlines upcoming work in 2025.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Presentation re: Natural Resource Management Restoration Program Update.

REFERENCES

1. Metro Vancouver. (2020). *Regional Parks Natural Resource Management Framework*. <https://metrovancover.org/services/regional-parks/Documents/regional-parks-natural-resource-management-framework-2020.pdf>.

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Ecological Restoration Projects in Regional Parks

2025 SELECTED PROJECTS

Robyn Worcester

Natural Resource Management Specialist

Regional Parks Committee Meeting

Sept 10, 2024

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MANAGING NATURAL ASSETS IN REGIONAL PARKS

Natural Resource Management Program

Ecological restoration contributes to maintaining the ecological health and resiliency of regional parks



Sundew in Burns Bog Ecological Conservancy Area

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Lynn Headwaters – Reforestation



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Pacific Spirit – Acadia Forest Underplanting



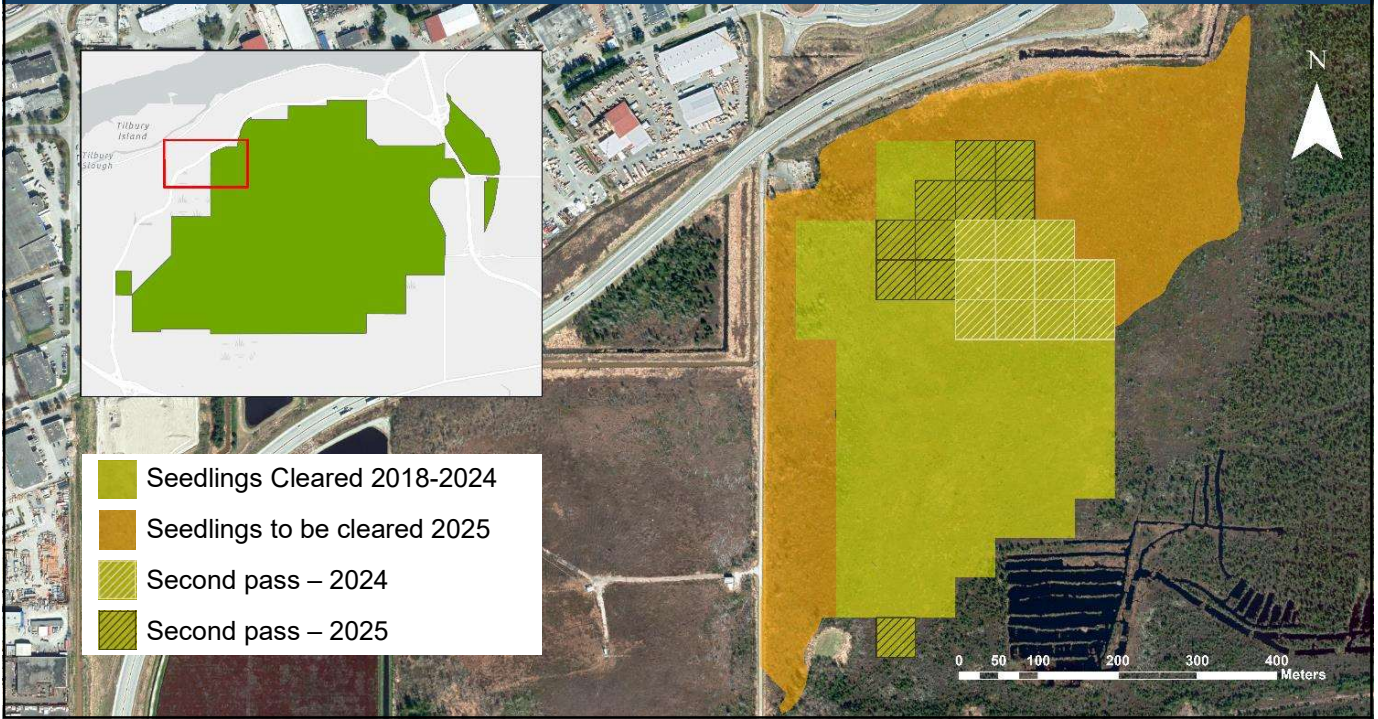
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Burnaby Lake Regional Park - Blackberry Management at the Nature House



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Burns Bog Ecological Conservancy Area – Pine Seedling removal



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Burns Bog Ecological Conservancy Area – Pine Seedling removal



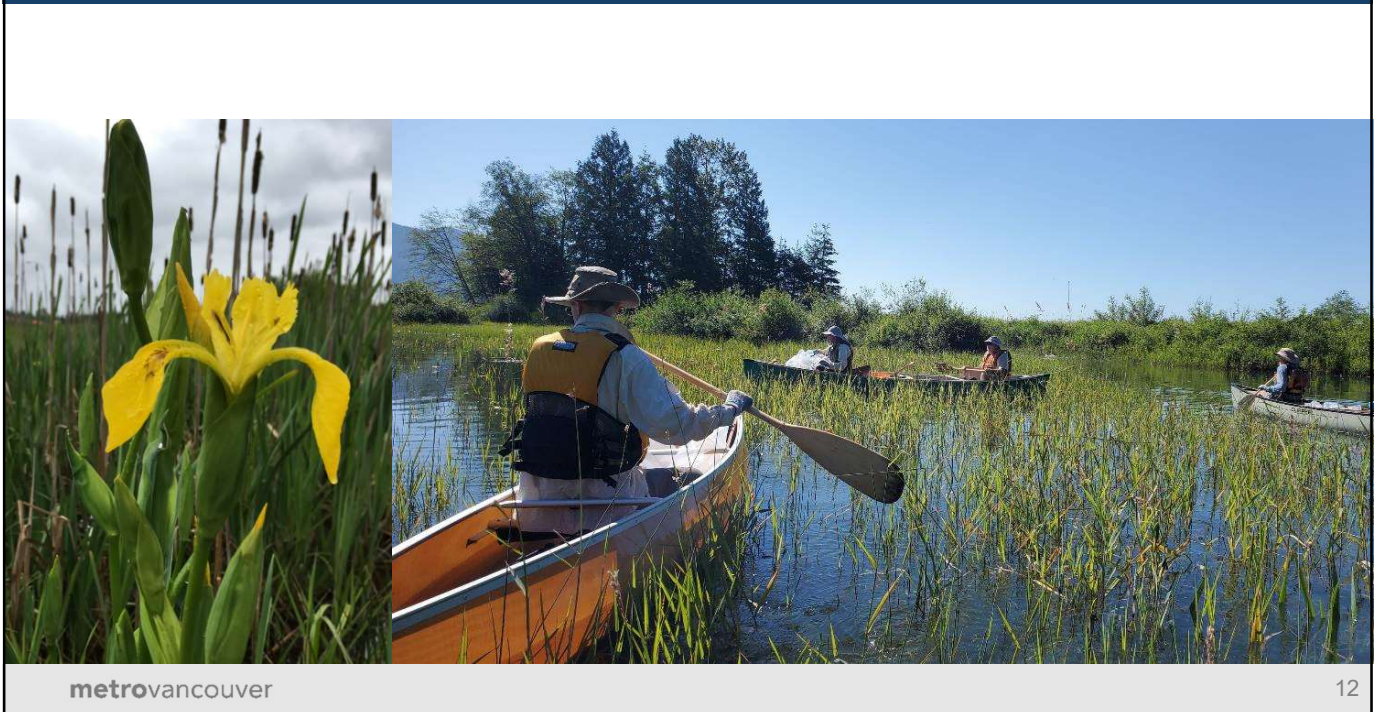
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Widgeon Marsh Regional Park – Yellow Flag Iris Management



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Campbell Valley - Round Field Restoration

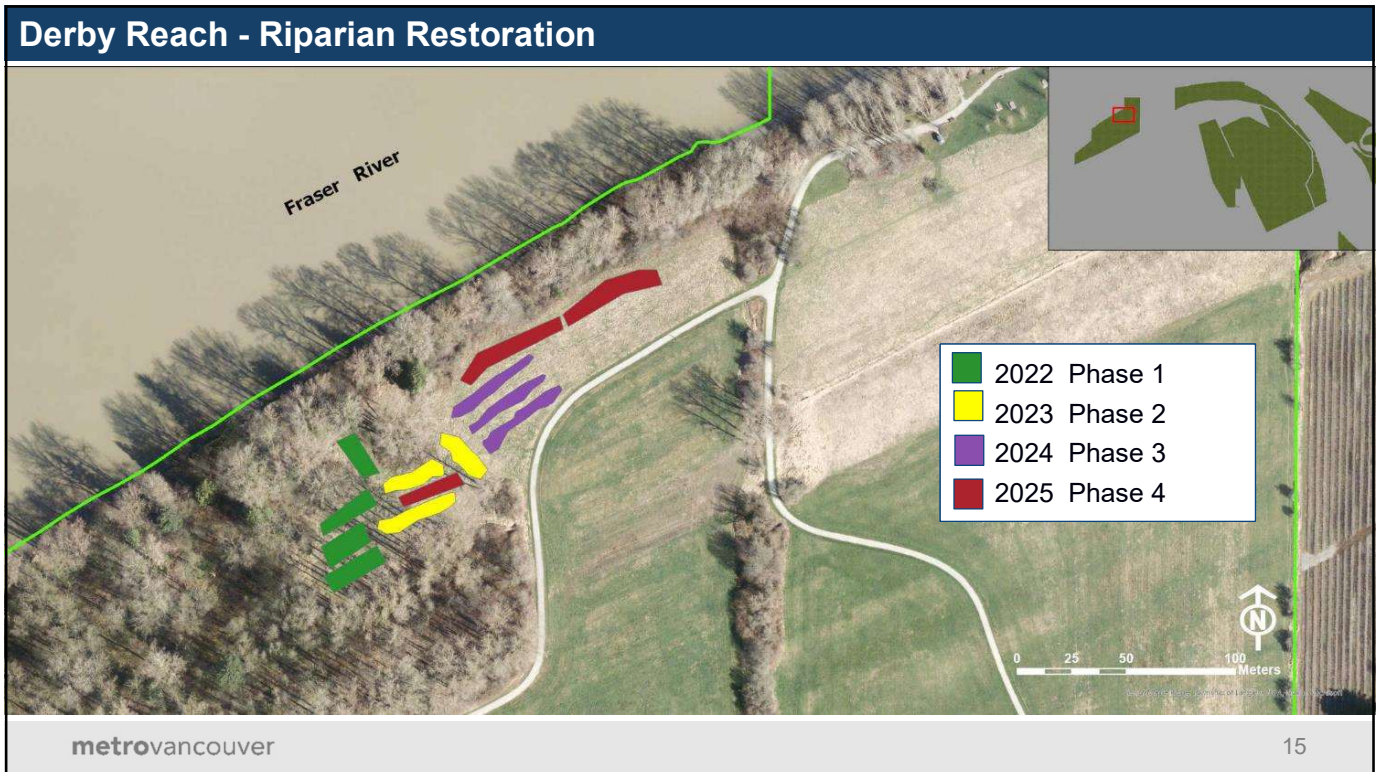


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Tynehead - Trailside Buffer Planting



