

METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT REGIONAL PARKS COMMITTEE

MEETING

Wednesday, October 7, 2026

9:00 am

28th Floor Boardroom, 4515 Central Boulevard, Burnaby, British Columbia

AGENDA

A. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1. **October 7, 2026 Meeting Agenda**

THAT the Regional Parks Committee adopt the agenda for its meeting scheduled for October 7, 2026 as circulated.

B. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

1. **July 8, 2026 Meeting Minutes**

THAT the Regional Parks Committee adopt the minutes of its meeting held July 8, 2026 as circulated.

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C. DELEGATIONS

D. INVITED PRESENTATIONS

E. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE OR CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. **2027 – 2031 Financial Plan Overview**

Report dated September 21, 2026 from Heather McNell, Acting Chief Administrative Officer and Linda Sabatini, Chief Financial Officer/General Manager, Financial Services.

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Executive Summary

This presentation introduces a high-level overview of the Metro Vancouver 2027 – 2031 budget.

2. **2027 Budget and 2027 – 2031 Financial Plan - Regional Parks** pg. 23
Report dated September 21, 2026 from Mike Redpath, Director, Regional Parks.

Executive Summary

The proposed 2027 operating budget for Regional Parks is \$88.8 million. This represents a \$14.4 million increase from the 2026 operating budget, primarily from the MVRD Board direction for 2027 to add back the contribution to parkland acquisition from reductions in Metro Vancouver’s development cost charge (DCC) revenue. The total 2027 Capital Expenditure targets are \$54.1 million, which includes major park development and land acquisition. The requisition is proposed to increase by \$13.6 million from 2026, which represents a \$10 increase to the average household for a total of a \$60 Household Impact (HHI) in 2027.

Metro Vancouver’s 2027 Budget and 2027 - 2031 Five-Year Financial Plan have been prepared following direction received at the April 15, 2026 Board Budget Workshop. At the Board Budget Workshop, the Boards directed staff to bring back amendment bylaws to roll back Metro Vancouver’s 2026 DCC rates to 2025 levels, lower the planned increase to 2027 DCC rates, and extend the move to growth fully paying for growth (a 1% assist factor) from 2027 to 2029. These DCC amendment bylaws were approved at the July 24, 2026 Board meetings. The revision to DCC rates is anticipated to reduce Metro Vancouver’s revenues by \$389M over the five-year plan. The Boards provided direction to fill this funding gap through a combination of additional borrowing and tax requisitions in the 2027-2031 Five-Year Financial Plan.

In addition, the Boards directed staff to develop the 2027-2031 Five-Year Financial Plan with household impact (HHI) targets of 3.0% for 2027, and 5.0% per year for 2028 to 2031. After reviewing all budgets and incorporating cost efficiencies from the 2026 to 2030 Financial planning process, the proposed 2027-2031 Five-Year Financial Plan has come under these targets, resulting in increases to the average household of 1.9% in 2027, 4.2% in 2028 and 5.0% in each year from 2029 to 2031.

Recommendation

THAT the Regional Parks Committee endorse the 2027 Budget and 2027 – 2031 Financial Plan for Regional Parks as presented in the report dated September 21, 2026, titled “2027 Budget and 2027 – 2031 Financial Plan – Regional Parks”, and forward it to the Board Budget Workshop on October 21, 2026, for consideration.

3. **Manager’s Report – Regional Parks** pg. 66
Report dated September 11, 2026 from Mike Redpath, Director, Regional Parks.

Recommendation

THAT the Regional Parks Committee receive for information report dated September 11, 2026, titled “Manager’s Report - Regional Parks”.

F. INFORMATION ITEMS

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 October 7, 2026 pursuant to section 226 (1) (a) of the *Local Government Act* and the *Community Charter* provisions as follows:

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- (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality.

I. ADJOURNMENT

THAT the Regional Parks Committee adjourn its meeting of October 7, 2026.

Membership:

Chair, John McEwen, Anmore

Vice Chair, Rebecca Bligh, Vancouver

Belcarra, Jamie Ross

Bowen Island, Andrew Leonard

Burnaby, Pietro Calendino

Coquitlam, Craig Hodge

Delta, Dylan Kruger

Langley Township, Steve Ferguson

Maple Ridge, Jenny Tan

North Vancouver District, Lisa Muri

Pitt Meadows, Tracy Elke

Port Coquitlam, Darrell Penner

Port Moody, Meghan Lahti

Richmond, Michael Wolfe

Surrey, Rob Stutt

West Vancouver, Sharon Thompson



METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT REGIONAL PARKS COMMITTEE

MEETING

Wednesday, July 8, 2026

9:00 am

This meeting was held electronically on the Zoom Platform

MINUTES

MEMBERS:

Chair, John McEwen, Anmore
Vice Chair, Rebecca Bligh*, Vancouver (arrived at 9:01 am)
Belcarra, Jamie Ross*
Bowen Island, Andrew Leonard* (arrived at 9:02 am)
Burnaby, Pietro Calendino*
Coquitlam, Craig Hodge* (arrived at 9:05 am)
Delta, Dylan Kruger*
Langley Township, Steve Ferguson*
Maple Ridge, Jenny Tan*
North Vancouver District, Lisa Muri*
Pitt Meadows, Tracy Elke* (arrived at 9:01 am)
Port Coquitlam, Darrell Penner*
Port Moody, Meghan Lahti*
Richmond, Michael Wolfe*
West Vancouver, Sharon Thompson*

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Surrey, Rob Stutt

OTHERS PRESENT:

Celia DeLuca, Chair, Minnekhada Park Association
Joakim Nilsson, Chair, Derby Reach/Brae Island Parks Association
Steve Smith, Vice Chair, Minnekhada Park Association

STAFF PRESENT:

Mike Redpath, Director, Regional Parks
Rapinder Khaira, Legislative Services Coordinator, Board and Information Services
Jeffrey Fitzpatrick, Division Manager, Design and Development, Regional Parks
Jamie Vala, Division Manager, Parks Planning and Resource Management, Regional Parks
Robyn Worcester, Natural Resource Management Specialist, Regional Parks

A. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**1. July 8, 2026 Meeting Agenda****It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Regional Parks Committee adopt the agenda for its meeting scheduled for July 8, 2026 as circulated.

CARRIED**B. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES****1. June 10, 2026 Meeting Minutes****It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the Regional Parks Committee adopt the minutes of its meeting held June 10, 2026 as circulated.

CARRIED

9:01 am Director Bligh and Councillor Elke joined the meeting.

C. DELEGATIONS

No items presented.

D. INVITED PRESENTATIONS**1. Minnekhada Park Association**

Subject: Minnekhada Park Association - Accomplishments with MetroVan Contribution Funding

9:02 am Director Leonard joined the meeting.

9:05 am Director Hodge joined the meeting.

Celia DeLuca, Chair, Minnekhada Park Association and Steve Smith, Vice Chair, Minnekhada Park Association, provided a presentation titled "Minnekhada Park Association", with an overview of the association's mission and work, and usage of Metro Vancouver's contribution funding.

2. Derby Reach and Brae Island Park Association

Subject: Derby Reach/Brae Island Parks Association - Our Mission and Goals

Joakim Nilsson, Chair, Derby Reach/Brae Island Parks Association, provided a presentation titled "Derby Reach/Brae Island Parks Association", with an overview of the association's mission and goals.

E. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE OR CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**1. Regional Parks Building Strategy**

Report dated June 22, 2026 from Mike Redpath, Director, Regional Parks and Jeffrey Fitzpatrick, Division Manager, Design and Development, Regional Parks, presenting the Regional Parks Committee the Regional Parks Building Strategy.

Mike Redpath and Jeffrey Fitzpatrick provided a presentation titled “Regional Parks Building Strategy”, noting the building strategy’s levels of service, primary and special building use, and the building assessment system.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Regional Parks Committee receive for information the report dated June 22, 2026, titled “Regional Parks Building Strategy”.

CARRIED**2. DRAFT Five Year Capital Plan (2027 - 2031) Regional Parks**

Report dated June 5, 2026 from Mike Redpath, Director, Regional Parks and Jeffrey Fitzpatrick, Division Manager, Design and Development, Regional Parks, providing the Regional Parks Committee the draft Five Year Capital Plan (2027 – 2031) for information.

Mike Redpath and Jeffrey Fitzpatrick provided a presentation titled “Regional Parks – Draft Five-Year Capital Plan (2027 -2031)”, noting recent progress, capital plan drivers, and providing an overview of the budget and five year financial plan timeline, and 2026 capital development and design highlights.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Regional Parks Committee receive for information the report dated June 5, 2026, titled “DRAFT Five Year Capital Plan (2027-2031) Regional Parks”.

CARRIED**3. 2026 Regional Parks Capital Program Update No. 2**

Report dated June 5, 2026 from Mike Redpath, Director, Regional Parks and Jeffrey Fitzpatrick, Division Manager, Regional Parks Design and Development, providing the MVRD Board and Regional Parks Committee with a status update of the Regional Parks Capital Program.

Jeffrey Fitzpatrick provided a presentation titled “Capital Program Update: Regional Parks”, with a status update of the Regional Parks Capital Program noting summaries for larger projects, highlighting progress, schedule, budget, and upcoming milestones, and an overall summary of remaining projects.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the MVRD Board receive for information the report dated June 5, 2026, titled “2026 Regional Parks Capital Program Update No. 2”.

CARRIED

4. Metro Vancouver Regional District Dedication of Land as Regional Park Bylaw No. 1454, 2026

Report dated June 3, 2026 from Jamie Vala, Division Manager, Parks Planning and Resource Management, Regional Parks, providing the MVRD Board the *Metro Vancouver Regional District Dedication of Land as Regional Park Bylaw No. 1454, 2026* for consideration for three readings and adoption.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the MVRD Board:

- a) give first, second, and third reading to *Metro Vancouver Regional District Dedication of Land as Regional Park Bylaw No. 1454, 2026*; and
- b) adopt *Metro Vancouver Regional District Dedication of Land as Regional Park Bylaw No. 1454, 2026*.

CARRIED

5. Natural Resource Management Restoration Program Update

Report dated June 12, 2026 from Jamie Vala, Division Manager, Parks Planning and Resource Management, Regional Parks, providing the Regional Parks Committee an update on restoration projects planned for 2026 under the Natural Resource Management Restoration Program.

Jamie Vala and Robyn Worcester, Natural Resource Management Specialist, Regional Parks, provided a presentation titled “Ecological Restoration Projects in Regional Parks”, providing an overview of managing natural assets in Regional Parks.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Regional Parks Committee receive for information the report dated June 12, 2026, titled “Natural Resource Management Restoration Program Update”.

CARRIED

6. MVRD Regional Parks Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 1466, 2026 – Amends Bylaw No. 1420, 2025

Report dated June 10, 2026 from Paul Brar, Division Manager, Regional Parks Services, Regional Parks, providing the MVRD Board the *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 1420, 2025* for three readings and adoption.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the MVRD Board:

- a) give first, second, and third reading to *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Parks Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 1466, 2026*; and
- b) adopt *Metro Vancouver Regional District Regional Parks Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 1466, 2026*.

CARRIED

7. Manager's Report - Regional Parks

Report dated June 18, 2026 from Mike Redpath, Director, Regional Parks, providing the Regional Parks Committee an update on the fire response at the Pacific Regional Park, 2026 wildfire season planning and coordination, the tæmtæmíxʷtæn/Belcarra Regional Park public engagement launch on the Admiralty Heights Subarea Plan, and the Regional Parks event updates.

Members were presented a video titled "Admiralty Heights Subarea Plan: Expanding access to parkland in tæmtæmíxʷtæn/Belcarra Regional Park" via Youtube.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Regional Parks Committee receive for information report dated June 18, 2026, titled "Manager's Report - Regional Parks".

CARRIED**F. INFORMATION ITEMS****1. Regional Parks Events Update****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 8, 2026.

CARRIED

(Time: 10:57 am)

Rapinder Khaira,
Legislative Services Coordinator

John McEwen,
Chair



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SERVICES AND SOLUTIONS FOR A LIVABLE REGION

To: Regional Parks Committee

From: Heather McNell, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
Linda Sabatini, Chief Financial Officer/ General Manager, Financial Services

Date: September 21, 2026

Meeting Date: October 7, 2026

Subject: **2027 - 2031 Financial Plan Overview**

This presentation introduces a high-level overview of the Metro Vancouver 2027 – 2031 budget.

ATTACHMENTS

1. 2027 – 2031 Financial Plan Overview Presentation. September 21, 2026.