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Tynehead - Trailside Buffer Planting



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Boardwalked Trail – Pacific Spirit Regional Park

Thank-you – Questions?

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To: Regional Parks Committee

From: Jamie Vala, Division Manager, Planning and Resource Management, Regional Parks
Josephine Clark, Natural Resource Management Planner, Regional Parks

Date: July 28, 2025 Meeting Date: September 10, 2025

Subject: **Natural Asset Management in Regional Parks – Campbell Valley Regional Park Pilot**

RECOMMENDATION

That the MVRD Board receive for information the report dated July 28, 2025, titled “Natural Asset Management in Regional Parks – Campbell Valley Regional Park Pilot”.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The final phase of the Natural Asset Management in Regional Parks project was to undertake a pilot study to develop a natural asset management plan for one park - Campbell Valley Regional Park. This report provides a summary of the approach developed by the pilot study, and the results.

The Campbell Valley Regional Park natural asset management plan guides decision-making by integrating inventory assessment, condition evaluation, and risk analysis, developing measurable objectives to track progress, and identifying management strategies for the park. The plan determined that the current levels of effort are sufficient to sustain Campbell Valley’s natural assets and mitigate risks to a reasonable degree. Advancing natural asset management is a key focus of continuous improvement within Regional Parks.

The pilot study approach can be applied to developing asset management plans for other regional parks, as time and resources allow.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the Campbell Valley Regional Park pilot study, the final phase of the Regional Parks Natural Asset Management project.

BACKGROUND

In 2021, the MVRD Board approved allocation from the Regional District Sustainability Innovation Fund (SIF) for the Natural Asset Management in Regional Parks project. This report provides a final update on the project and summarizes the outcomes.

The Asset Management for Regional Parks policy (Attachment 1) was approved by the MVRD Board in 2019 and sets an intention to incorporate natural assets within the asset management framework laid out in the Policy, as methodologies and tools for natural asset management evolve. Innovation through continuous improvement is a guiding principle of the policy and advancing natural asset management is a key focus of this approach within Regional Parks. Information generated through the Natural Asset Management in Regional Parks project will be an input to the Regional Parks Asset Management Plan. An update on the Regional Parks Asset Management Plan will be brought to the Regional Parks Committee in 2025.

The Natural Asset Management in Regional Parks project advances actions in multiple Metro Vancouver plans. The *Regional Parks Plan (2022)* includes actions to “develop and implement a coordinated natural asset management approach to maintain and enhance ecological health” and to “integrate natural assets into the asset management program.” *Metro 2050*, the regional growth strategy, and the *Climate 2050 Nature & Ecosystems Roadmap*, both include actions for Metro Vancouver to integrate natural assets into Metro Vancouver’s asset management systems and corporate planning, and to support member jurisdictions in advancing natural asset management.

What is Natural Asset Management?

Natural assets are the stock of natural resources and ecosystems, including geology, soil, air, water, and all living things, that provide benefits to people. Examples of natural assets include forests, wetlands, and streams. The benefits people obtain from ecosystems are called ecosystem services and include flood control, carbon sequestration, shading, and human health and well-being. These benefits are important in mitigating climate change and supporting regional resilience.

Asset management refers to the systematic and coordinated practices used to manage assets to ensure sustainable service delivery while managing risks and lifecycle costs. By identifying, monitoring, and managing natural assets as part of an asset management approach, local governments can make more informed decisions related to natural assets to ensure long-term ecosystem health and sustained cost-effective service delivery. In regional parks, built and natural assets are closely integrated, making it practical to manage them collectively within an asset management framework. Figure 1 provides a summary of Regional Parks built and natural asset classes.

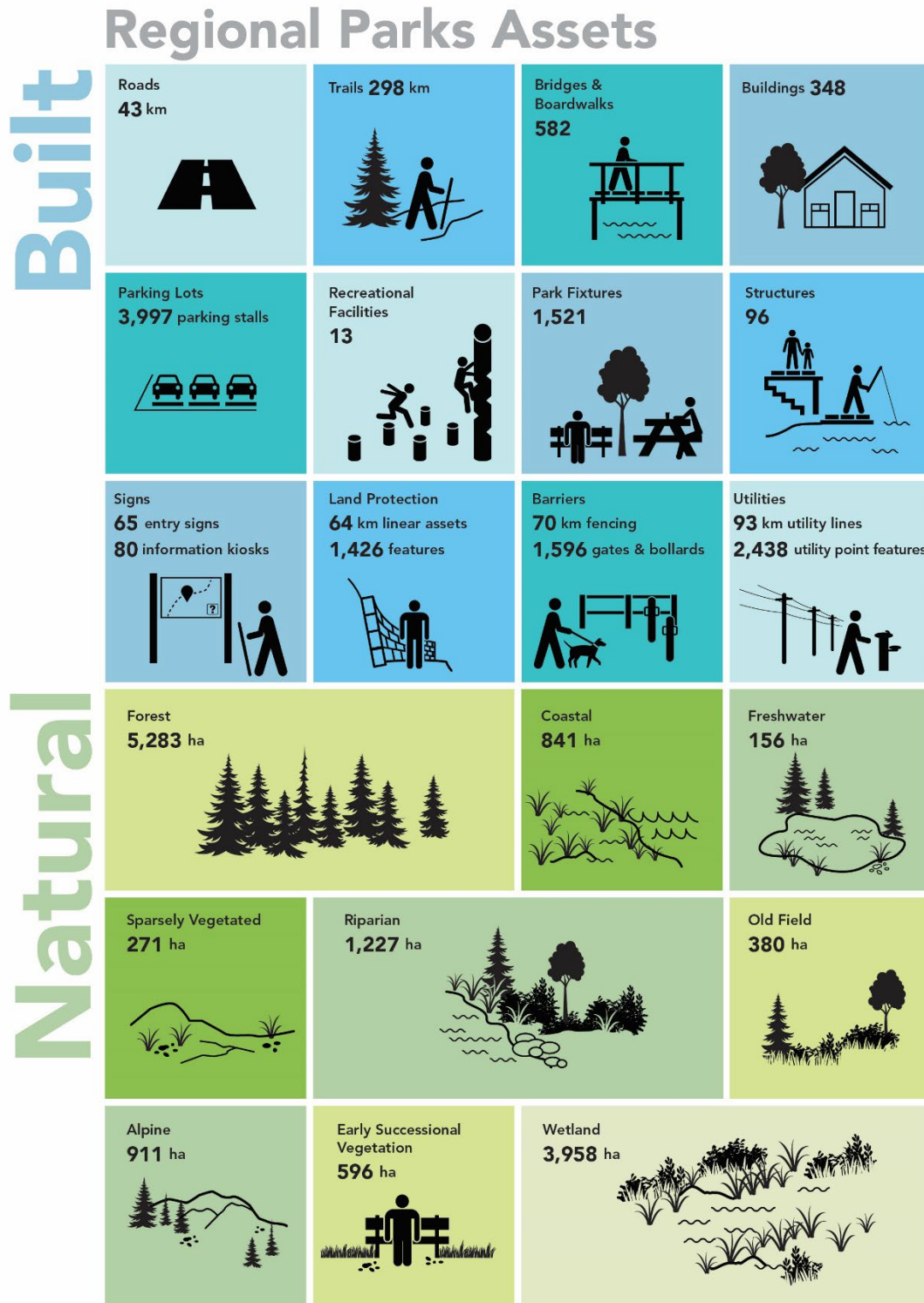
NATURAL ASSET MANAGEMENT IN REGIONAL PARKS

The purpose of the Natural Asset Management in Regional Parks project is to make significant advances in integrating natural assets into Metro Vancouver’s asset management system.

Key objectives are:

- Assess the current state of natural assets in regional parks
- Increase understanding of the importance of natural assets and regional parks through an assessment of ecosystem services
- Identify and assess risks to natural assets
- Develop and test the natural asset management approach at a pilot location (the focus of this report)
- Ensure methodologies and approaches developed can be scaled up to the regional parks system and are repeatable over time
- Progress natural asset management in the Metro Vancouver region

Figure 1 Summary of Regional Parks’ Built and Natural Asset Classes



Overall Natural Asset Management in Regional Parks

The MVRD Board received for information the report “Natural Asset Management in Regional Parks – Project Update” in September 2024. This report summarized the results of the early phases of the project and included:

- An **ecosystem services valuation** was completed to develop a shared understanding of the services provided by natural assets within regional parks. Eight ecosystem services were measured and found to provide services to people valued at \$1.036 billion annually.
- A **natural assets inventory** was created to define and track assets and provide data to support asset management.
- A **desktop condition assessment** found 90% of regional parks’ natural assets (by area) to be in good or very good condition. Over time, this information will be refined with field-based inspections and used to inform and prioritize management and restoration actions.
- A **Natural Assets Technical Advisory Group** was established to facilitate knowledge transfer to others in the region. Staff from ten member jurisdictions and six Metro Vancouver work functions attended to learn about the project and share knowledge on natural asset management approaches.

Campbell Valley Regional Park Pilot Study - Developing a Natural Asset Management Approach

The purpose of the pilot is to develop the Regional Parks’ natural asset management approach through the creation of a natural asset management plan for one regional park. The approach can then be applied to other parks throughout the regional parks system.

The aim of a natural asset management plan is to guide decision-making by integrating inventory assessments, condition evaluations, and risk analysis, developing measurable objectives to track progress, and identifying management strategies to inform where to invest in natural asset management in the park.

Campbell Valley Regional Park was selected as the pilot site because:

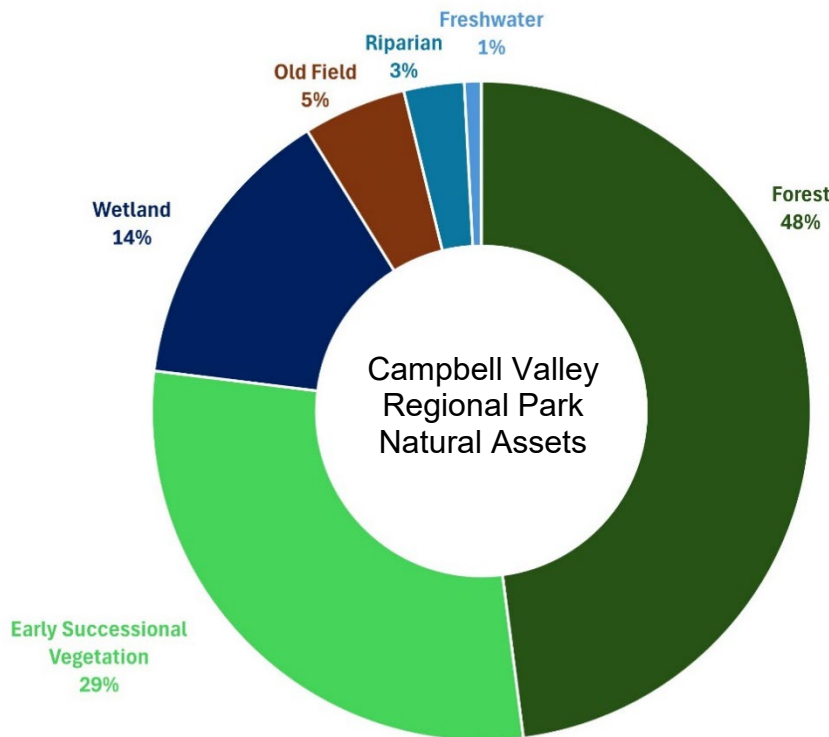
- A management plan for the park was recently completed (2020) (Reference 1)
- The park contains a diversity of natural asset types in a range of conditions
- There are known opportunities to improve the condition of the park through management
- The park is considered representative in terms of:
 - the available natural asset data, and
 - being subject to increasing visitation pressures and increasing urbanization of the surrounding lands.
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The steps below outline the process for completing a park-specific natural asset management plan, illustrated with the outcomes from the Campbell Valley Regional Park pilot study.

1. Establish the state of natural assets

Using the regional parks natural assets inventory, a review of Campbell Valley natural assets was undertaken. Forests (48%), early successional vegetation (e.g. hay fields and landscaped grass) (29%), and wetlands (14%) makeup the largest contribution to the park’s natural and enhanced¹ assets (see Chart 1).

Chart 1 – Percent of natural asset classes for Campbell Valley Regional Park



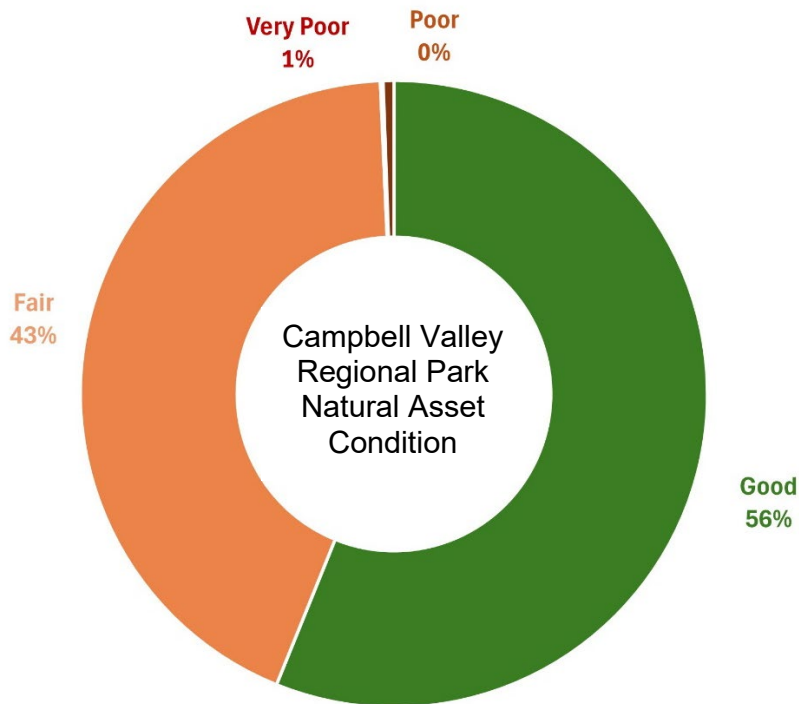
Building upon the system-level condition assessment completed in the early project phases, additional condition indicators were designed to generate information to guide and prioritize management and restoration actions in the park. Indicators include measures of forest health and extent of invasive species.

Chart 2 below shows the summarized results of the condition assessment. Overall, Campbell Valley Regional Park natural assets were found to be in good (56%) or fair (43%) condition.

The Asset Management for Regional Parks policy established a performance target for built assets of fair or better for all asset classes except for buildings, which have a target of poor or better. Natural assets do not have a performance target established yet for condition but across the regional parks system, 90% are in good or very good condition.

¹ Enhanced assets are significantly managed natural features (e.g. cultivated fields and landscaped grass) or those that incorporate natural features alongside human-made elements to sustain ecosystem functions and services (e.g. bioswales and naturalized stormwater drainage)

Chart 2 – Overall Condition Ratings for Natural Assets in Campbell Valley Regional Park



2. Define levels of service

Levels of service are performance measures that define the expected performance of assets (in this case, natural assets) and are linked to related services (in this case, ecosystem services). Defining levels of service involves identifying the management actions needed to achieve high-level strategic objectives, taking into account the condition of assets, risks, and available resources.

For example, the Campbell Valley Regional Park Management Plan (2020) includes goal 3 “Protect and enhance the Park’s diverse ecological values”, and identifies several high-level strategies to achieve the goal including:

- Protect, restore, and enhance forest, field, and wetland ecosystems, and
- Review field management and transition to old field maintenance regimes to allow for improved biodiversity

The levels of service developed for Campbell Valley Regional Park take the high-level goals and strategies found in the management plan and translate them into measurable objectives that can be used to guide maintenance, restoration, and habitat creation actions.

Table 1 – Examples of Levels of Service for Campbell Valley Regional Park

Levels of service	Desired trend	Example actions to achieve levels of service
Area of forest in need of enhancement	Maintain or decrease	Underplanting to support healthy forest succession
Area maintained as old field	Maintain or increase	Reduced frequency of field cutting in defined areas
Number of priority areas for invasive species management	Maintain or decrease	Invasive species treatment and ongoing maintenance to prevent reoccurrence

3. Incorporate risk

A natural asset risk assessment was conducted for Campbell Valley Regional Park to identify and rank potential hazards. The top four hazards were found to be drought, extreme wind, invasive species, and overuse.

Understanding risk exposure allows organizations to reduce potential costs by responding proactively instead of reactively and supports informed decision-making around prioritizing management actions.

4. Develop management scenarios

To establish management scenarios, the project team worked through a process of exploring the range of management needs and specific actions that were either included in current park plans or identified as actions that could help address known issues within Campbell Valley Regional Park. Management actions include field management, wetland and pollinator meadow creation, invasive species management, afforestation and forest enhancement, decommissioning of unauthorized trails, and slope stabilization.

Three management scenarios were developed to explore trade-offs between timing, resourcing, and service levels over a 15-year planning horizon.

Table 2 – Management Scenarios for Natural Assets in Campbell Valley Regional Park

	Scenario 1: Maintained but less resilient	Scenario 2: Sustained and somewhat resilient	Scenario 3: Enhanced and resilient
Activities	Maintenance focused, assumes no new restoration or habitat creation	Includes scenario 1 activities, plus currently planned investments in rehabilitating and restoring natural assets	Includes scenario 1 and 2 activities, plus increased natural asset creation and enhancements and more aggressive invasive species management
Level of investment	Minimum level required	Continuation of current and planned levels of investment	Increased level of investment compared to current levels
Outcomes	Actions are not expected to address increased human use	Actions are expected to offset some of the impacts from increased human use	Actions are expected to offset most of the impacts from increased human use
	Actions only address a few anticipated risks in a limited way (e.g., invasive species, some informal trail closure)	Actions are expected to help mitigate some of the anticipated risks	Actions are expected to be sufficient to mitigate risks to the extent feasible
	Overall, this scenario is likely to result in reduced levels of service over the next 15 years	Overall, this scenario is intended to capture the range of actions needed to maintain the same levels of service over the next 15 years	Overall, this scenario is intended to increase levels of service over the next 15 years

The results from this analysis highlight that the current level of effort (i.e. scenario 2) is sufficient to sustain Campbell Valley natural assets and mitigate risks and impacts to a reasonable degree. Over time, as funding becomes available, additional management actions (identified in scenario 3) can be undertaken to increase resilience.