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Inside the Second Narrows Water Supply Tunnel during construction

2027–2031 Financial Plan Overview

Linda Sabatini, CPA

Chief Financial Officer / General Manager, Financial
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AGENDA

1. Budget Approach

- Board Direction
- 2027 Budget Cycle Timeline
- Recent Developments and Macroeconomic Outlook
- 2027 Budget for Approval

2. Proposed Financial Plan

- 2027–2031 Five-Year Financial Plan for Endorsement

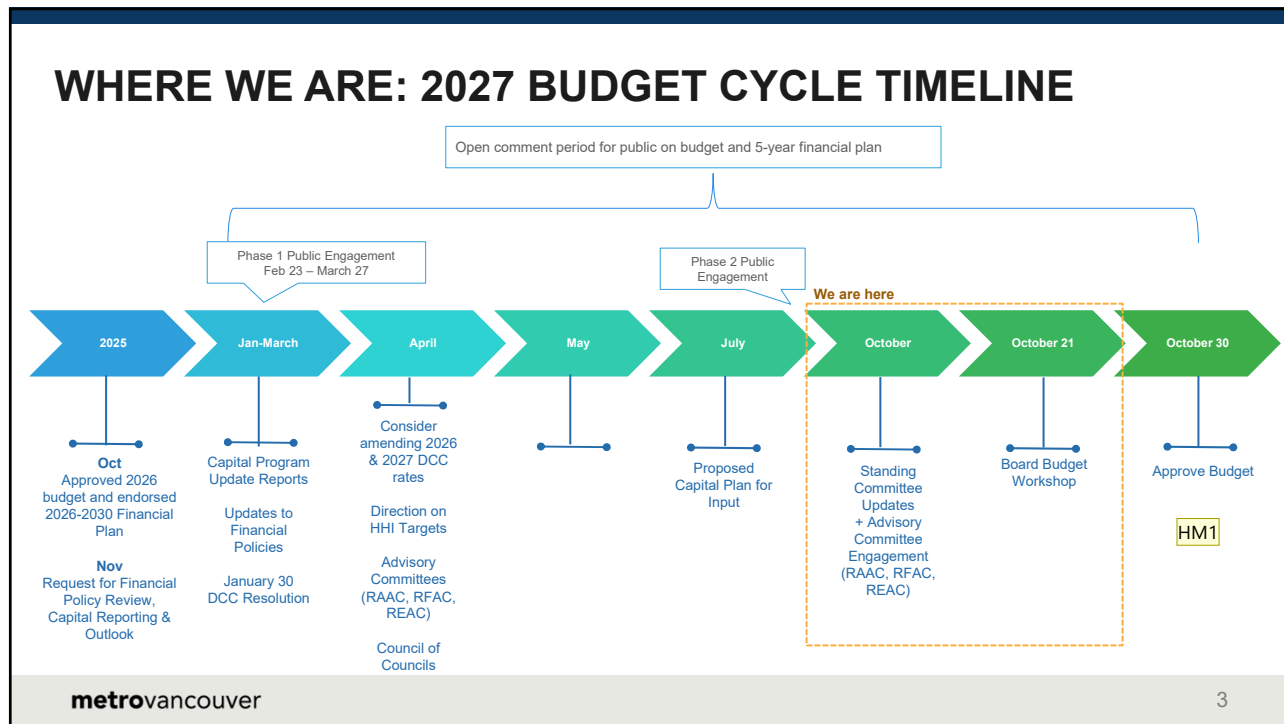
3. Department Budgets

- Committee Budget Summary and Major Drivers

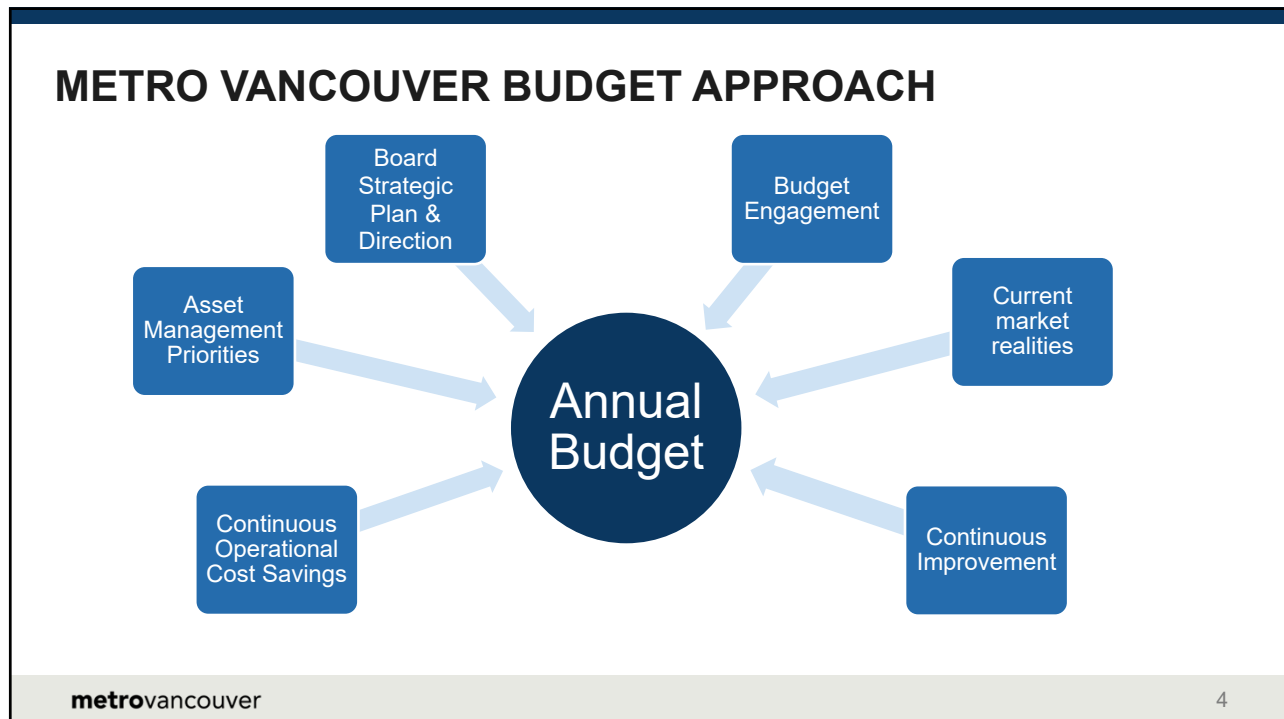
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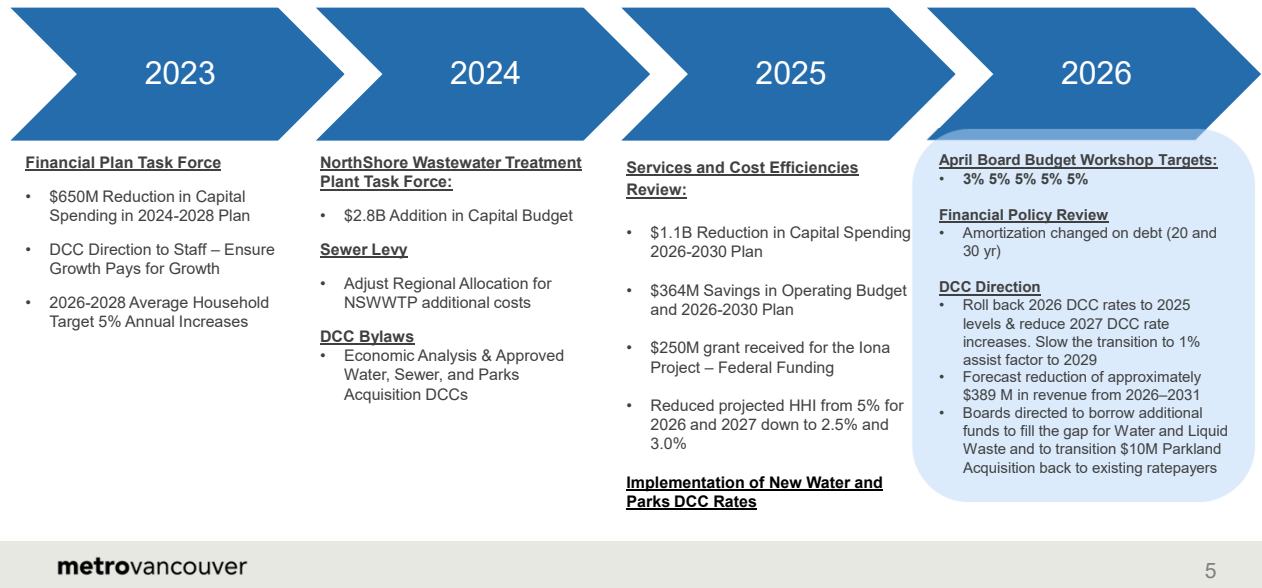


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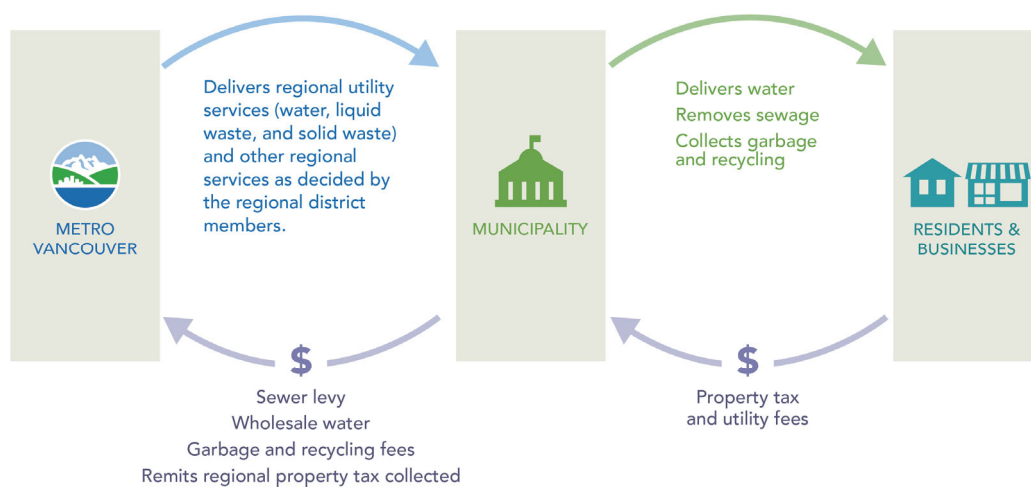
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BOARD DIRECTION OVER LAST FOUR YEARS



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BUDGET APPROVAL IN OCTOBER

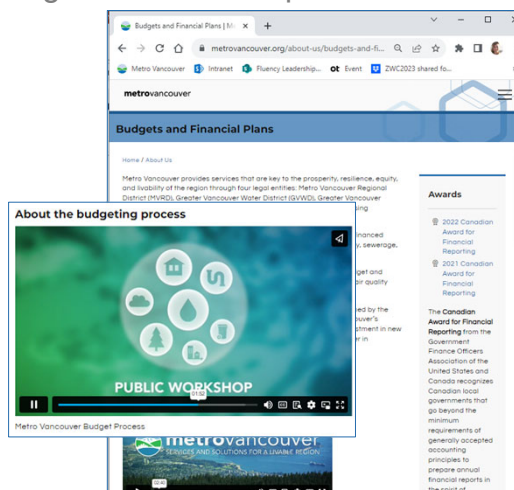


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OVERALL COMMUNICATIONS

Regular and ongoing communication related to budget and financial plan

- Budget webpage
- Budget process video
- MetroUpdate newsletter articles
- Live stream Committee and Board meetings
- Regional Staff Advisory Committees
- Council of Council meetings
- Budget communications throughout the year



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PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

February 23 to September 11, 2026

Two Phases

- Phase 1: February 23 – March 27, 2026
- Phase 2: August 19 – September 11, 2026

Promotions

- Media, digital and print advertising, social, email newsletters, community events

Responses

- Phase 1: 260 survey responses, 167 survey comments
- Phase 2: 168 survey responses, 71 survey comments, 2 public events, 1,554 residents engaged in person



Budget Engagement Booth

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PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT: WHAT WE HEARD

High level themes in comments provided by the public

- Affordability & financial stewardship
- Spending & organizational efficiency
- Transparency & accountability
- Governance & Board structure
- Management of major capital infrastructure projects
- Perspectives on Metro Vancouver's role
- Support for maintaining essential infrastructure, air quality, climate action, and regional parks



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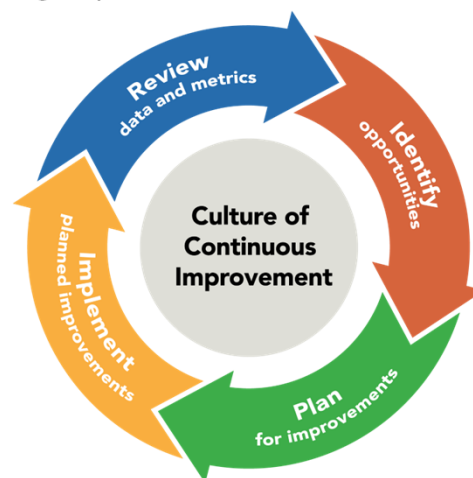
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CULTURE OF CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

Metro Vancouver's commitment to ongoing improvement

- 140 continuous improvement projects to improve efficiencies and realize savings
- Utilize data for decision making and benchmarking



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MACRO-ECONOMIC FINANCIAL RISKS