Next Steps for Natural Asset Management in Regional Parks

The Natural Asset Management in Regional Parks project has shown asset management to be a useful tool to improve long term work planning and prioritization for natural assets in regional parks. Natural asset management plans will be developed for additional regional parks, following the approach developed in the pilot study, as time and resources allow. Staff are currently evaluating all parks in the system to identify priority locations for natural asset management plan development, and this will be used to guide the ongoing process.

The system-level natural asset management information gained through this project will be integrated into the upcoming Regional Parks Asset Management Plan.

Regional Benefit

One objective of the project was to advance natural asset management in the Metro Vancouver region. Through the Natural Assets Technical Advisory Group and presentations to the Regional Planning Advisory Committee – Environment Sub-Committee, Regional Engineers Advisory Committee – Climate Protection Sub-Committee, and the Regional Parks Advisory Committee, the methodologies, learnings, and project materials have been shared widely. These efforts have not only built awareness and facilitated further adoption of natural asset management practices in the region but have also helped establish a network of individuals actively engaged in advancing natural asset management.

ALTERNATIVES

This is an information report. No alternatives are presented.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This project has been funded by \$160,000 from SIF and \$61,760 from the Regional Parks operating budget. Ongoing natural asset management work will be funded through existing Regional Parks operating budgets.

CONCLUSION

The final phase of the Natural Asset Management in Regional Parks project was to undertake a pilot study to develop a natural asset management plan for one park - Campbell Valley Regional Park. This report provides a summary of the pilot results and recommends next steps for ongoing implementation of a natural asset management approach in regional parks.

Earlier phases of the natural asset management project developed a system-wide inventory and condition assessment for natural assets in regional parks. These outputs showed that for the pilot study location, Campbell Valley, forests, early successional vegetation, and wetlands make up the largest contribution to the park's natural and enhanced assets. Overall, Campbell Valley Regional Park natural assets were found to be in good or fair condition.

The pilot study defined levels of service for the park, creating measurable objectives that can be used to guide maintenance, restoration, and habitat creation actions. A natural asset risk assessment identified drought, extreme wind, invasive species, and overuse as the top four hazards for Campbell Valley Regional Park. Management scenarios were developed to explore trade-offs between timing, resourcing, and service levels over a 15-year planning horizon. The current level of effort was determined to be sufficient to sustain Campbell Valley natural assets and mitigate risks and impacts to a reasonable degree. Over time, as funding becomes available, additional management actions can be undertaken to increase resilience.

Natural asset management plans will be developed for additional regional parks, following the approach developed in the pilot study, as time and resources allow.

ATTACHMENTS

1. "Asset Management for Regional Parks", MVRD Board Policy, April 26, 2019.
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ASSET MANAGEMENT FOR REGIONAL PARKS

Effective Date: April 26, 2019

Approved By: MVRD Board

Policy No. FN-027

PURPOSE

To establish asset management principles and a framework that balances asset performance, risk, and cost in the provision of Regional Parks Service.

POLICY

Metro Vancouver Regional Parks manages a system of regional parks, regional greenways, ecological conservancy areas, and regional park reserves. Regional Parks' mandate is to protect natural areas and connect people to them; therefore, inherent to this *Asset Management Policy* is the need to systematically protect and monitor both natural and built assets.

This Policy outlines Metro Vancouver's commitment to manage Regional Parks assets in a manner that minimizes asset failure risks and impact to visitors, optimizes the life cycle value of assets to consistently meet asset performance targets, and enables integrated, evidence based decision making, to continuously provide quality regional park services and protect the natural areas.

NATURAL ASSETS

Natural assets, such as forests, wetlands, rivers and estuaries, provide ecosystem services which are the essential benefits that nature provides humans. These services support life, enhance security, and improve quality of life for humans and other organisms.

Natural assets such as wetlands, ponds, and restored forested or riparian areas can also be constructed to improve ecosystem function. Whether they are naturally occurring or they have been constructed, these assets must be operated and maintained. However, if managed appropriately, natural assets do not require replacement.

As the tools and methodologies for quantitatively assessing natural assets evolve, Regional Parks will determine how best to inventory and assess natural assets in order to ensure these assets can be managed in accordance with the principles set out in this Policy.

BUILT ASSETS

Built assets have been constructed/engineered to protect natural assets and enable people to connect to regional parks. For example, buildings, bridges, and trails help in the delivery of regional parks services, and retaining walls and barriers help protect natural assets.

BOARD POLICY

ASSET MANAGEMENT PRINCIPLES

The following principles guide the methodology for managing regional parks assets:

- a) **Integrated:** a comprehensive approach that examines the combined implications of managing all aspects of the asset life cycle. This includes interdependencies of assets or asset systems.
- b) **Risk-based:** manage asset risk relative to defined performance targets and consequence of asset failure, and focus expenditures and priorities on risk and associated cost and benefit.
- c) **Sustainable:** a long-term approach to estimating asset investment and activities, which will better enable assets to meet future challenges, including changing demographics, legislative requirements and technological, financial and environmental factors.
- d) **Fiscally Responsible:** activities and decisions aim to reduce asset ownership life cycle costs and meet defined asset performance targets.
- e) **Systematic:** a formal, consistent, repeatable and methodical approach to the management of assets.
- f) **Innovative:** continuous improvement in asset management by examining new tools, technologies, practices and solutions.

This Policy is applicable to the management of Regional Parks assets. Built asset classes include:

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| 1. Recreational Facilities | 6. Utilities |
| 2. Buildings and Structures | 7. Roads and Parking Lots |
| 3. Trails | 8. Barriers |
| 4. Land Protection | 9. Signage |
| 5. Bridges and Boardwalks | 10. Park Fixtures |

ASSET DATA AND INFORMATION

To measure performance of regional parks built assets, Regional Parks will develop and maintain an asset registry with comprehensive and accurate asset data and information. Data will be organized in a structured manner so that it can be stored, analyzed and reported at an adequate level for different business needs. Integrity of the data shall be monitored, updated and maintained to provide accurate asset information.

The Regional Parks Asset Registry will include at a minimum, the following:

- Asset class
- Asset location (e.g. park, geospatial reference)
- Asset details (e.g. material, size, install / construction date)
- Asset identification (e.g. type, number, description)
- Consequence of asset failure

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- Financial information (e.g. estimated replacement cost)
- Asset condition and estimated service life

ASSET PERFORMANCE AND LIKELIHOOD OF FAILURE

Regional Parks will manage each built asset in accordance with clearly defined condition assessment metrics and targets. Condition information is used as an indicator of an assets' likelihood of failure. Regional Parks asset performance categories, key performance indicators, and targets are provided in the table below.

Performance Category	Performance Category Definition	Key Performance Indicator (KPI)	Performance Target
Condition	Condition of assets (excluding buildings)	Condition Score (see table below)	The performance target for condition score is 3 or better.
Condition (buildings)	Condition of building assets	Facility Condition Index (FCI)	The performance target for FCI is a condition score of 4 or better.

For all built asset classes, excluding buildings, Regional Parks will use a 1 to 5 condition scoring system in accordance with the general table below, specifics will vary by asset class. When condition information is not available, an age based remaining service life will be used as a proxy for asset condition. Condition information will be stored in the asset register at a level most practical to capture and maintain the condition data. Regional Parks will develop asset specific descriptions based on the table below to enable assignment of 1 to 5 condition scores for all built assets.

Condition Score	Description
1 Very Good	New or Excellent condition, no apparent defects.
2 Good	Asset is in good state of repair, possible minor defects that do not detract from functionality.
3 Fair	Asset is operational, but non-critical defects are apparent.
4 Poor	Asset requires replacement or major repair, functionality is affected and failure is possible.
5 Critical	Asset is past the point of economic repair, is defective, or non-functional, and should be replaced, repaired, decommissioned, or removed.

For the buildings asset class, Regional Parks will use Facility Condition Index (FCI), which is an industry standard infrastructure risk metric used to track condition performance of facilities and portfolios.

ASSET CRITICALITY AND CONSEQUENCE OF FAILURE

Consequence of asset failure is considered in planning built asset replacement, rehabilitation, decommissioning, removal, operations and maintenance strategies as well as alternative risk mitigation strategies (e.g. emergency preparedness and response planning). High consequence assets

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(e.g. buildings, bridges, utilities) have the potential for significant impact on services if they fail. Low consequence assets (e.g. split rail fence) will have low or no impact on services if they fail. As there is less tolerance to asset failure for high consequence assets, they will be monitored more frequently and have higher priority for asset inspection and improvement work than medium or low consequence assets. The information outlined in the table below will be considered to determine asset consequence of failure.

Consequence of Failure Criteria (Criticality)	
Health & Safety	Risk of injuries, illness, or death
Security	Protect site or people from external forces
Service Impact	Reduces Level of Service
Energy & Operational Savings	Impacts on energy use/operations and maintenance costs
Accessibility Opportunity	Appropriate time to improve access/universal design
Regulatory Requirement	Required by provincial or other legislation or regulation
Environmental Risk	Impacts to ecosystems

ASSET RISK AND LIFECYCLE MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

Managing risks associated to the assets is essential for maintaining expected Regional Parks service levels. Risk is the combination of likelihood and consequence of a failure event occurring:

$$\text{Risk} = \text{Likelihood} \times \text{Consequence}$$

Asset risk will be monitored to ensure that asset performance is within targets. When asset data and information indicates that an asset is failing to meet performance target(s), Regional Parks staff will identify the relative consequence if the asset fails, assess the risk and identify options to address the risk. Risk mitigation options could include asset replacement, rehabilitation, decommissioning, removal, modified operations and maintenance strategies as well as modified emergency preparedness and response planning.