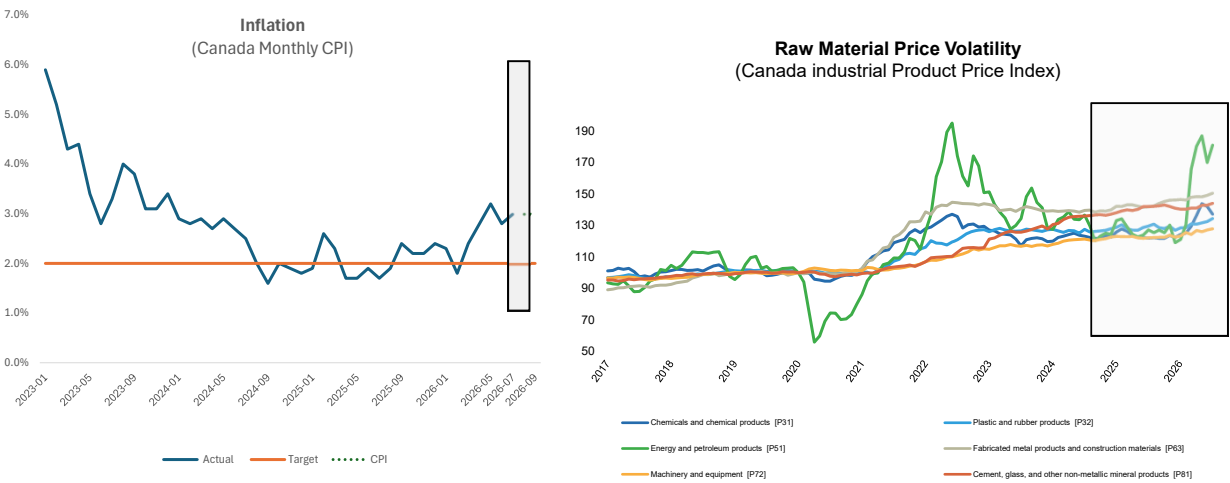
Key Pressures

Financial Risk	Mitigation Approach
Geo-political Volatility - Ongoing Canada-US trade tensions and tariff uncertainty will increase costs for steel, equipment, chemicals, vehicles, and other imported inputs - Global conflicts and energy-market disruptions continue to create volatility in fuel and transportation costs	- Monitor tariff-sensitive costs - Diversify suppliers and seek tariff remissions
Inflation and market capacity - National CPI pushed to 3% expected to remain at this level in the short-term - Construction capacity constraints and cost escalation may outpace budgets - Labour agreements currently being negotiated	- Time/phase projects to avoid cost peaks - Update escalation and revenue forecasts regularly
Interest rates Bank of Canada currently holding rates steady at 2.25%. Economic growth has softened, The Bank has indicated that elevated energy prices and inflation risks could delay future rate reductions.	- Using short-term borrowing when applicable - Locking in long term rates when appropriate - Exploring alternative investments through MFA

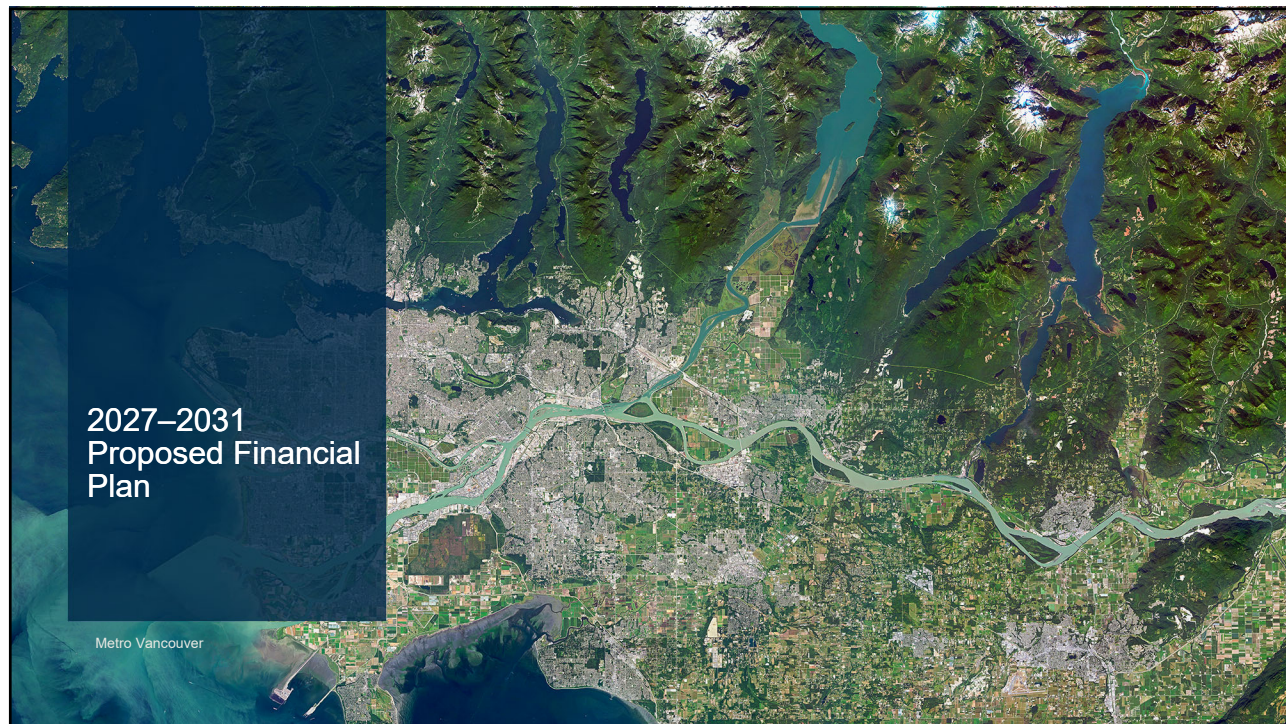
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MACRO-ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Market Indicators



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ENHANCED CAPITAL BUDGET PAGES

New elements added to enhance understanding of the broader capital budgeting context

Enhancements:

- Estimated Timeline
- Project Estimate
- Project Estimate to Active Phase

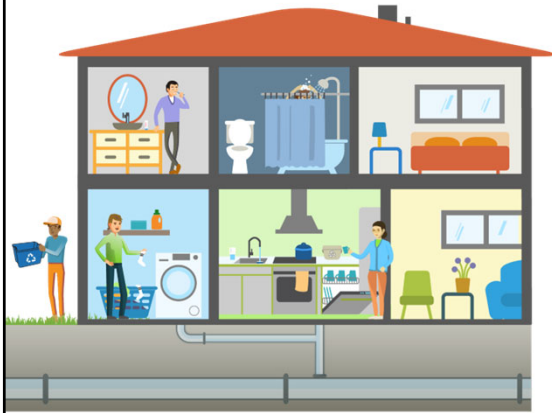
	PRIMARY DRIVER	ACTIVE PHASE	TIMELINE (START VS. END Yr.)	PROJECT ESTIMATE	PROJECT ESTIMATE TO ACTIVE PHASE	2027 CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	2028 CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	2029 CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	2030 CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	2031 CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	2027 TO 2031 TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES
Reclamation Station Upgrades	Maintenance	Construction	2020 - 2050	154,950,000	24,950,000	1,200,000	7,900,000	5,000,000	9,500,000	5,000,000	31,000,000
Total Reclamation Stations				\$ 154,950,000	\$ 24,950,000	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 7,900,000	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 9,500,000	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 46,700,000
Water Supply Areas											
Capilano Watershed Bridge Replacements - Grouse Creek and Capilano River	Maintenance	Design	2027 - 2029	1,300,000	5,100,000	95,000	200,000	1,000,000	-	-	1,295,000
Capilano Watershed Security Gatehouse	Maintenance	Construction	2018 - 2026	5,700,000	1,700,000	500,000	600,000	-	-	-	700,000
Twin Bridge East Abutment Protection - Lower Seymour Conservation Reserve	Maintenance	Not Started	2031 - 2032	2,000,000	-	-	-	-	-	400,000	400,000
Water Supply Area Aggregate Production	Resilience	Construction	2027 - 2033	3,000,000	1,000,000	550,000	450,000	-	-	100,000	1,100,000
Water Supply Area Gate Replacements	Maintenance	Not Started	2028 - 2029	1,000,000	-	-	750,000	250,000	-	-	1,000,000
Total Water Supply Areas				\$ 12,000,000	\$ 6,800,000	\$ 745,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 1,250,000	\$ -	\$ 500,000	\$ 4,495,000
Works Yard											
Beach Yard Facility - Site Redevelopment	Maintenance	Design	2026 - 2032	98,500,000	3,000,000	500,000	1,500,000	2,700,000	5,000,000	24,500,000	34,200,000
Lake City/Hwy4 Upgrade	Resilience	Design	2025 - 2027	6,200,000	6,200,000	400,000	1,000,000	2,000,000	2,500,000	900,000	5,800,000
Microbiology Laboratory Expansion	Maintenance	Design	2024 - 2030	14,750,000	1,900,000	500,000	650,000	1,150,000	3,000,000	5,000,000	10,300,000
South Fraser Storage Yard	Maintenance	Construction	2024 - 2032	40,500,000	9,000,000	1,750,000	4,950,000	1,850,000	7,500,000	2,000,000	18,100,000
South Fraser Works Yard	Maintenance	Design	2021 - 2030	100,000,000	79,000,000	1,400,000	4,800,000	17,500,000	16,000,000	12,000,000	51,700,000
Total Water Works Yard				\$ 279,950,000	\$ 79,000,000	\$ 4,150,000	\$ 12,850,000	\$ 25,000,000	\$ 33,000,000	\$ 44,450,000	\$ 126,650,000
Communication Systems											
Critical Control Sites - Back-Up Power	Resilience	Not Started	2027 - 2033	7,500,000	-	-	-	300,000	500,000	800,000	1,600,000
Facilities O&M Documentation Development	Resilience	Design	2023 - 2027	2,000,000	2,000,000	400,000	150,000	600,000	-	-	1,150,000
Industrial Communication Manager Migration	Maintenance	Construction	2026 - 2030	7,750,000	7,750,000	1,800,000	2,350,000	1,500,000	500,000	750,000	6,500,000
Online Chlorine and pH Analyzers	Upgrade	Construction	2025 - 2030	7,000,000	3,000,000	1,000,000	1,500,000	2,250,000	1,500,000	-	6,250,000
SCADA & CWTIP Control System I/O Modernization	Maintenance	Not Started	2028 - 2033	8,850,000	-	-	250,000	3,200,000	3,200,000	1,000,000	7,650,000
Small Logic Controller Control System Upgrade Phase 1	Maintenance	Construction	2024 - 2029	3,000,000	3,000,000	600,000	600,000	600,000	750,000	-	2,550,000
Water Optimization - Instrumentation	Upgrade	Multiple	2015 - 2035	44,550,000	21,550,000	2,350,000	4,800,000	3,200,000	4,800,000	3,700,000	18,650,000

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UNDERSTANDING HOUSEHOLD IMPACT



Household impact provides a sense of the average cost to residents for Metro Vancouver services.

- **Regional District and Liquid Waste Services** – based on estimated residential portion of taxes divided by number of households
- **Water District** – based on the average water demand per household
- **Solid Waste** - based on the average tonnage per household

Metro Vancouver does not direct bill residents, so cost per household vary based on how rates are distributed by member jurisdiction.

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2027 BUDGET AND 2027-2031 FINANCIAL PLAN – BOARD DIRECTION

April Board Budget Workshop HHI Targets:

3% in 2027; 5 in each year 2028 to 2031

April DCC Direction (Approved by Province):

1. Roll back 2026 DCC rates to 2025 levels
2. Reduce the planned 2027 DCC rate increases
3. Extend the transition to the 1% assist factor (growth fully paying for growth) from 2027 to 2029, slowing the phase-in

Total forecast DCC revenue reduction of approximately \$389 million over 2026–2031. Boards directed to borrow additional funds to fill the gap for Water and Liquid Waste and to move \$10M parkland acquisition back to tax requisition

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AVERAGE ESTIMATED HOUSEHOLD IMPACT TARGETS 2027–2031

	2026 Budget	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
Water District	\$208	\$206	\$208	\$213	\$218	\$226
Liquid Waste	\$534	\$540	\$571	\$608	\$650	\$690
Solid Waste	\$74	\$78	\$82	\$86	\$89	\$93
Regional District	\$81	\$90	\$92	\$92	\$91	\$92
Housing	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027–2031 Proposed HHI	\$897	\$914	\$953	\$999	\$1,048	\$1,101
\$ Change		\$17	\$39	\$46	\$49	\$53
% Change		1.9%	4.2%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%
Previous HHI Projection for 2026-2030 Financial Plan		\$923	\$969	\$1,018	\$1,070	
% Change		3.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	

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AVERAGE ESTIMATED HOUSEHOLD IMPACT BY SEWERAGE AREA 2027–2031

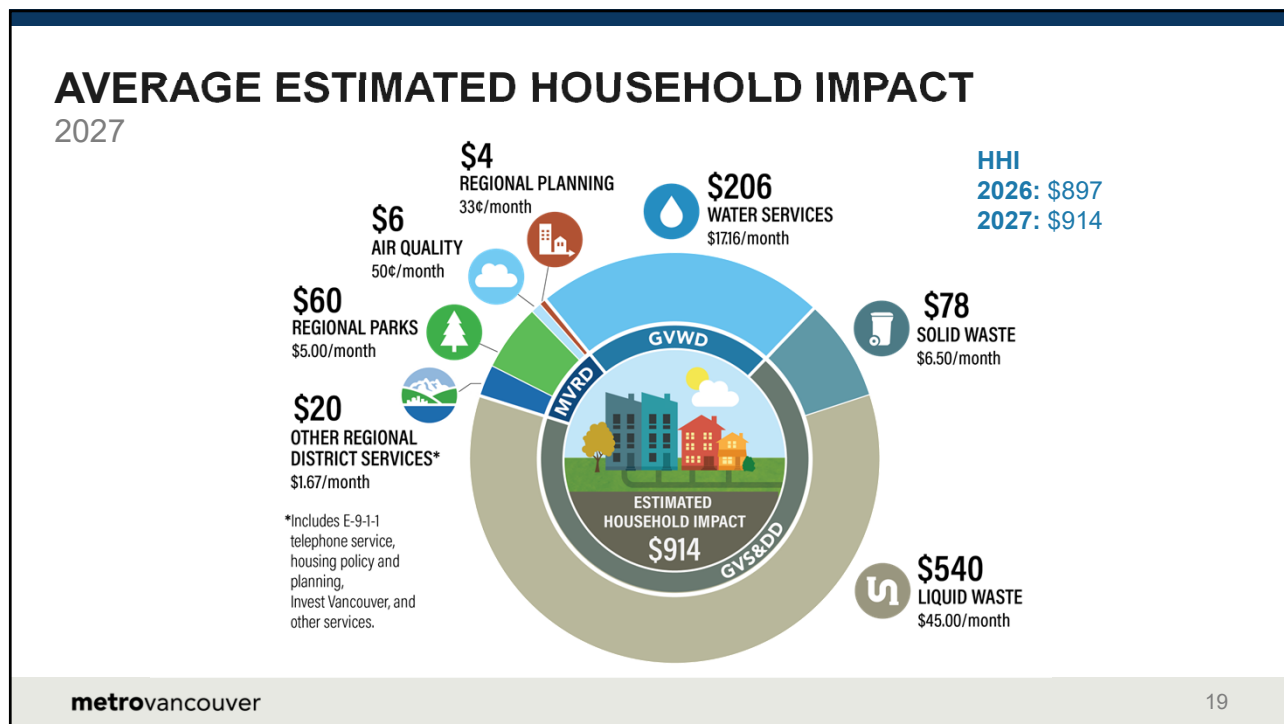
	2026 Budget	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
Vancouver Sewerage Area	\$1,024 CB1	\$1,021	\$1,050	\$1,123	\$1,157	\$1,225
North Shore Sewerage Area	\$1,315	\$1,416	\$1,575	\$1,721	\$1,755	\$1,797
Lulu Island Sewerage Area	\$825	\$847	\$873	\$888	\$911	\$943
Fraser Sewerage Area	\$795	\$812	\$844	\$873	\$935	\$987
Region Wide Average (HHI)	\$897	\$914	\$953	\$999	\$1,048	\$1,101