In evaluating different options, economic, social, and environmental benefits will be considered for each option. Total asset life cycle costs including capital investment, expenditures related to operations and maintenance of the asset as determined by Regional Parks Levels of Service and decommissioning costs will also be considered.

Where infrastructure investment is required, Regional Parks will consider opportunities to address other needs or future requirements (e.g. improved capacity, accessibility, environmental stewardship, etc.) consistent with integrated infrastructure investment planning.

LEVEL OF SERVICE

Levels of service describe the standard of service to be delivered to regional parks users based on parameters that reflect social, political, economic and environmental outcomes.

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Regional Parks will define and quantify the levels of service within each asset class. These levels of service will be indicators of asset needs and be used for planning, operational resource management and investment decision making.

ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN

Regional Parks will have an *Asset Management Plan* to summarize asset performance data and information, including a summary of performance risks. The *Asset Management Plan* will be organized by asset class and will outline the risk mitigation strategies, including capital investments, operating and maintenance strategies and emergency response strategies. The *Asset Management Plan* will be updated on a regular schedule at a minimum of every 5 years.

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

Regional Parks will examine, monitor, identify, and address asset management improvement opportunities to enhance asset management tools, technologies, and business practices. Staff will be properly trained to support asset management activities, from assessing asset condition to renewing assets to improve asset performance.



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Natural Asset Management in Regional Parks

CAMPBELL VALLEY REGIONAL PARK PILOT STUDY

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NATURAL ASSET MANAGEMENT

Asset management provides a framework for making informed decisions related to **natural assets** to ensure long-term ecological health and sustained service delivery.



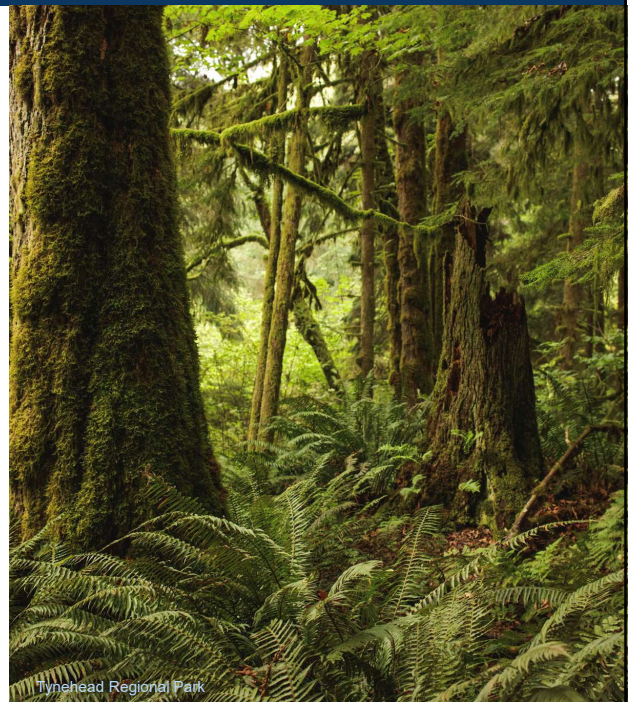
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NATURAL ASSET MANAGEMENT IN REGIONAL PARKS

- Integrated management of built and natural assets
- Improved long-term work planning and prioritization
- Continuous improvement



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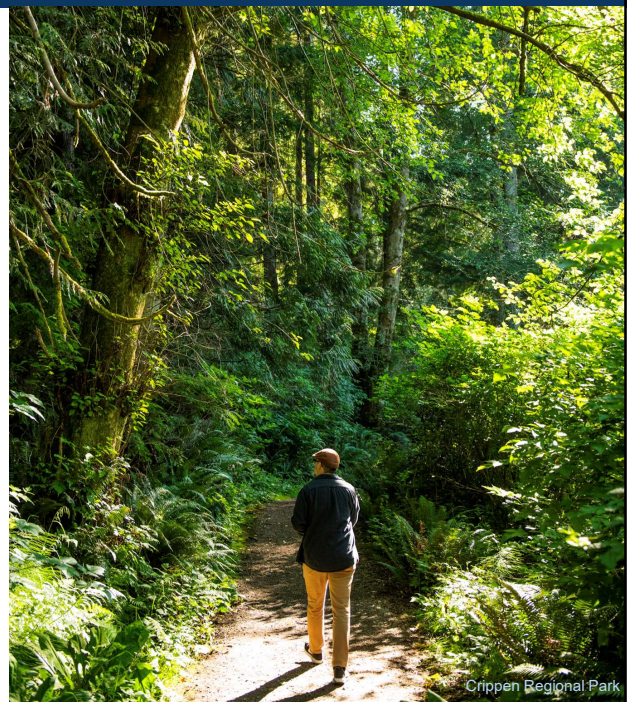
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PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- Assess current state
- Increase understanding of natural asset importance
- Test an approach and ensure scalability to all regional parks
- Share the knowledge



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Pilot Study:

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PILOT STUDY

Campbell Valley Regional Park

Developing a Natural Asset Management Approach:

1. Establish the state of natural assets
2. Define levels of service
3. Incorporate risk
4. Develop management scenarios

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ESTABLISHING LEVELS OF SERVICE

Goal 3: Protect and enhance the Park’s diverse ecological values

- Protect, restore, and enhance forest, field, and wetland ecosystems
- Review field management and transition to old field maintenance regimes to allow for improved biodiversity

Campbell Valley Regional Park Management Plan (2020)

Example levels of service and actions to achieve levels of service:



Area of forest in need of enhancement

- Underplanting to support healthy forest succession



Area maintained as old field

- Reduced frequency of field cutting in defined areas

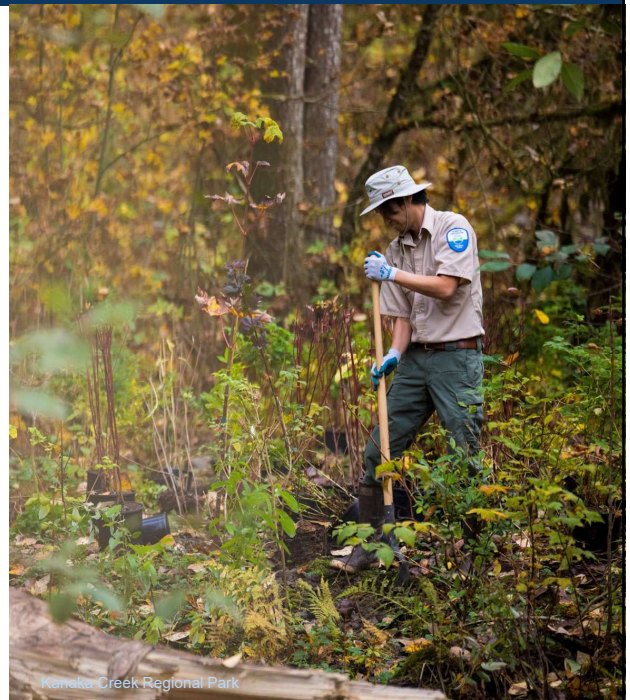
Desired Trend

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DEVELOPING MANAGEMENT SCENARIOS

Management actions identified include:

- Invasive species management
- Wetland creation
- Planting forests
- Pollinator meadow creation
- Decommissioning of unauthorized trails



Kanaka Creek Regional Park

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DEVELOPING MANAGEMENT SCENARIOS

	Scenario 1: Maintained but less resilient	Scenario 2: Sustained and somewhat resilient	Scenario 3: Enhanced and resilient
ACTIVITIES	Maintenance focused	Scenario 1 work + currently planned restoration projects	Scenario 1 & 2 work + increased restoration and management
LEVEL OF INVESTMENT	Minimum level required	Continuation of current and planned levels of investment	Increased level of investment
OUTCOMES	Not expected to address all risks. Reduced levels of service over 15 years	Some anticipated risks are mitigated. Levels of service are maintained over 15 years	Risks are mitigated to the extent feasible. Increased levels of service over 15 years

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NEXT STEPS

- Applying the natural asset management approach to additional regional parks
- Integrating natural assets into the *Regional Parks Asset Management Plan*



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To: Regional Parks Committee

From: Mike Redpath, Director, Regional Parks

Date: August 20, 2025 Meeting Date: September 10, 2025

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Regional Parks Committee receive for information the report dated August 20, 2025, titled "Manager's Report – Regional Parks".

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Attachment 1 to this report sets out the Regional Parks Committee Work Plan for 2025. 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.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TARIFFS – IMPACT ON REGIONAL PARKS

Metro Vancouver has exposure to the tariffs imposed by the Government of Canada on a variety of goods imported from the United States. Staff have conducted a tariff impact assessment across capital and operating programs to understand the financial exposure. The following summarizes efforts made to mitigate and manage the current tariff environment.

Over 98% of tariff exposure is tied to capital projects. To date, approximately \$7,000 in tariffs has been paid, with approximately \$15M in vendor claims under review. The total estimated financial exposure from 2025 to 2029, based on tariffs in place as of September 1, 2025 is in the order of \$180M. These developments have direct implications for Metro Vancouver's capital projects, which rely heavily on steel-intensive infrastructure components, including steel pipes, valves, and equipment, and to a lesser extent, operational procurement activities. Financial impacts of tariffs are most pronounced in infrastructure-intensive departments such as Water Services, Liquid Waste Services, and Housing. Staff are actively monitoring developments and pursuing mitigation strategies to manage financial risk and maintain alignment with approved budgets.