*Details on liquid waste rates by sewerage area are in the liquid waste section of this presentation.
All other services are one regional average.*

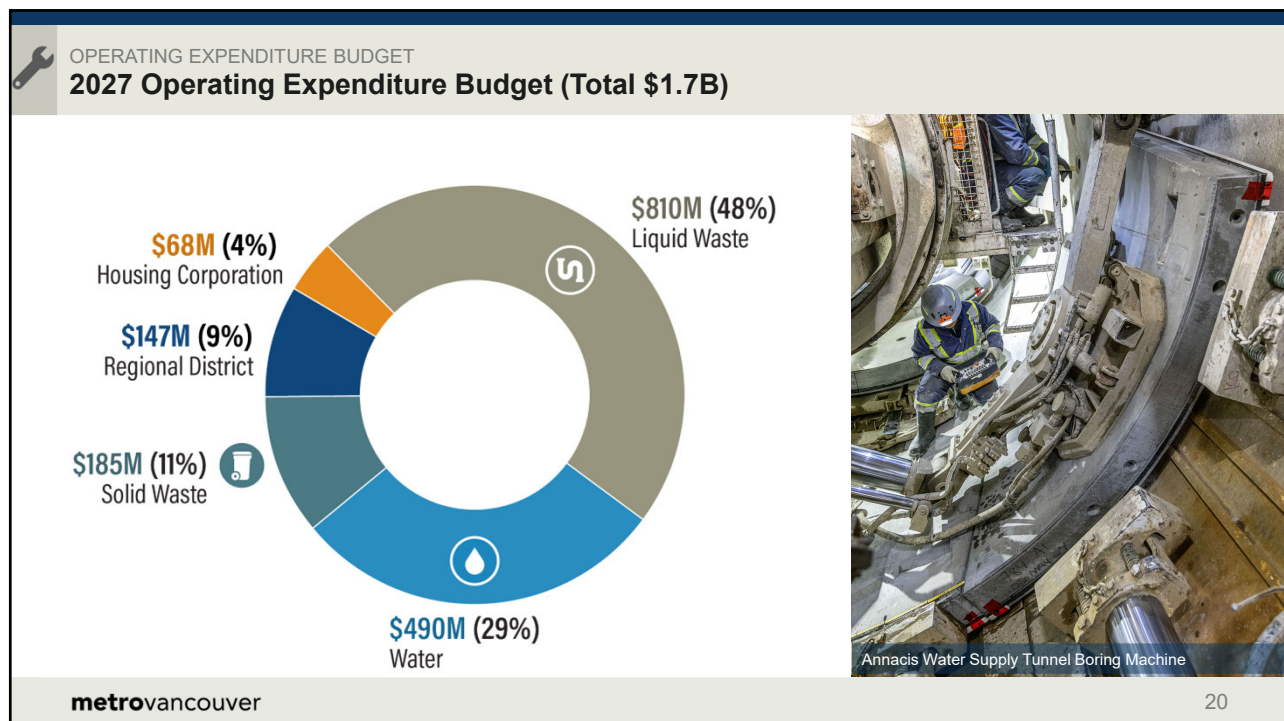
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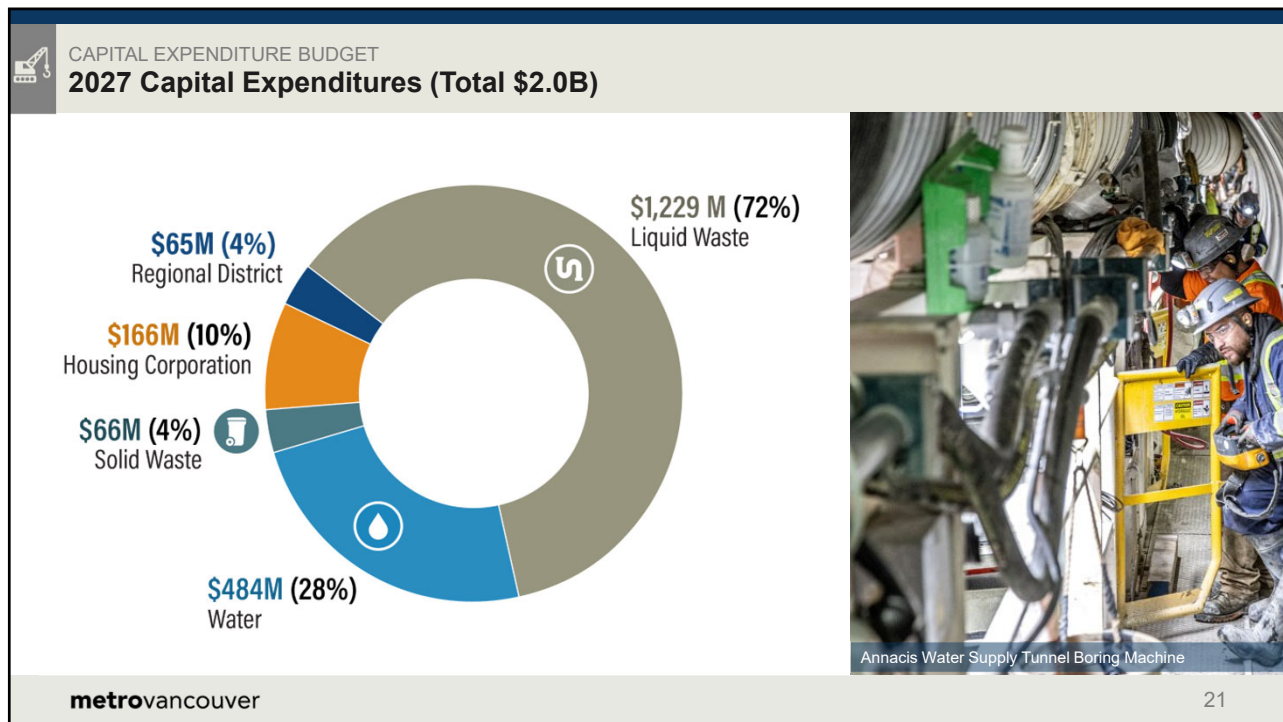
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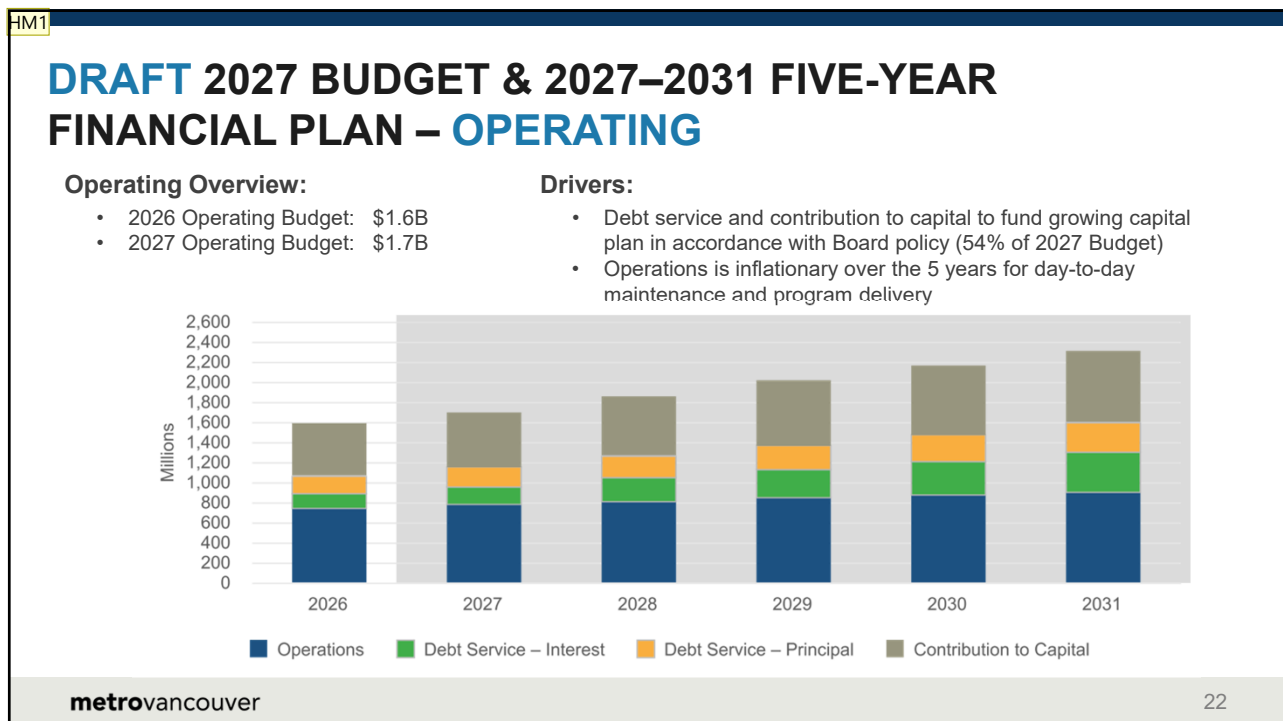
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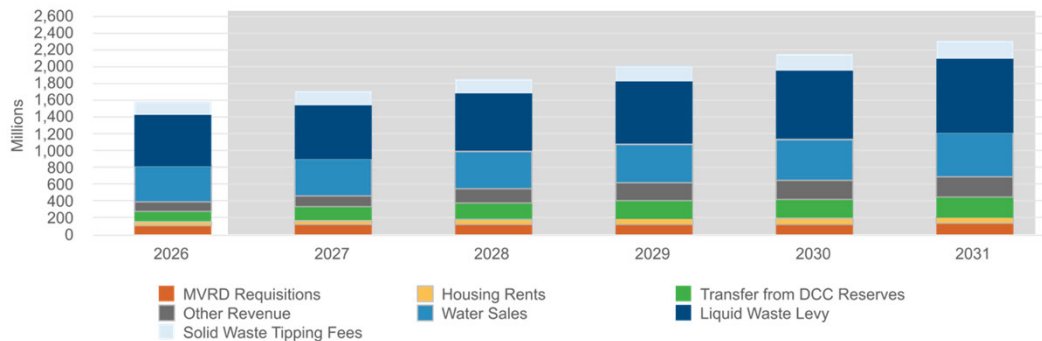
DRAFT 2027 BUDGET & 2027–2031 FIVE-YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN – OPERATING FUNDING

Operating Overview:

- 2026 Operating Budget: \$1.6B
- 2027 Operating Budget: \$1.7B

Sources:

- Liquid waste levies, water sales and tipping fees are 73% of total operational funding (2027)
- MVRD Requisitions are 7% of total revenues (2027)
- DCCs are 10% of total revenues (2027)



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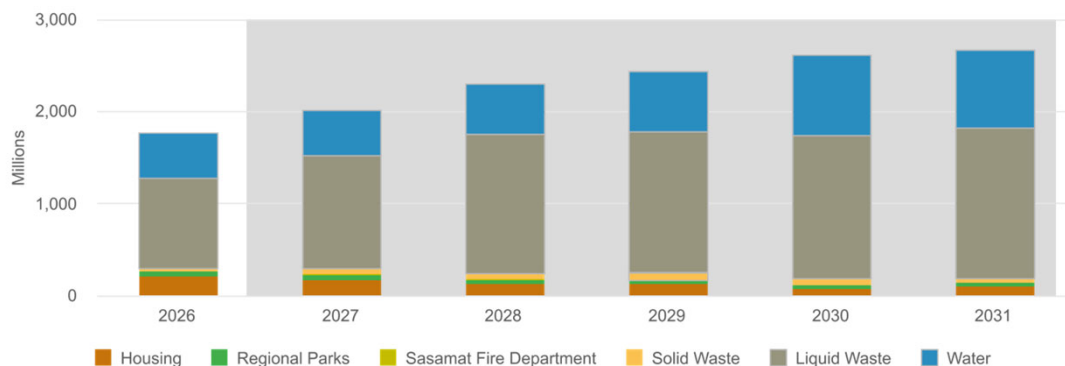
DRAFT 2027 BUDGET & 2027–2031 FIVE-YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN – CAPITAL

Overview:

- 2026 Capital Expenditure \$1.8B
- 2027 Capital Expenditure \$2.0B

Drivers:

- Continued activity on previously approved projects
- 85% Water and Liquid Waste projects