Mitigation strategies to reduce the financial impact of tariffs include sourcing alternative products where feasible, sourcing non-US manufactured equivalent goods and seeking remission on tariffs paid through the federal Department of Finance. However, there are still many unknowns regarding the full extent and duration of tariff impacts, especially for projects with long procurement timelines or complex supply chains. Realized tariff-related costs will be addressed first through existing contingency budgets within approved capital plans, where possible.

Staff will continue to refine estimates as more information becomes available. Ongoing monitoring and adaptive planning will be essential to ensure continued fiscal responsibility and successful project delivery.

Regional Parks

Regional Parks estimated tariffs financial exposure from 2025 to 2029 is \$2.2 million. Regional Parks is impacted by tariffs due to capital project requirements for steel beams and helical piles. Major projects likely to be impacted include boardwalk replacements at Delta Nature Reserve, Campbell Valley Regional Park, and Camosun Bog in Pacific Spirit Regional Park, and a bridge replacement in Lynn Headwaters Regional Park.

təmtə́míxʷtən/BELCARRA REGIONAL PARK CULTURAL PLANNING AND CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT UPDATE

Metro Vancouver Regional District (MVRD) and sə́lilwə́təł (Tsleil-Waututh Nation) have renewed the historic təmtə́míxʷtən/Belcarra Regional Park Cultural Planning and Co-operation Agreement Attachment 2) for a ten-year term, commencing in 2025. The parties will continue working together to advance reconciliation through cooperative work and priority projects.

Achievements under 2020 Agreement include:

- Renaming the park with dual name təmtə́míxʷtən/Belcarra Regional Park
- Welcome pole installation
- Reclaiming ancestral lands community engagement events
- Water taxi pilot project
- Collaboration on təmtə́míxʷtən/Belcarra South Design Concept
- Cultural Heritage Study

Upcoming projects in the new agreement include:

- Continuation of təmtə́míxʷtən/Belcarra South development – ecosystem restoration and cultural revitalization
- Continuation of water taxi service for sə́lilwə́təł members, between Whey-ah-wichen (Cates Park) and təmtə́míxʷtən/Belcarra Regional Park
- Admiralty Heights planning – Opportunities include sanctioning trails for public use, installing signage that illustrates the indigenous historical use of the area, and providing access to sə́lilwə́təł for seasonal berry harvesting.

VISITOR USE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY UPDATE

Metro Vancouver is developing a Visitor Use Management Strategy for Regional Parks. Visitor Use Management is the approach of monitoring and managing visitor use and its impacts, to protect park resources, and support safe and high-quality visitor experiences. The goal of this project is to manage visitor use more consistently and proactively.

The strategy will set out desired conditions for regional parks along with indicators, establishing a consistent approach for monitoring and decision making on visitor management. It will include a toolkit of management actions, ranging from minimal to substantial, such as signage, education, expanding facilities, compliance and enforcement, and parking management.

Staff have initiated early engagement with First Nations on the strategy. A draft Visitor Use Management Strategy is expected in early 2026. Afterwards, staff will seek input on the draft from First Nations, member jurisdictions, other government agencies, and the public.

DOG MANAGEMENT PROGRAM REVIEW AT PACIFIC SPIRIT REGIONAL PARK – PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

Pacific Spirit Regional Park is Metro Vancouver's busiest regional park, attracting over four million annual visitors. The park is a popular destination for walkers, runners, cyclists, equestrians, and dog walkers of all ages. Sixty five per cent of its 55-kilometre trail system is currently designated as leash-optional.

Metro Vancouver is conducting a review and listening to park visitors to assess and improve dog management strategies at Pacific Spirit Regional Park. Metro Vancouver invited visitors to share their experiences with dogs in the park through a survey that was open from May 14, 2025 to June 4, 2025. The survey received a significant response of over 5,600 surveys completed, with over 3,200 responses including a written comment. Additionally, staff have received over 800 written emails regarding the dog management program review.

The changes to the dog management program that are under consideration include updated signage, trail designations, public education, and bylaw enforcement. An update on the program review and any resulting changes will be provided to the Regional Parks Committee in Fall 2025. Staff anticipate that any changes to the dog management program will be implemented in late 2025 and continue into 2026.

In the interim, Regional Parks staff will maintain their ongoing efforts to manage dogs at Pacific Spirit Regional Park through continued education and enforcement.

CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE – DELTA NATURE RESERVE BOARDWALK REPLACEMENT

Metro Vancouver Regional Parks is initiating the replacement of the Delta Nature Reserve (DNR) Boardwalk. The existing 2.3km boardwalk was built by volunteers in the 1990s and is at the end of its operational life.

The first phase of the project, starting in fall 2025, will address hazard tree mitigations and wildfire fuel management to ensure the area is safe for upcoming construction and future public use. The Delta Nature Reserve is a dynamic ecosystem where changing hydrology and storm events have caused some trees mortality near the existing boardwalk. Active management to mitigate future risks to the public, park infrastructure, and ecosystems is required. Approximately 350 dead and dying trees have been identified for removal and a further 150 trees will be reduced in height to form wildlife stems.

Construction of the replacement boardwalk will follow this essential hazard tree work and will extend through 2026-2027. The replacement boardwalk will improve accessibility, and provide seating nodes. Staff are working closely with City of Delta staff on this project. Metro Vancouver is engaging First Nations and will continue to provide regular updates to park users as the project proceeds.

REGIONAL PARKS EVENT UPDATES

Pacific Spirit Regional Park – Forest Harmonies (July 19, 2025)

Over 700 people strolled through the Pacific Spirit Regional Park rainforest on a beautiful evening at dusk during the Forest Harmonies event. Visitors delighted in acoustic music emanating throughout the forest and participated in interactive interpretive activities showcasing the musical rhythms and harmonies that exist in nature.

Local musicians included a harpist, fiddler, cellist, youth choir, clarinetist and a musician playing the traditional South Asian sarod and tabla instruments. The event also featured music lyric scrolls, a mindfulness walk, a picturesque wind chime walk, and rainforest sound boxes along the trail.

The event was delivered in partnership with the Pacific Spirit Park Society whose members helped plan the event, design stations, recruit musicians and volunteers, and engage visitors to try their own hand at a musical instrument. Eighteen volunteers contributed their time and skills to help make the event a success.



Pacific Spirit Regional Park

Aldergrove Regional Park – Meteor Shower Watch (August 9, 2025)

Meteor Shower Watch held at Aldergrove Regional Park has become a summer event not to be missed. This year over 2,300 participants from across Metro Vancouver came with lawn chairs and blankets in tow to set up for an evening of star gazing. The event was held during the much anticipated Perseids Meteor Shower. Park Interpreters lead constellation talks and helped participants explore the night sky.

However, it didn't end with star gazing, participants also visited with community partner groups like Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, Science World, Langley Environmental Partners Society, Wildlife Preservation, Girl Guides and the Fraser Valley Regional Library all set-up with interactive exhibits. Then it was on to the lantern-lit trail with interactive stations including wishing tree, black light theatre, create your own constellation, space station, galaxy maze and sounds of space.



Aldergrove Regional Park

Staff received positive feedback from participants of the event including, “lots of people yet it didn't feel overcrowded. Beautiful evening for looking and learning about our sky. Lots of staff there and all very helpful”. Another participant remarked, “It was a lovely event, all kinds of people, singles to extended families and everyone getting along well. Lots of washrooms, food trucks, things for kids to do and everyone working that night were great. Also, a great idea to let people camp. Just a lovely community event.”

Crippen Regional Park – Bowfest (August 23, 2025)

This year's annual community event, Bowfest, hosted at Crippen Regional Park saw over 175 guests at the Regional Parks Interpretation tent. Visitors delighted in the interpretive display showcasing owl species living in Crippen Regional Park, and the importance of the park as owl habitat. Many visitors resonated with the display, sharing their own stories and experiences of seeing and hearing owls with the Park Interpreters.



Crippen Regional Park

A separate interpretive display was also set up in Davies Orchard showcasing the re-opening of the newly restored heritage cottages. Over 100 people walked through Cabin 14, which will be a publicly reservable facility. Many people expressed positive feedback and gratitude for the revitalized cottages and the opportunity to once again visit and access the site.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Regional Parks Committee 2025 Work Plan dated July 28, 2025.
2. t̓əmt̓əx̓w̓t̓ən Belcarra Regional Park Cultural Planning and Co-operation Agreement dated February 18, 2025.