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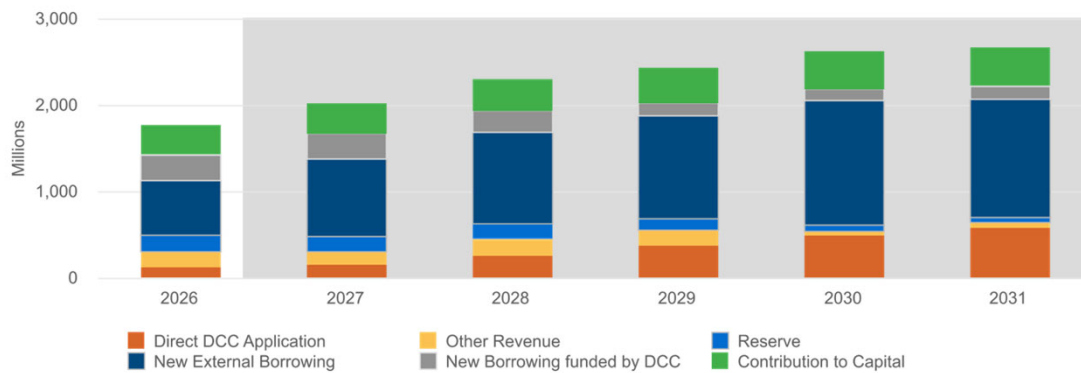
DRAFT 2027 BUDGET & 2027-2031 FIVE-YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN – CAPITAL FUNDING

Overview:

- 2026 Capital Expenditure \$1.8B
- 2027 Capital Expenditure \$2.0B

Sources:

- Combined new borrowing funds 59% of the 2027 capital spend
- DCC Direct Application funds 7% of the 2027 capital spend



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To: Regional Parks Committee

From: Mike Redpath, Director, Regional Parks

Date: September 21, 2026

Meeting Date: October 7, 2026

Subject: **2027 Budget and 2027 – 2031 Financial Plan - Regional Parks**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Regional Parks Committee endorse the 2027 Budget and 2027 – 2031 Financial Plan for Regional Parks as presented in the report dated September 21, 2026, titled “2027 Budget and 2027 – 2031 Financial Plan – Regional Parks”, and forward it to the Board Budget Workshop on October 21, 2026, for consideration.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The proposed 2027 operating budget for Regional Parks is \$88.8 million. This represents a \$14.4 million increase from the 2026 operating budget, primarily from the MVRD Board direction for 2027 to add back the contribution to parkland acquisition from reductions in Metro Vancouver’s development cost charge (DCC) revenue. The total 2027 Capital Expenditure targets are \$54.1 million, which includes major park development and land acquisition. The requisition is proposed to increase by \$13.6 million from 2026, which represents a \$10 increase to the average household for a total of a \$60 Household Impact (HHI) in 2027.

Metro Vancouver’s 2027 Budget and 2027 - 2031 Five-Year Financial Plan have been prepared following direction received at the April 15, 2026 Board Budget Workshop. At the Board Budget Workshop, the Boards directed staff to bring back amendment bylaws to roll back Metro Vancouver’s 2026 DCC rates to 2025 levels, lower the planned increase to 2027 DCC rates, and extend the move to growth fully paying for growth (a 1% assist factor) from 2027 to 2029. These DCC amendment bylaws were approved at the July 24, 2026 Board meetings. The revision to DCC rates is anticipated to reduce Metro Vancouver’s revenues by \$389M over the five-year plan. The Boards provided direction to fill this funding gap through a combination of additional borrowing and tax requisitions in the 2027-2031 Five-Year Financial Plan.

In addition, the Boards directed staff to develop the 2027-2031 Five-Year Financial Plan with household impact (HHI) targets of 3.0% for 2027, and 5.0% per year for 2028 to 2031. After reviewing all budgets and incorporating cost efficiencies from the 2026 to 2030 Financial planning process, the proposed 2027-2031 Five-Year Financial Plan has come under these targets, resulting in increases to the average household of 1.9% in 2027, 4.2% in 2028 and 5.0% in each year from 2029 to 2031.

PURPOSE

To present the 2027 Budget and 2027 – 2031 Financial Plan for Regional Parks for consideration by the Committee.

BACKGROUND

Metro Vancouver’s annual budget process includes the development of detailed annual budgets and the updating of five-year financial plans for each of the four Metro Vancouver legal entities (Metro Vancouver Regional District, Metro Vancouver Housing Corporation, Greater Vancouver Water District, and Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District).

On April 15, the Board Budget Workshop was held with the objective of seeking direction for the preparation of the 2027 Budget and the 2027 – 2031 Financial Plan. At a related Special Joint Board meeting on April 15, the Boards gave early readings to amendment bylaws that would roll back Metro Vancouver's 2026 DCC rates to 2025 levels, lower the planned increase to 2027 DCC rates, and extend the move to growth fully paying for growth (a 1% assist factor) from 2027 to 2029. The intention was to find ways to support the delivery of housing in this challenging market. The revision in rates is anticipated to have a total impact of \$389M over six years. The Boards directed staff to fill the anticipated gap for GVWD and GVS&DD by increasing borrowing, and for the MVRD by transferring the cost back to the taxpayer. The DCC amendment bylaws were adopted by the Boards on July 24, 2026.

Additionally, the Boards directed staff to develop the budget for MVRD, MVHC, GVWD and GVS&DD with the following household impact (HHI) targets:

- HHI increase of 3.0% for 2027; and
- HHI increase of 5.0% each year from 2028 to 2031.

All functional area budgets have been developed within the context of these Board decisions, as well as recommendations arising from the Financial Plan Task Force (2023), the Cost and Service Efficiencies Review (2025) and the Board Governance Review (2026). As a result, the proposed 2027 - 2031 Five-Year Financial Plan is below the established targets, resulting in the following average household increases:

- 1.9% in 2027;
- 4.2% in 2028;
- 5.0% in each year from 2029 to 2031.

This report focuses on Regional Parks and presents the 2027 budget and the updated five-year plan for the years 2027 to 2031 for Committee consideration.

REGIONAL PARKS

Regional Parks contribute to a livable region by conserving natural assets and connecting to nature. Regional Parks manages 13,923 hectares of land for 24 regional parks, 5 regional greenways, 2 regional park reserves and 2 ecological conservation areas through:

- Stewardship of the regional parks' ecosystems and natural areas
- Safe and secure parks and facilities to connect people with nature
- Park maintenance and bylaw enforcement/regulation
- Park system visitation, programs, and services
- Indigenous cooperation, consultation and engagement
- Public education, interpretation, events and cultural engagement
- Park planning and management of built and natural assets
- Capital construction and asset management
- Acquisition of new park land to complete existing parks and create new parks

Regional Parks' initiatives planned over the next five years are guided by direction provided in the *Board Strategic Plan*, *Regional Parks Plan*, and *Regional Greenway Strategy*, specifically:

Regional Parks Plan Goals

GOALS

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|  | Goal 1 | The region's important natural areas are protected in perpetuity. |
|  | Goal 2 | Everyone has the opportunity to benefit from exceptional experiences in nature. |
|  | Goal 3 | Regional parks are sustainably managed and well-maintained for the safety of visitors and integrity of ecosystems. |
|  | Goal 4 | First Nations have an active role in the planning and stewardship of regional parks. |
|  | Goal 5 | Regional parks adapt to change and contribute to regional resilience. |

WORK PLAN PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

High level performance indicators have been developed across the organization to evaluate trends, determine key actions for the coming year and to assist in long-term planning. The 2027 Work Plan for Regional Parks is presented in this report. Within the Regional Parks Work Plan, four performance indicators have been developed and are being tracked. These include:

- Annual number of visits to Regional Parks
- Annual number of participants in Regional Park public programming
- Annual number of volunteer hours through stewardship, partnership and visitor services programs; and
- Total hectares of Regional Park lands.

The trends in these performance measures suggest that Regional Parks will continue to have an increase in the annual number of visits to regional parks and will see a modest increase in the annual number of participants in Regional Parks programming and number of volunteer hours over the three year averages. Modest increases in the amount of sensitive ecosystems located within regional parks are expected.

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

Regional Parks continues to explore, evaluate and implement continuous improvement opportunities. The 2027 continuous improvement opportunities include the following:

- Deepen relationships with First Nations – advancing reconciliation and corporate relationship building, improving land management and project delivery, knowledge sharing and collaboration on planning, design, resource management, and education.
- Real-time Parking Management – Improved capacity management to enhance visitor experience, improve customer service, reduce traffic impacts on member municipalities, and reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.
- Continued implementation of Regional Parks revenue streams, including pay parking, filming and facility rentals.

- Completion of the Regional Parks Asset Management Plan that integrates both built and natural assets.
- Ongoing replacement of gas-powered vehicles and equipment with electric options for reduced GHG emissions.
- Continued land acquisition to promote ecosystem protection and access to nature while also supporting regional climate resilience.
- Positioning capital projects for funding from other levels of government and partnering with local municipalities and others.
- Nature-Based Solutions – Implementation of new nature-based solutions that will help protect, conserve, restore, and sustainably use and manage ecosystems to address challenges (such as flooding, GHG emissions, erosion, etc.) while improving biodiversity, resilience, and overall ecosystem health in regional parks.
- Implementation of a parks construction crew which will lead to a reduction in tendering/contracting costs and other project efficiencies for both minor and major park capital park construction and asset management.
- Continued development and implementation of the Natural Asset Management Program
- Completion of the climate risk analysis and vulnerability assessment for regional Parks.
- Improvement in asset management and integration with the corporate Enterprise Asset Management system

2027 BUDGET AND 2027 – 2031 FINANCIAL PLAN

The 2027 Budget and 2027 – 2031 Financial Plan have been developed in consideration of recommendations arising from the Financial Plan Task Force, the Cost and Service Efficiencies Review, the Board Governance Review, and subsequent Board direction received throughout 2026.

To support the 2027 Budget and Five-Year Financial Plan, each Metro Vancouver function has a Work Plan that includes strategic directions, performance indicators and key actions to guide the work for the coming year, described in more detail below and included in the attachments. Each function also has a “What’s Happening” summary that presents program highlights for the next five years.

The 2027 – 2031 Financial Plan for Regional Parks are included in **Attachments 1 and 2**. The 2027 Annual Work Plan is included in **Attachment 3**, and the “What’s Happening” highlights for the years 2027 – 2031 are included in **Attachment 4**.

Operating Budget Highlights

The Regional Parks 2027 Operating Budget is proposed to increase by \$14.4 million for a total budget of \$88.8 million (**Attachment 1**). This is a result of pressures for new service levels, ensuring public safety, MVRD Board direction for 2027 land acquisition funding, and continued park and greenway development.

The 2027 Operating Budget includes the following key actions:

- Continued implementation of Regional Parks revenue streams including pay parking, filming, and facility rentals.
- Implement hazard tree management program and scheduled assessments.
- Continue the implementation of measures to support visitor demand management strategies for the regional parks system.
- Enhance working relationships with First Nations.

- Begin implementation of the Buildings Strategy.
- Pursue the acquisition of new lands for regional parks and greenways in support of the *Regional Parks Land Acquisition 2050* strategy.
- Continue implementation of səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh Nation) Cultural Planning and Cooperation Agreement and engagement for təmtə́míxʷtən/Belcarra Regional Park.
- Advance the development of cultural planning and cooperative agreements with other First Nations.
- Work with Fleet Services to replace diesel and gasoline powered vehicles with electric options where possible.
- Initiate a Natural Asset Management Plan for Burns Bog Ecological Conservancy Area.

Adjusting for contributions to Capital Infrastructure Reserve and the Parkland Acquisition and Development Reserve in 2027 to 2031, the average increase per year is 3.8%. In 2027, there is an overall budget increase of 19.3% mainly due to the MVRD Board directed parkland acquisition contribution to capital.

Capital Expenditure Budget Highlights

The Regional Parks project budget to active phase is \$172.0 million (**Attachment 2**). The Regional Parks capital program includes major park development and land acquisition. Table 1 highlights the key capital projects planned or ongoing for 2027.

Table 1. Key Regional Parks Capital Expenditure by Projects for 2027 (\$ Millions)

Infrastructure Type	Project Name	Infrastructure Driver	Proposed 2027 Expenditure (\$M)
Regional Parks Land Acquisition	Regional Parks Land Acquisition	Land Acquisition	\$20.0
Major Projects	Widgeon Marsh Park Development	Capacity, Growth & Ecological Resilience	\$6.0
Greenways	Delta Nature Reserve – Delta South Surrey Greenway	Connected Network	\$5.5
Major Projects	Belcarra – South Picnic Area	Capacity, Growth & Ecological Resilience	\$3.0
Greenways	Tynehead – Perimeter Trail Extension	Connected Network	\$2.5
Major Projects	Campbell Valley – Park and Greenway Development	Capacity, Growth & Ecological Resilience	\$2.0

Major Projects	Derby Reach Campground Expansion	Capacity, Growth & Ecological Resilience	\$2.0
Park Development	Lynn Headwaters – Park Entry	Facility Replacement & Asset Management	\$2.0
Park Development	Pacific Spirit – Camosun Bog Boardwalk	Facility Replacement & Asset Management	\$1.5
Greenways	Boundary Bay – Perimeter Trail	Connected Network	\$1.0
Greenways	Delta South Surrey Greenway Extension	Connected Network	\$1.0

The projected capital expenditures for 2027 – 2031 totals \$224.8 million, and is largely driven by new regional park developments, land acquisition and required infrastructure replacements. Fluctuations year over year depend on the phased implementation of the projects. These include:

- Land acquisition in support of *Regional Parks Land Acquisition 2050*
- Construction of Widgeon Marsh Regional Park
- Construction and opening of the təmtə́míxʷtən/Belcarra Regional Park South Picnic Area
- Campbell Valley Regional Park trail and open space improvements, including the development and opening of the McLean Pond Day Use Area
- Implementation of the *Regional Greenways 2050* strategy including the Delta South Surrey Greenway, Aldergrove Parallel 49th Trail, and Tynehead Perimeter Trail
- Replacement of the boardwalk at the Delta Nature Reserve
- Lynn Headwaters Regional Park entry and access improvements
- Construction of Derby Reach Campground Expansion
- Replacement and upgrades to regional park infrastructure and service yard facilities.

The MVRD Board decision to roll back 2026 DCC rates to 2025 levels, reduce the planned increase to 2027 DCC rates, and extend the move to growth fully paying for growth (a 1% assist factor) from 2027 to 2029 resulted in a funding gap of \$53.6M for regional parkland acquisition. This impact consists of \$42M due to lowering the DCC rates and \$11.6M due to extending the move to growth fully paying for growth. To address this gap, the MVRD Board directed this revenue gap to be transferred back to ratepayers, resulting in \$10M per year to be included in the tax requisition from 2027 to 2031. A future decision for the MVRD Board will be how to fund park land acquisition in the long term, either through growth (DCC), existing ratepayers (tax requisition) or a combination of both.

APPROVAL PROCESS

The proposed 2027 Budget, 2027 – 2031 Financial Plan, and Annual Work Plan are presented for consideration and endorsement by the Committee before being forwarded to the MVRD Board for consideration.

The next steps of the process are:

- The 2027 Budget, 2027 – 2031 Financial Plan and Annual Work Plan will be presented for consideration at the Board Budget Workshop on October 21, 2026.
- The Boards will consider approval of the 2027 Budget and endorsement of the 2027 – 2031 Financial Plan on October 30, 2026.

Reserve Funds

The Financial Plan includes the utilization of reserves to fund \$114,000 of operating initiatives, \$0.5 million of litigation costs/legal fees and \$9.0 million of asset maintenance costs, which is in accordance with the *Financial Reserves Policy*. The capital program for Regional Parks is funded primarily from reserves. In 2027, \$45.5 million in reserve funding will be applied for capital development projects and land acquisition. The 2027 – 2031 Projected Reserves for Regional Parks is included in **Attachment 5**.

ALTERNATIVES

1. THAT the Regional Parks Committee endorse the 2027 Budget and 2027 – 2031 Financial Plan for Regional Parks as presented in the report dated September 21, 2026, titled “2027 Budget and 2027 – 2031 Financial Plan – Regional Parks”, and forward it to the Board Budget Workshop on October 21, 2026 for consideration.
2. THAT the Regional Parks Committee amend the 2027 Budget and 2027 – 2031 Financial Plan for Regional Parks as follows: _____; and forward the amended Financial Plan to the Board Budget Workshop on October 21, 2026 for consideration.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

If the Committee endorses the 2027 Budget and Five-Year Financial Plan for Regional Parks, as presented under Alternative 1, subject to the MVRD Board approval, the 2027 Tax Requisition will increase by \$13.6 million (21.9%) for a total requisition of \$76.0 million. This is mainly due to funding for park land acquisition being transferred back to households due to the extended timing for collection of development cost charges. This anticipated gap in funding for land acquisition is spread out over the five year financial plan.

Over the term of the five-year plan, the annual Regional Parks requisition is projected to increase by an average of \$4.8 million per year. It is anticipated that the cost to the average regional household over the next five years for Regional Parks will be \$60 in 2027 and will increase to \$63 in 2031. Table 2 below summarizes the 2027 – 2031 Regional Parks Financial Plan.

Table 2. 2027-2031 Regional Parks Financial Plan Summary

	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
Total Operating Expenditures (\$ Millions)	\$88.8M	\$93.4M	\$96.8M	\$99.3M	\$102.3M
MVRD Requisitions (\$ Millions)*	\$76.0M	\$79.6M	\$82.9M	\$83.8M	\$86.1M
Total Capital Expenditures (\$ Millions)	\$54.1M	\$47.2M	\$43.0M	\$40.1M	\$40.5M
Household Impact (\$)	\$60	\$61	\$63	\$62	\$63

**Tax Requisition is the primary funding source for Regional Parks, however there is some funding from other external revenues and reserves (See Attachment 1).*

Under Alternative 2, the Committee may wish to consider recommending amendments to the 2027 Budget and Five-Year Financial Plan for consideration at the Board Budget Workshop. Any changes to the plan may impact the provision of Regional Parks Services for the region and could have implications for Metro Vancouver's broader financial plans, priorities, and service delivery commitments across the organization.

CONCLUSION

The 2027 Budget and Five-Year Financial Plan for Regional Parks has been prepared following direction received at the April Board Budget Workshop. It is presented to the Committee to provide information on the activities and financial impacts associated with delivering Regional Parks Services from 2027 to 2031.

The 2027 Budget and Five-Year Financial Plan for Regional Parks provides the opportunity for Metro Vancouver to share with its member jurisdictions the proposed capital projects and operating programs, and the financial impact of these projects, over the next five years. The financial plan illustrates how Metro Vancouver proposes to pay for Regional Parks investments, ensuring assets are in a state of good repair, public safety in Regional Parks and responding to the region's growing population. It is intended to be used as a guiding document for member jurisdictions in the development of their five-year financial plans and includes projections on household impact to demonstrate how the plan will remain affordable for Metro Vancouver residents while keeping pace with critical infrastructure requirements.

Staff recommend endorsing the 2027 – 2031 Budget and Five-Year Financial Plan for Regional Parks as presented under Alternative 1.

ATTACHMENTS

1. 2027 – 2031 Financial Plan - Regional Parks.
2. 2027 – 2031 Capital Portfolio - Regional Parks.
3. 2027 Regional Parks Work Plan.
4. 2027 – 2031 What's Happening - Regional Parks.
5. 2027 – 2031 Projected Reserves - Regional Parks.
6. Presentation re: 2027 Budget and 2027 – 2031 Financial Plan - Regional Parks.

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METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
REGIONAL PARKS
2027 — 2031 FINANCIAL PLAN
2027 BUDGET

	2026 BUDGET	2027 BUDGET	% CHANGE	2028 PLAN	% CHANGE	2029 PLAN	% CHANGE	2030 PLAN	% CHANGE	2031 PLAN	% CHANGE
REVENUES											
Metro Vancouver Regional District Requisitions	\$ 62,340,341	\$ 75,967,480	21.9%	\$ 79,577,384	4.8%	\$ 82,883,496	4.2%	\$ 83,835,100	1.1%	\$ 86,143,102	2.8%
User Fees	977,305	973,672		977,465		981,353		985,337		989,420	
Other External Revenues	1,793,293	2,253,493		2,250,515		2,250,620		2,250,620		2,250,520	
Transfer from Sustainability Innovation Fund Reserves	137,114	—		—		—		—		—	
Transfer from Reserves	9,244,638	9,652,641		10,632,465		10,709,824		12,192,557		12,872,865	
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 74,492,691	\$ 88,847,286	19.3%	\$ 93,437,829	5.2%	\$ 96,825,293	3.6%	\$ 99,263,614	2.5%	\$ 102,255,907	3.0%
EXPENDITURES											
Operating Programs:											
Systems Planning, Design and Development Services											
Planning and Resource Management	\$ 2,962,227	\$ 2,970,187		\$ 3,070,041		\$ 3,213,212		\$ 3,214,872		\$ 3,293,416	
Design and Development	1,746,163	1,699,023		1,779,387		1,842,626		1,906,951		2,006,837	
Engineers in Training	21,798	21,836		22,741		23,403		23,979		24,680	
	4,730,188	4,691,046	(0.8)%	4,872,169	3.9%	5,079,241	4.3%	5,145,802	1.3%	5,324,933	3.5%
Systems Visitor and Operations Services											
Visitor Services	1,615,002	1,713,800		1,720,729		1,752,931		1,785,865		1,819,567	
Operations Services	2,056,693	2,358,549		2,426,374		2,483,889		2,539,180		2,596,117	
	3,671,695	4,072,349	10.9%	4,147,103	1.8%	4,236,820	2.2%	4,325,045	2.1%	4,415,684	2.1%
Central Area Services											
Operations and Maintenance	8,495,294	9,178,555		9,458,786		9,762,438		10,025,256		10,282,506	
Area Visitor Services	744,361	768,475		793,605		814,349		835,732		858,209	
Area Management and Administration	1,236,681	1,262,773		1,289,855		1,312,262		1,335,351		1,359,123	
Area Planning	160,475	165,990		171,826		176,642		181,604		186,711	
Burns Bog Ecological Conservancy Area	582,156	608,761		626,727		650,723		661,760		673,119	
Contribution to Reserve	171,500	101,500		101,500		101,500		101,500		101,500	
	11,390,467	12,086,054	6.1%	12,442,299	2.9%	12,817,914	3.0%	13,141,203	2.5%	13,461,168	2.4%
East Area Services											
Operations and Maintenance	6,458,153	6,738,366		7,122,585		7,354,416		7,590,805		7,835,865	
Area Visitor Services	770,622	794,421		819,120		839,509		860,525		882,152	
Area Management and Administration	743,157	769,616		796,708		819,121		842,214		865,987	
Area Planning	156,047	161,669		167,505		172,321		177,283		182,390	
	8,127,979	8,464,072	4.1%	8,905,918	5.2%	9,185,367	3.1%	9,470,827	3.1%	9,766,394	3.1%
West Area Services											
Operations and Maintenance	6,181,594	6,513,667		6,750,594		7,025,711		7,252,940		7,489,577	
Area Visitor Services	838,026	863,557		889,514		910,944		933,034		955,766	
Area Management and Administration	746,342	780,563		807,389		829,528		852,337		875,817	
Area Planning	156,523	162,145		167,981		172,797		177,759		182,866	
	7,922,485	8,319,932	5.0%	8,615,478	3.6%	8,938,980	3.8%	9,216,070	3.1%	9,504,026	3.1%
Administration, Shared Services and Allocated Program											
Administration and Department Support	1,791,418	1,893,411		1,947,653		1,992,417		2,036,765		2,083,168	
Communications Program	132,400	92,250		94,454		96,710		99,021		101,497	
Utility Voice Radio	77,893	80,727		83,076		85,264		87,510		89,957	
Quality Control	67,887	73,969		76,000		78,017		79,780		81,908	
Site Security Services	—	302,888		310,460		318,222		326,178		334,332	
Allocation of Centralized Support Costs	5,174,641	4,499,947		4,717,754		4,623,517		4,479,856		4,428,975	
	7,244,239	6,943,192	(4.2)%	7,229,397	4.1%	7,194,147	(0.5)%	7,109,110	(1.2)%	7,119,837	0.2%
Total Operating Programs	43,087,053	44,576,645	3.5%	46,212,364	3.7%	47,452,469	2.7%	48,408,057	2.0%	49,592,042	2.4%
Asset Maintenance	8,673,638	9,538,641	10.0%	10,493,465	10.0%	10,640,824	1.4%	12,123,557	13.9%	12,803,865	5.6%
Contribution to Capital Infrastructure Reserve	12,732,000	14,732,000	15.7%	16,732,000	13.6%	18,732,000	12.0%	18,732,000	0.0%	19,860,000	6.0%
Contribution to Parkland Acquisition and Development Reserve	10,000,000	20,000,000	100.0%	20,000,000	0.0%	20,000,000	0.0%	20,000,000	0.0%	20,000,000	0.0%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 74,492,691	\$ 88,847,286	19.3%	\$ 93,437,829	5.2%	\$ 96,825,293	3.6%	\$ 99,263,614	2.5%	\$ 102,255,907	3.0%

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Item E2
METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
CAPITAL PORTFOLIO
REGIONAL PARKS

		PRIMARY DRIVER	ACTIVE PHASE	TIMELINE (START YR. - END YR.)	PROJECT ESTIMATE	PROJECT ESTIMATE TO ACTIVE PHASE	2027 CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	2028 CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	2029 CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	2030 CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	2031 CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	2027 TO 2031 TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES												
Major Projects												
Belcarra - South Picnic Area	Capacity, Growth & Ecological Resilience	Construction	2023-2028	\$ 5,550,000	\$ 5,550,000	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	3,500,000
Campbell Valley - Park and Greenway Development	Capacity, Growth & Ecological Resilience	Construction	2020-2030	12,350,000	12,350,000	2,000,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000		-	6,500,000
Codd Wetland Dam Removal	Capacity, Growth & Ecological Resilience	Planned	2026-2029	1,150,000	1,150,000	150,000	600,000	200,000		-	-	950,000
Codd Wetland - Park Development	Capacity, Growth & Ecological Resilience	Planned	2031-2036	5,050,000	5,050,000	-	-	-	-		100,000	100,000
Derby Reach Campground Expansion	Capacity, Growth & Ecological Resilience	Planned	2025-2028	6,000,000	6,000,000	2,000,000	3,000,000	-	-		-	5,000,000
Management Plan Implementation	Capacity, Growth & Ecological Resilience	Planned	2028-2055	44,250,000	-	-	250,000	1,000,000	1,500,000		2,500,000	5,250,000
Regional Park Development	Capacity, Growth & Ecological Resilience	Construction	2026-2029	7,050,000	7,050,000	500,000	3,500,000	3,000,000		-	-	7,000,000
Site Improvements	Capacity, Growth & Ecological Resilience	Planned	Ongoing	14,300,000	14,300,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000		200,000	1,000,000
South Langley Regional Park	Capacity, Growth & Ecological Resilience	Planned	2025-2031	2,300,000	2,300,000	-	-	-	1,000,000		1,000,000	2,000,000
Widgeon Marsh - Regional Park Development	Capacity, Growth & Ecological Resilience	Planned	2020-2030	23,950,000	23,950,000	6,000,000	3,000,000	2,750,000	2,750,000		-	14,500,000
72nd Avenue DSSG Staging and Facility	Capacity, Growth & Ecological Resilience	Planned	2027-2030	10,000,000	10,000,000	250,000	750,000	3,000,000	6,000,000		-	10,000,000
Total Major Projects				\$131,950,000	\$ 87,700,000	\$ 14,100,000	\$ 13,300,000	\$ 11,650,000	\$ 12,950,000	\$ 3,800,000	\$ -	55,800,000
Greenways												
Aldergrove - 49th Parallel Trail	Connected Network	Design	2025-2027	\$ 1,150,000	\$ 1,150,000	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	50,000
Boundary Bay - Perimeter Trail	Connected Network	Design	2025-2027	2,000,000	2,000,000	1,000,000	-	-	-		-	1,000,000