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Regional Parks Committee 2025 Work Plan

Report Date: August 20, 2025

Priorities

1 st Quarter	Status
Regional Parks Committee Priorities and 2025 Work Plan	Completed
2024 Regional Parks Visitor Survey	Completed
Metro Vancouver Outdoor Recreation Needs and Trends Survey 2024	Completed
2025 Regional Parks Land Dedication Bylaw	Completed
Alcohol in Regional Parks Pilot Program Summary	Completed
Cultural Planning and Cooperation Update - təmtəmiş ^w tən/Belcarra Regional Park	Completed
Pacific Spirit Regional Park – Wreck Beach Update	Completed
Widgeon Marsh Regional Park Update	Completed
Metro Vancouver Regional Parks Foundation 25 th Anniversary	Completed
Regional Parks Real-Time Parking Pilot Program Summary	Completed
2 nd Quarter	
Repeal and Replace Regional Parks Bylaw	Completed
Amendment to MVRD Notice of Bylaw Violation Enforcement and Dispute Adjudication Bylaw No. 1117, 2010	Completed
Amendment to MVRD Ticket Information Utilization Bylaw No. 1050, 2006	Completed
MVRD Consumption of Liquor in Regional Parks Amendment Bylaw	Completed
George Ross Legacy Stewardship Grant Update	Completed
Filming in MVRD Regional Parks Update	Completed
Regional Parks Annual Report 2024	Completed
3 rd Quarter	
Draft 2026 - 2030 Capital Plan Overview	Completed
Burnaby Lake Park Association Presentation	Completed
Lower Coquitlam River Nature Association Presentation	Completed
Burnaby Lake Regional Park Management Plan Initiation Report	Completed
Deas Island Regional Park Update	In Progress
Regional Parks Natural Asset Management	In Progress
Natural Resource Management Program Stewardship Program Update	In Progress
Regional Parks and Greenways Capital Project Updates	In Progress
səlilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh Nation) təmtəmiş ^w tən/Belcarra Regional Park Agreement Update	In Progress
Visitor Use Management Strategy Update	In Progress
4 th Quarter	
Regional Parks Fees and Charges 2026	Pending

Regional Parks Asset Management Plan Update	Pending
2026 - 2030 Five Year Financial Plan and 2026 Budget and Annual Rates	Pending
Metro Vancouver Regional Parks Foundation Update	Pending
MVRD Fees and Charges Bylaw	Pending
Amendment of <i>Regional Parks Bylaw No. 1420, 2025</i>	Pending
Regional Parks Building Strategy	Pending
Burns Bog Ecological Conservation Area, Delta Nature Reserve, and Delta South Surrey Greenway Update	Pending
Camping in Regional Parks Study	Pending
Regional Parks Public Programming Strategy Report	Pending

Status = Pending, In Progress or Completed



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Cultural Planning and Co-operation Agreement

təmtə́míxʷtən/BELCARRA REGIONAL PARK
CULTURAL PLANNING AND CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT

Dated for reference February 18, 2025 (the “Effective Date”)

BETWEEN:

METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

4515 Central Boulevard
 Burnaby, BC V5H 0C6

(“Metro Vancouver”)

AND:

TSLEIL-WAUTUTH NATION, AS REPRESENTED BY CHIEF AND COUNCIL

3178 Alder Court
 North Vancouver, BC V7H 2V6

(“səlilwətał”)

WHEREAS:

- A. təmtə́míxʷtən/Belcarra Regional Park is part of Metro Vancouver’s regional park service and is within səlilwətał traditional territory (“səlilwətał Territory”) and part of its ancestral village site known as təmtə́míxʷtən (Tum-tumay-whueton).
- B. Both Metro Vancouver and səlilwətał acknowledge and agree that təmtə́míxʷtən/Belcarra Regional Park has important cultural, heritage, and environmental value comprising both natural and human-made features associated with human activity that holds significance to the residents of Metro Vancouver generally and səlilwətał particularly.
- C. səlilwətał asserts Aboriginal rights, title and interests within səlilwətał Territory and is dedicated to being environmental and cultural stewards of the Territory and enhancing the wellbeing of its lands, waters, culture and səlilwətał Members.
- D. Regional parks are a function of Metro Vancouver that contribute to a livable region by conserving natural assets, providing recreational opportunities and connecting the public to nature.

- E. səlilwətał and Metro Vancouver will work together to explore how the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada Calls to Action may apply to the work contemplated in this Agreement and advance true and everlasting reconciliation.
- F. In November 2019, the Province of British Columbia enacted the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act, SBC 2019, c 44 (“**Declaration Act**”).
- (a) One of the purposes of the Declaration Act is to, among other things, affirm the application of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples to the laws of British Columbia.
- (b) səlilwətał and Metro Vancouver will work together to explore how the Declaration Act, along with guidance that may be received from the Province on the Declaration Act, may apply to the work contemplated in this Agreement and advance true and lasting reconciliation.
- G. səlilwətał and Metro Vancouver recognize and acknowledge that a previous five-year Cultural Planning and Co-operation Agreement for təmtəmiş^wtən/Belcarra Regional Park was entered into between səlilwətał and Metro Vancouver on February 18, 2020.
- H. This Agreement represents the continued work by səlilwətał and Metro Vancouver that began under that agreement. Metro Vancouver and səlilwətał recognize that this Agreement represents a long-term and continued relationship between səlilwətał and Metro Vancouver.
- I. səlilwətał and Metro Vancouver wish to identify common interests and ways in which they may work together to protect and enhance təmtəmiş^wtən/Belcarra Regional Park for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations.

1.0 DEFINITIONS

1.1 In this Agreement:

1.2 “**Cultural and Heritage Plan**” means one or more plans, procedures and protocols to:

- (a) identify, conserve, manage and protect property, land, objects or other heritage resources within the Park that may have tangible or intangible heritage value for səlilwətał; and

- (b) encourage timely and meaningful communication between the Parties with respect to activities in the Park, especially those that may affect areas of spiritual or cultural significance to səlilwətał;

1.3 **“Applicable Legislation”** means the *Local Government Act*, as amended or replaced from time to time, and any existing and future legislation dealing with the operation, management and regulation of təmtəmiş^wtən/Belcarra Regional Park or activities in the Park and any regulations, including bylaws, made under the authority of such legislation;

1.4 **“Park”** means təmtəmiş^wtən/Belcarra Regional Park; and

1.5 **“Parties”** means Metro Vancouver and səlilwətał together and **“Party”** means either Metro Vancouver or səlilwətał, as applicable.

2.0 PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTIVES

2.1 As a matter of principle, both parties wish to:

- (a) preserve and protect sites, features, objects, structures, and environmental assets within the Park that have tangible or intangible heritage value for səlilwətał or that are of spiritual or cultural significance to səlilwətał;
- (b) protect and enhance the natural resources, wildlife, vegetation and environmental features of the Park;
- (c) continue to develop the recreational use and enjoyment of the Park by members of the public;
- (d) protect and enhance səlilwətał use and enjoyment of the Park while respecting the purposes for which regional parks are established; and
- (e) increase public awareness of səlilwətał cultural history and the significance of the Park and surrounding area to səlilwətał,

(collectively, the **“Principles”**).

2.2 The objective of this Agreement is to formalize a new, co-operative relationship between the Parties that will allow them to share information and work together to identify and develop plans and projects for the Park (such as those identified in Schedule “A”) that are consistent with the Principles.

3.0 LEADERSHIP GROUP AND TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP

- 3.1 Metro Vancouver and səlilwətał will form a leadership committee comprised of senior representatives of each of the parties (“**Leadership Group**”) and a technical committee comprised of staff from each of the parties (“**Technical Working Group**”).
- 3.2 Each of the Leadership Group and the Technical Working Group will be comprised of a minimum of two representatives from each party.
- 3.3 Metro Vancouver will notify səlilwətał in writing with the names of the persons appointed as its representatives on the Leadership Group and Technical Working Group within 30 days of the Effective Date (the “**Metro Vancouver Representatives**”).
- 3.4 The Metro Vancouver Representatives will liaise with səlilwətał Representatives with respect to this Agreement and all related matters. Metro Vancouver reserves the right to change the Metro Vancouver Representatives from time to time at its sole discretion and Metro Vancouver will advise səlilwətał of such change, if any, in a timely manner.
- 3.5 səlilwətał will notify Metro Vancouver in writing with the names of the persons appointed as its representatives on the Leadership Group and Technical Working Group within 30 days of the Effective Date (the “**səlilwətał Representatives**”).
- 3.6 The səlilwətał Representatives will liaise with the Metro Vancouver Representatives with respect to this Agreement and all related matters. səlilwətał reserves the right to change the səlilwətał Representatives from time to time at its sole discretion and səlilwətał will advise Metro Vancouver of such change, if any, in a timely manner.
- 3.7 Metro Vancouver and səlilwətał may decide to appoint additional members to the Leadership Group or the Technical Working Group subject to the Parties appointing an equal number of additional members.
- 3.8 The Leadership Group and the Technical Working Group will operate on the basis of consensus to the full extent possible.
- 3.9 The Leadership Group will:
- (a) be the main forum through which the Parties will share information and work together to combine traditional Indigenous Knowledge with contemporary regional park management in order to identify and develop:

- (i) a Cultural and Heritage Plan consistent with the *Heritage Conservation Act*; and
- (ii) future and ongoing projects for the Park, such as those identified on the attached Schedule “A”,

that are consistent with the Principles.

3.10 The Leadership Group will perform the following functions:

- (a) review, provide input and make recommendations with respect to the planning, management and operation of the Park and on the implementation of plans and projects within the Park, particularly with respect to culture and heritage, vegetation management and ecosystem restoration work;
- (b) review and provide advice on the official public release of materials, publications and presentations relating to səlilwətaʔ historical and cultural interpretations of the Park;
- (c) review and provide advice on səlilwətaʔ cultural expressions in the Park, including but not limited to signage, art installation, and cultural displays; and
- (d) review and provide advice on economic and tourism opportunities for səlilwətaʔ in the Park to the extent permitted by Applicable Legislation and Metro Vancouver’s Procurement and Asset Disposal Authority Policy.

3.11 The Technical Working Group will perform the following functions:

- (a) support the work of the Leadership Group by providing technical advice as requested;
- (b) review and provide input to the Leadership Group on the creation and implementation of plans and projects within the Park; and
- (c) liaise with Metro Vancouver and səlilwətaʔ staff to support collaborative park projects in the Park.

4.0 CONFIDENTIALITY

4.1 səlilwətaʔ will mark as confidential or otherwise identify as confidential any information that səlilwətaʔ provides to Metro Vancouver, including information concerning səlilwətaʔ heritage site areas, cultural information, and ethnographic resources in the Park, that səlilwətaʔ expects to be treated as confidential, and Metro Vancouver will not disclose such information

to any persons except:

- (a) if səlilwətał agrees in writing to such disclosure;
- (b) if disclosure is required by law;
- (c) disclosure to employees and agents of Metro Vancouver who require the information to carry out their responsibilities, provided that Metro Vancouver will require any such employees or agents who obtain such information to agree in writing to maintain and respect the confidentiality of that information, as set out herein.