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Greenways	Boundary Bay Main Boardwalk Replacement	Connected Network	Design	2026-2027	500,000	500,000	500,000	—	—	—	—	500,000
	Brunette Fraser Greenway - Cumberland Point Public Access	Connected Network	Design	2027	350,000	350,000	350,000	—	—	—	—	350,000
	Campbell Valley Boardwalk Replacement	Connected Network	Design	2026-2027	800,000	800,000	800,000	—	—	—	—	800,000
	Delta Nature Reserve - Delta South Surrey Greenway	Connected Network	Planned	2024-2027	10,950,000	10,950,000	5,500,000	—	—	—	—	5,500,000
	Delta South Surrey Greenway Extension	Connected Network	Planned	2027-2029	11,000,000	11,000,000	1,000,000	4,000,000	6,000,000	—	—	11,000,000
	Kanaka Waterfront Greenway Connection	Connected Network	Planned	2027-2029	1,700,000	1,700,000	200,000	—	1,500,000	—	—	1,700,000
	Kanaka Creek - Parkway Trail	Connected Network	Planned	2031-2032	600,000	—	—	—	—	—	100,000	100,000
	Killarney Lake Boardwalk Replacement	Connected Network	Planned	2027-2028	600,000	600,000	150,000	450,000	—	—	—	600,000
	Snug Cove Boardwalk Replacement	Connected Network	Planned	2030	600,000	—	—	—	—	600,000	—	600,000
	Minnekhada Mid Marsh Trail	Connected Network	Planned	2029-2031	2,200,000	—	—	—	50,000	150,000	2,000,000	2,200,000
	Pitt River Greenway - Ferry Slip	Connected Network	Planned	2031-2033	2,350,000	—	—	—	—	—	150,000	150,000
	Tynehead - Perimeter Trail Extension	Connected Network	Design	2025-2028	4,500,000	4,500,000	2,500,000	750,000	—	—	—	3,250,000
	Total Greenways					\$ 39,300,000	\$ 33,550,000	\$ 12,050,000	\$ 5,200,000	\$ 7,550,000	\$ 750,000	\$ 2,250,000
Service Facilities												
	Burnaby Lake - Service Yard Replacement	Facility Replacement & Asset Management	Planned	2029-2030	\$ 2,200,000	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 200,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ —	\$ 2,200,000

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	Capilano River - Service Yard Replacement	Facility Replacement & Asset Management	Construction	2025-2027	5,500,000	5,500,000	800,000	–	–	–	–	800,000
	Pacific Spirit - Service Yard Replacement	Facility Replacement & Asset Management	Construction	2024-2027	1,850,000	1,850,000	300,000	–	–	–	–	300,000
	Regional Park Service Yard Replacement	Facility Replacement & Asset Management	Planned	2031-2041	8,750,000	–	–	–	–	–	250,000	250,000
	Tynehead Service Yard	Facility Replacement & Asset Management	Planned	2027-2028	1,700,000	1,700,000	200,000	1,500,000	–	–	–	1,700,000
	Total Service Facilities				\$ 20,000,000	\$ 9,050,000	\$ 1,300,000	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 5,250,000
Park Development												
	Aldergrove Vehicle Bridge Replacement	Facility Replacement & Asset Management	Planned	2028	\$ 500,000	\$ –	\$ –	\$ 500,000	\$ –	\$ –	\$ –	\$ 500,000
	Belcarra - Admiralty Heights Trail Decommissioning	Capacity, Growth & Ecological Resilience	Planned	2031-2033	3,250,000	–	–	–	–	–	250,000	250,000
	Belcarra Wharf Replacement	Facility Replacement & Asset Management	Design	2030-2031	1,700,000	–	–	–	–	200,000	1,500,000	1,700,000
	Belcarra Septic Replacement	Facility Replacement & Asset Management	Planned	2028	600,000	–	–	600,000	–	–	–	600,000
	Burnaby Deer Creek Bridge Replacement	Facility Replacement & Asset Management	Planned	2027	700,000	700,000	700,000	–	–	–	–	700,000
	Burnaby Lake - Nature House	Facility Replacement & Asset Management	Planned	2029-2030	2,250,000	2,250,000	–	–	200,000	2,000,000	–	2,200,000
	Campbell Valley - Nature House	Facility Replacement & Asset Management	Planned	2031-2033	3,000,000	–	–	–	–	–	100,000	100,000
	Capilano - Brothers Creek Bridge Replacement	Facility Replacement & Asset Management	Planned	2026-2027	900,000	900,000	800,000	–	–	–	–	800,000

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Capilano - Keith Road Day Use Area	Facility Replacement & Asset Management	Planned	2029-2031	3,000,000	–	–	–	500,000	500,000	2,000,000	3,000,000
Capilano Palisade Stair Replacement	Facility Replacement & Asset Management	Planned	2027	500,000	500,000	500,000	–	–	–	–	500,000
Capilano River - Site Improvements	Facility Replacement & Asset Management	Design	2029-2030	700,000	–	–	–	100,000	600,000	–	700,000
Crippen Festival Field Parking and Drainage	Facility Replacement & Asset Management	Design	2027	500,000	500,000	500,000	–	–	–	–	500,000
Deas Island - Floating Dock Replacement	Facility Replacement & Asset Management	Planned	2026-2028	800,000	800,000	100,000	600,000	–	–	–	700,000
Derby Reach - Muench Bar Access	Capacity, Growth & Ecological Resilience	Planned	2031-2032	800,000	–	–	–	–	–	75,000	75,000
Derby Reach - Edge Farm Picnic Area	Facility Replacement & Asset Management	Design	2031-2032	1,650,000	–	–	–	–	–	150,000	150,000
Kanaka Creek - Cliff Falls Staging Area	Capacity, Growth & Ecological Resilience	Planned	2029-2031	2,250,000	–	–	–	50,000	200,000	2,000,000	2,250,000
Lynn Headwaters - Park Entry	Facility Replacement & Asset Management	Planned	2026-2029	8,600,000	8,600,000	2,000,000	3,000,000	2,600,000	–	–	7,600,000
Minnekhada Lodge Upgrades	Facility Replacement & Asset Management	Design	2030-2031	550,000	–	–	–	–	50,000	500,000	550,000
Pacific Spirit - Beach Access Improvements	Capacity, Growth & Ecological Resilience	Design	2025-2031	1,800,000	1,800,000	–	–	–	200,000	1,500,000	1,700,000
Pacific Spirit - Camosun Bog Boardwalk	Facility Replacement & Asset Management	Planned	2026-2028	3,650,000	3,650,000	1,500,000	2,000,000	–	–	–	3,500,000
Pacific Spirit Drainage and Storage Improvements	Facility Replacement & Asset Management	Design	2027	500,000	500,000	500,000	–	–	–	–	500,000

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	Piper Spit Bridge Replacement	Facility Replacement & Asset Management	Planned	2030-2031	1,200,000	–	–	–	200,000	1,000,000	1,200,000
	Shoreline Stabilization	Facility Replacement & Asset Management	Design	2025-2027	1,450,000	50,000	–	–	–	–	50,000
	South Langley Horse Bridge Replacement	Facility Replacement & Asset Management	Planned	2029-2031	3,200,000	–	–	50,000	150,000	3,000,000	3,200,000
	Surrey Bend Erosion Protection	Facility Replacement & Asset Management	Planned	2029-2031	1,650,000	–	–	50,000	100,000	1,500,000	1,650,000
	White Pine Septic System Replacement	Facility Replacement & Asset Management	Planned	2028	500,000	–	500,000	–	–	–	500,000
	Habitat Corridor Development	Facility Replacement & Asset Management	Planned	2030-2031	750,000	–	–	–	150,000	600,000	750,000
Total Park Development				\$ 47,500,000	\$ 21,650,000	\$ 6,650,000	\$ 7,200,000	\$ 3,550,000	\$ 4,350,000	\$ 14,175,000	\$ 35,925,000
Regional Parks Land Acquisition											
	Regional Parks Land Acquisition	Land Acquisition	Ongoing	\$ 20,000,000	\$ 20,000,000	\$ 20,000,000	\$ 20,000,000	\$ 20,000,000	\$ 20,000,000	\$ 20,000,000	100,000,000
Total Regional Parks Land Acquisition				\$ 20,000,000	\$ 20,000,000	\$ 20,000,000	\$ 20,000,000	\$ 20,000,000	\$ 20,000,000	\$ 20,000,000	\$ 100,000,000
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES				\$258,750,000	\$ 171,950,000	\$ 54,100,000	\$ 47,200,000	\$ 42,950,000	\$ 40,050,000	\$ 40,475,000	\$ 224,775,000
CAPITAL FUNDING											
	Reserve				\$146,030,102	\$ 45,500,000	\$ 38,800,000	\$ 33,150,000	\$ 30,250,000	\$ 20,675,000	\$ 168,375,000
	DCCs				19,800,000	2,600,000	6,400,000	9,800,000	9,800,000	19,800,000	48,400,000
	External Funding - Grants				6,119,898	6,000,000	2,000,000	–	–	–	8,000,000
Total					\$ 171,950,000	\$ 54,100,000	\$ 47,200,000	\$ 42,950,000	\$ 40,050,000	\$ 40,475,000	\$ 224,775,000

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SUMMARY BY DRIVER											
	Capacity, Growth & Ecological Resilience			\$140,050,000	\$89,500,000	\$ 14,100,000	\$ 13,300,000	\$ 11,700,000	\$ 13,350,000	\$ 7,625,000	\$ 60,075,000
	Facility Replacement & Asset Management			59,400,000	28,900,000	7,950,000	8,700,000	3,700,000	5,950,000	10,600,000	36,900,000
	Connected Network			39,300,000	33,550,000	12,050,000	5,200,000	7,550,000	750,000	2,250,000	27,800,000
	Land Acquisition			20,000,000	20,000,000	20,000,000	20,000,000	20,000,000	20,000,000	20,000,000	100,000,000
	Total			\$258,750,000	\$ 171,950,000	\$ 54,100,000	\$ 47,200,000	\$ 42,950,000	\$ 40,050,000	\$ 40,475,000	\$ 224,775,000



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Description of Services

Regional Parks is a service function of Metro Vancouver that exists to protect a range of diverse natural landscapes and habitats and to connect residents with nature. The service operates 24 regional parks, 2 ecological conservancy areas, 2 regional park reserves, and 5 regional greenways. For over 59 years, Metro Vancouver's regional parks system has protected natural areas for people to connect with nature, reduce stress, and maintain their physical and mental health. While protecting over 13,923 hectares of natural areas throughout the region, regional parks experienced strong visitation in 2025, with records set at two regional parks. About 14.7 million visitors connected with important protected natural areas.

Regional Parks provides a number of important internal and external services including: planning, operations and maintenance, park development, asset management, land acquisition, natural resource management, regulations and compliance, public communications, ecological stewardship, community development, facility rentals, filming, permitting, public programming and events.

Strategic Directions and High-Level Goals Supported

GOALS

**Goal 1**

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

**Goal 2**

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

**Goal 3**

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

**Goal 4**

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

**Goal 5**

Regional parks adapt to change and contribute to regional resilience.