5.0 FUNDING

- 5.1 The Parties will work together to address funding, revenue generation, and appropriate cost-sharing issues as they arise. All projects and initiatives identified in this Agreement are subject to funding availability.

6.0 NOTICES

- 6.1 Any notice, plan, recommendation or document contemplated under this Agreement must be in writing and will be deemed validly given to and received by a Party, if delivered personally, on the date of delivery, or, if delivered by mail or email, when received by the Parties at the addresses as follows:

- (a) If to Metro Vancouver:

Metro Vancouver Regional District
 4515 Central Boulevard
 Burnaby, BC V5H 0C6
 Attention: Mike Redpath, Director, Regional Parks
 Email: Mike.Redpath@metrovancover.org

- (b) If to səlilwətał:

səlilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh Nation)
 3178 Alder Court
 North Vancouver, BC V7H 2V6
 Attention: Robert Bartlett, Chief Administrative Officer
 Email: rbartlett@twnation.ca

- 6.2 Either Party may, from time to time, give notice to the other Party of a change of address,

phone number, or email address and after the giving of such notice, the address, phone number, or email address specified in the notice will, for purposes of section 6.1, supersede any previous address for the Party giving such notice.

7.0 DISPUTE RESOLUTION

7.1 The Parties are committed to resolving any disputes which may arise from the implementation or interpretation of this Agreement in a co-operative, collaborative, and non-adversarial manner.

7.2 In the event that that the Technical Working Group cannot resolve a dispute, the matter will be referred to the Leadership Group for resolution.

7.3 If necessary, the Parties will employ negotiation or mediation to resolve disputes.

8.0 DURATION

8.1 This Agreement may be amended by written agreement of the Parties.

8.2 The term of this Agreement will be 10 years commencing on the Effective Date.

8.3 At least 6 months prior to the 5-year anniversary of the Effective Date, the Parties will evaluate the effectiveness of this Agreement. If the Parties mutually agree that amendments to the Agreement may be appropriate, they will collaboratively develop the amendments.

8.4 At least 12 months prior to the 10-year anniversary of the Effective Date of this Agreement, the Parties will evaluate the effectiveness of this Agreement and decide whether to extend the term and whether such extension should be subject to any amendments to the Agreement.

8.5 If the Parties decide to extend the term, then they will discuss and attempt to reach agreement on the length of such extension and any amendments to the Agreement. Either Party may, on an annual basis, request the participation of the other Party to review the effectiveness of this Agreement and to consider potential amendments to it.

8.6 If the Agreement expires before the discussions referred to in section 8.5 are complete, the existing Agreement will continue on a month-to-month basis unless otherwise terminated by either party on written notice to the other party.

8.7 This Agreement may be terminated by either Party on 6 months written notice. If a Party gives written notice to terminate, then either Party may require a meeting with the other before

the end of the notice period to attempt to resolve any issues between the Parties that may have given rise to the termination notice.

9.0 REPRESENTATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS ON SCOPE

9.1 The Parties acknowledge and agree that:

- (a) any Cultural and Heritage Plan must be consistent with səlilwətał cultural heritage policies, which include the requirements of the *Heritage Conservation Act*;
- (b) nothing in this Agreement:
 - (i) is intended to, or will, circumvent səlilwətał referrals process;
 - (ii) obligates either Party, either expressly or by implication, to make any expenditures of a capital nature;
 - (iii) is to be construed as or deemed to limit or affect any treaty rights, any Aboriginal rights or title claims, or any obligations to consult, accommodate or obtain the consent of səlilwətał, as səlilwətał may have at law or in equity;
 - (iv) is to be construed as or deemed to limit the position the Parties may take in any proceedings, discussions or negotiations between the Parties, except as expressly contemplated in this Agreement;
 - (v) is to be construed as or deemed to limit, interfere, affect or fetter the discretion of Metro Vancouver's Board or its statutory officers with respect to the legal rights, duties or obligations of Metro Vancouver;
 - (vi) is to be construed or deemed to be an admission or acknowledgement of the validity of, or any fact or liability in relation to, any claims relating to alleged past or future infringements of səlilwətał Aboriginal rights or title with respect to the Park or səlilwətał treaty rights.
- (c) this Agreement does not abrogate or derogate any treaty rights or any existing or asserted Aboriginal rights, title or interests of səlilwətał nor does it abrogate or derogate from the Applicable Legislation including Metro Vancouver's rights and powers under such legislation.

9.2 səlilwətał enters into this Agreement for and on behalf of itself and its members as represented by its Chief and Council, and it has the legal power, capacity and authority to

enter into this Agreement.

10.0 GENERAL

10.1 This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties in relation to the planning, operation and management of the Park and there are no undertakings, representations or promises express or implied, other than those expressly set out in this Agreement.

10.2 Headings are provided in this Agreement for the convenience of the reader only and may not be used in constructing or interpreting the terms of this Agreement.

10.3 This Agreement will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of British Columbia.

10.4 No amendment to this Agreement is effective unless it is agreed to in writing and signed by the Parties.

10.5 If a court of competent jurisdiction holds any provision of this Agreement to be invalid, then the invalid provision will be severed from the Agreement. If such severance materially affects the implementation of this Agreement, then the Parties agree to meet to resolve any issues as may arise as a result and to amend this Agreement accordingly.

10.6 This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts and may be delivered by email in PDF format and each such original, facsimile or PDF copy, when so executed and delivered, will be deemed to be an original and all of which taken together then construe one and the same instrument.

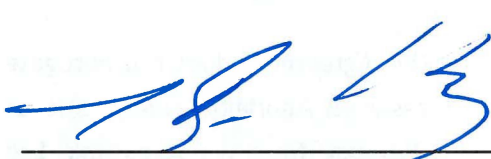
IN WITNESS WHEREOF the duly authorized representatives of each Party have executed this Agreement as of the Effective Date.

TSLEIL-WAUTUTH NATION,
by its authorized signatory



Robert Bartlett
Chief Administrative Officer

METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT,
by its authorized signatory



Jerry W. Dobrovolny, P.Eng, MBA
Chief Administrative Officer

Schedule "A"

Potential Projects for Collaboration

Policy and Planning

- Provide a regular opportunity to discuss Park planning, operations and management of Park facilities and infrastructure.
- Develop or provide input into a programming and interpretation strategy for the Park generally and for specific facilities, displays and exhibits within or about the Park.
- Explore opportunities to expand the Park to include other areas of cultural significance to səlilwətał.
- Carry out collaborative planning for the Admiralty Heights area of the Park, including, but not limited to, trail development/decommissioning, interpretive signage, səlilwətał harvesting opportunities and public access.

Economic Opportunities

- Identify and explore mutually acceptable and beneficial economic opportunities as may be permitted under Metro Vancouver's Procurement and Asset Disposal Authority Policy with respect to archaeology, sharing of job posting opportunities, and use of səlilwətał preferred contractors within the Park for such work as:
 - o tree services;
 - o traffic management;
 - o environmental and geotechnical engineering;
 - o environmental restoration;
 - o archaeological services;
 - o commercial filming;
 - o events and event management;
 - o food concession opportunities;
 - o recreation rentals such as kayaks; and
 - o extension of guided tours (from Cates/Whey-ah-Wichen) to include the Park.

Environmental/Cultural

- Maintain a blanket permit from the BC Archaeology Branch under the *Heritage Conservation Act* for archaeological works to allow Metro Vancouver and səilwətał to work closely together to identify and protect archaeological and cultural resources within the Park;
- Develop public education resources with respect to səilwətał culture and heritage and the Park to encourage public understanding, appreciation and enjoyment of the Park and its history;
- Support and enhance the continued use of the Park as a public space;
- Create opportunities for Indigenous place-making and naming of features, sites and places within the Park to acknowledge səilwətał cultural identity;
- Explore interests, opportunities and challenges with respect to joint stewardship and restoration projects within the Park such as the development of clam gardens, forest gardens, removal of invasive species, sustainable cultivation and harvesting of medicinal plants within the Park by səilwətał for cultural purposes and expansion of existing programs such as the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Beachkeeper program;
- Continue collaboration on the redevelopment of both the South Picnic Area and Bole House in the Park, including identifying opportunities for səilwətał visibility, use, public education, and restoration;
- Continue identifying and enhancing opportunities for səilwətał community members to access and reconnect with the Park through scheduled community days or events, providing transportation, and/or other means.

Funding

- Exploring opportunities for establishing a təmtəmiş^wtən/Belcarra Regional Park Cultural Planning and Co-operation Agreement Implementation Fund.

METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL PARKS

Upcoming Events

September 2025

DATE	UPCOMING EVENTS
13 SEP 2025	Wings Over Iona IONA BEACH REGIONAL PARK
13 SEP 2025	Birding for Beginners IONA BEACH REGIONAL PARK
20 SEP 2025	Owl Hoot-enanny CAMPBELL VALLEY REGIONAL PARK
20 SEP 2025	Art in the Wild LYNN HEADWATERS REGIONAL PARK
21 SEP 2025	Wild Times With the Neighbours KANAKA CREEK REGIONAL PARK
27 SEP 2025	Forest Bathing PACIFIC SPIRIT REGIONAL PARK
27 SEP 2025	Secret Life of Trees CAPILANO RIVER REGIONAL PARK
04 OCT 2025	Flashlight Mysteries: Nature Unnamed DEAS ISLAND REGIONAL PARK
04 OCT 2025	Birding for Beginners IONA BEACH REGIONAL PARK
04 OCT 2025	Forest Bathing CAPILANO RIVER REGIONAL PARK
04 OCT 2025	Derby Reach Park Day DERBY REACH REGIONAL PARK

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