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Performance Indicators

Indicator	Historical and/or Industry Benchmark	Current Performance	2027 Performance Objective
Annual number of visits to Regional Parks	3-year average: 14,548,400 2025: 14,689,200 2024: 14,489,100 2023: 14,467,000	14.7M	15M
Annual number of participants in Regional Park public programming	3-year average: 45,934 2025: 46,802 2024: 41,171 2023: 49,828	46,802	48,000
Annual number of volunteer hours through stewardship, partnership and visitor services programs	3-year average: 18,695 2025: 21,068 2024: 16,994 2023: 18,022	21,068	21,000
Total hectares of Regional Parks land	2025:19,923 2024: 13,910 2023: 13,938 2022: 13,842	13,923	14,125

2027 Key Actions**Goal 1 – The region's important natural areas are protected in perpetuity**

RPP Action	
1.1	Grow the regional parks system as identified in the <i>Regional Parks Land Acquisition 2050</i> strategy, including core natural areas, ecological buffer areas, and recreational access areas. <u>2027:</u> Pursue the acquisition of new lands for regional parks and greenways in support of the <i>Regional Parks Land Acquisition 2050</i> strategy
2.1	Promote, support, and collaborate with the Metro Vancouver Regional Parks Foundation to align strategic funding priorities. <u>2027:</u> Update and renew the Contribution and Collaboration Agreement with the Metro Vancouver Regional Parks Foundation for the administration of grants, awards, and programs
2.2	Explore alternative revenue-generating opportunities that are consistent with the role of Metro Vancouver Regional Parks, including philanthropic endeavors, Development Cost Charges, and grant opportunities with other orders of government. <u>2027:</u> Explore grant opportunities as they arise
6.1	Implement the <i>Regional Parks Natural Resource Management Framework 2020</i> to enhance and restore ecological integrity in regional parks. <u>2027:</u> Continue strategic invasive species management across the system
6.5	Implement restoration efforts to enhance ecosystem connectivity in existing and new Metro Vancouver regional parks and greenways. <u>2027:</u> Advance habitat restoration and enhancement projects across the system
6.8	Work with member jurisdictions and landowners to minimize negative impacts on regional park lands from activities in adjacent areas 2027: - Review the policy – Regional Parks Role of Promoting Agriculture - Work with member jurisdictions on alignment of dog management strategies - Collaborate with City of Burnaby to improve environmental management of Burnaby Lake

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14.2	Support research that helps to broaden understanding of natural resources in regional parks and informs management decisions. <u>2027:</u> • Ongoing research includes wildlife camera studies to understand animal movements (multiple parks), water table monitoring at Langley Bog in Derby Reach Regional Park and Camosun Bog in Pacific Spirit Regional Park, bank erosion monitoring at Acadia Beach in Pacific Spirit, and completing the options assessment for future of Codd Wetland dam and reservoir • Initiate a photo monitoring study to evaluate impacts of dog management decisions • Support ongoing academic research on vegetation monitoring, rare or endangered species, wildlife monitoring, restoration planning by facilitating research permits
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**Goal 2 – Everyone has the opportunity to benefit from exceptional experiences in nature**

RPP Action	
2.3	Implement a benefits-based approach to pricing in public programming. <u>2027:</u> • Develop and implement a Nature Access Program to remove financial barriers for low-income residents to access Regional Parks programs
4.7	Utilize social science and other data sources to understand who regional park visitors are, barriers to preventing use of regional parks, and benefits derived from visiting regional parks. <u>2027:</u> • Further exploration of technology solutions to understanding park visitors and counts
4.9	Report out on the Regional Parks Plan indicators every four years to assess progress in meeting the plan's goals. <u>2027</u> • Undertake first Regional Parks Plan progress report for 2022-2026.
9.1	Design and develop parks to provide a diversity of opportunities to connect with and be active in nature. <u>2027:</u> • Continue development of Widgeon Marsh Regional Park and expand for public access • Continue Campbell Valley Management Plan Implementation project, including the development of new staging, access and open space in the McLean Pond Day Use Area • Replace and open the Delta Nature Reserve Boardwalk • Initiate construction of təmtə́míxʷtən/Belcarra South Day Use Area

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	Continue to work with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Capilano Hatchery – Strategic Partners Leadership Team Advisory Committee and contribute to the redesign of the Capilano River Hatchery
11.1	Build and upgrade the Metro Vancouver Regional Parks' segments of the Regional Greenways Network. <u>2027:</u> - Construct and open the Boundary Bay Perimeter Trail extension - Advance detailed design and construction of the Delta South Surrey Greenway - Complete Tynehead Perimeter Trail extension - Continued development of the Campbell Valley Perimeter Trail
11.2	Develop and implement new approaches to encourage sustainable transportation options to regional parks. <u>2027:</u> - Support TransLink to bring new or expanded service Boundary Bay and Ḵéxətəm regional parks - Advance sustainable transportation projects to reduce barriers to accessing regional parks
11.3	Collaborate with others to advance completion of the Regional Greenways Network. <u>2027:</u> - Work collaboratively City of Delta on the planning and design of the Delta South Surrey Greenway and improvements to the Delta Nature Reserve - Collaborate with the City of Port Moody on the feasibility study for Bedwell Bay Road Greenway - Work with City of Maple Ridge to plan and design waterfront greenway connections in Kanaka Creek Regional Park - Host a Regional Greenways Network Implementation Forum
12.1	Implement the Public Programming Strategy to provide relevant content for the region's growing diverse population. <u>2027:</u> Report out on the implementation of the Public Programming Strategy in meeting the needs of the region's growing and diverse population
12.2	Continue to develop a relationship-based approach to ensure strong and diverse community partnerships. <u>2027:</u> Expand opportunities to partner with the CTS Youth Society in the development and delivery of nature-based programs and leadership opportunities for youth
12.3	Deliver events that provide equitable opportunities for many people to experience interpretive and educational programming in regional parks. <u>2027:</u>

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	• Develop and deliver free special events such as Enchanted Forest, Night Quest, and Flashlight Mysteries • Deliver Youth Wellness Walks • Enhance accessibility at Night Quest, Enchanted Forest, and Owl Hoot-enanny events.
12.4	Provide a range of meaningful and relevant volunteer opportunities that support the mandate of Metro Vancouver Regional Parks. <u>2027:</u> • Opportunities include stewardship, community science, educational activities, Beachkeepers, and other events
12.7	Develop interpretive plans for each regional park that tell the story of the park, incorporating natural and cultural history. <u>2027:</u> • Complete a park interpretation plan for Campbell Valley Regional Park • Initiate interpretive planning at Tynehead and Burnaby Lake regional parks in partnership with local First Nations
12.8	Seek partnerships in program delivery, community engagement and provision of special programs where others have expertise. <u>2027:</u> • Support Bowen Island Fish and Wildlife Club's Coho Bon Voyage event in Crippen Regional Park • Support Park Associations in the design and delivery of programs and volunteer opportunities that advance the Regional Parks mandate • Partner with Power to Be to expand delivery of 'Camping for Beginners' programs to support safe and responsible use of parks
13.1	Use a range of communications tools from in-park signs to print materials to web-based and other digital resources that considers the full visitor experience cycle that starts before arrival and ends with memories of the visit. <u>2027:</u> • Complete park kiosk re-design project and begin phased implementation

**Goal 3 – Regional parks are sustainably managed and well-maintained for the safety of visitors and integrity of ecosystems**

RPP Action	
4.2	Review and update the process and framework for park management plans. <u>2027:</u> • Continue development of the Codd Wetland Ecological Conservancy Area Management Plan

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4.5	Update the design standards and guidelines for regional parks to support provision of efficient, accessible, and resilient park infrastructure over the long term. <u>2027</u> • Review the Regional Parks Facilities Policy
4.8	Regularly collect data, including on ecosystems, wildlife, and visitor use to inform and evaluate planning and management decisions. <u>2027:</u> • Update Terrestrial Ecosystem mapping and Sensitive Ecosystem mapping for all recently acquired parkland
7.3	Develop and implement operational policies and procedures to manage risks to the safety of staff and visitors, the protection of built and natural assets, or the continuity of service delivery <u>2027:</u> • Implement the Regional Parks hazard tree management program and scheduled assessments in support of the corporate hazard tree management policy and procedures. • Update and implement wildfire season procedures for Regional Parks. • Implement strategic recommendations identified in the Regulation and Compliance review • Update Emergency Response Plans for each regional park site
7.4	Test and implement technological tools and other innovative approaches to visitor use management. <u>2027:</u> • Expand the real-time parking management platform that was piloted at Iona Beach and Boundary Bay regional parks as a Sustainability Innovation Fund (SIF) project to tæmtæmíxʷtæn/Belcarra Regional Park • Update Edgewater Bar campground access technology to improve visitor experience and staff efficiency
10.1	Update the asset management and related maintenance program using a continuous improvement approach. <u>2027:</u> • Complete implementation of the EAM Regional Parks Integration project.
10.4	Integrate natural assets into the asset management program. <u>2027:</u> • Initiate a Natural Asset Management Plan for Burns Bog Ecological Conservancy Area
10.3	Develop and implement a Buildings Strategy and other asset strategies. <u>2027:</u>

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	Align the five-year capital budget with the recommendations of the Asset Management Plan and Buildings Strategy and begin implementation
14.5	Promote the sharing of expertise between member jurisdictions, First Nations, other orders of government, and other work for regional parks. <u>2027:</u> Ongoing work includes the Regional Parks Advisory Committee

**Goal 4 – First Nations have an active role in the planning and stewardship of regional parks**

RPP Action	
3.2	Partner with local First Nations to develop collaborative agreements, such as cultural planning and co-operation agreements. <u>2027:</u> - Advance the development of cultural planning and cooperative agreements with qííáý (Katzie First Nation) and kʷikʷə́łəm (Kwkwetlem First Nation) - Implement the new 10-year Cultural Planning and Cooperation Agreement and engagement with sə́lilwə́təł (Tsleil-Waututh Nation) at təmtə́míxʷtən/Belcarra Regional Park
3.3	Collaborate with local First Nations on the naming, renaming, or dedication of regional parks and park features to affirm the history and importance of the lands to the Nations. <u>2027:</u> - Work with Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) and sə́lilwə́təł (Tsleil-Waututh Nation) to identify indigenous translation opportunities for the Big Cedar Route - Work with sə́lilwə́təł (Tsleil-Waututh Nation) and kʷikʷə́łəm (Kwkwetlem First Nation) on cultural visibility and revitalization plans - Advance the design and development of interpretive displays in Capilano River Regional Park collaboratively with Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) - Explore opportunities for art, interpretation, programming, and place naming with q̓ʷɑ́:ńłəń (Kwantlen First Nation) as part of the Campbell Valley Management Plan Implementation project - Explore incorporation of Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh language into park signs and brochures - Review the Regional Parks Naming Policy
3.7	Provide training opportunities for staff on cultural awareness, including appropriate management of cultural resources. <u>2027:</u> Ongoing and new training courses offered for staff including, Indigenous cultural safety, decolonization, and territorial acknowledgements

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6.3	Look for unique ways to identify and support First Nations' traditional and contemporary uses of the land in the context of managing regional parks. <u>2027:</u> • Further the development of a sub-area plan for Admiralty Heights (təmtə́míxʷtən/Belcarra Regional Park) in collaboration with sə́lilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh Nation) • Continue to work with First Nation on park development project at Aldergrove, Campbell Valley, Tynehead, Derby Reach regional parks • Continue to develop a Cultural Use Access Plan for the Burns Bog Ecological Conservancy Area with scə́wəθən məsteyəxʷ (Tsawwassen First Nation) and xʷməθkʷə́yəm (Musqueam Indian Band)
8.1	Work with First Nations to better understand the archaeological potential of lands within regional parks and review and update on an ongoing basis to incorporate new information. <u>2027:</u> • Continue to work with xʷməθkʷə́yəm (Musqueam Indian Band) Archaeology Department on the Multi-Assessment Permit for archaeology work for Pacific Spirit Regional Park and Iona Beach Regional Park • Procure Heritage Conservation Act Multi-Assessment Permits for parks with high archaeological potential
8.2	Work with First Nations to better understand cultural resources in regional parks, to enable respectful and appropriate protection and management protocols. <u>2027:</u> • Continue to work closely with xʷməθkʷə́yəm (Musqueam Indian Band) on cultural resource management in Pacific Spirit Regional Park • Collaborate with First Nations to incorporate Indigenous knowledge and values into planning, stewardship and other work for regional parks
14.4	Collaborate with First Nations to incorporate Indigenous Knowledge and values into planning, stewardship and other work for regional parks. <u>2027:</u> • Support Indigenous-led programming with Kwantlen Elder, including plant walks, cultural education initiatives, and interpretive activities • Incorporate Indigenous artwork and cultural elements into education resources, including a bat box installation, nature scavenger hunt sheets, and interpretive signage with recordings



Goal 5 – Regional parks adapt to change and contribute to regional resilience

RPP Action	
4.10	Participate in advancing the proposed Regional Natural Infrastructure Network and regional efforts to enhance ecosystem connectivity and ecological health. <u>2027:</u> • Continue to collaborate with Regional Planning on the Implementation Guidelines
5.1	Improve understanding of climate impacts on regional parks ecosystems and infrastructure to inform a climate strategy for regional parks. <u>2027:</u> • Continue development of a tool to support staff in integrating climate change into decision making
5.2	Improve understanding of climate impacts on regional parks ecosystems and infrastructure <u>2027</u> • Complete the Climate Risk and Vulnerability Assessment for Regional Parks
9.3	Develop and implement strategies to reduce Metro Vancouver Regional Parks' greenhouse gas emissions, with a focus on increasing energy efficiency in buildings and electrifying vehicles and equipment. <u>2027:</u> • Work with MV Fleet Services to replace diesel and gasoline powered vehicles with electric options where possible

Regional Parks

2027 to 2031 – WHAT’S HAPPENING

Below is a summary of the significant initiatives to be undertaken by Regional Parks over the next 5 years.

Initiative	Description	Theme
2027		
Capital Development Program	- Initiate construction of Belcarra South Picnic Area improvements - Continue park development and ecological enhancement of Widgeon Marsh Regional Park - Continue Campbell Valley Regional Park and Greenway Development - Complete design and tender construction of Delta South Surrey Greenway - 72nd to Nordel Way - Support Iona Wastewater Treatment Plant – Iona Beach Regional Park (PDE lead, integrated team support) - Complete Brothers Creek bridge replacement in Capilano River Regional Park - Complete Pacific Spirit Camosun Bog boardwalk replacement - Initiate construction of Derby Reach Campground Expansion - Initiate construction of Lynn Headwaters Regional Park entry and open space enhancements - Advanced design for future year capital programs	System Stewardship Regional Growth
Land Acquisition	Pursue park land acquisition opportunities in support of Regional Parks Land Acquisition 2050 strategy	Regional Growth
Planning/Outreach and Engagement	- Explore opportunities for working with local First Nations on Regional Parks initiatives - Implementation of system-wide initiatives to enhance natural areas and connect with local communities - Initiate a Natural Asset Management Plan for Burns Bog Ecological Conservancy Area - Produce a 4-year progress report for Regional Parks Plan - Complete the Climate Hazard and Vulnerability Assessment for Regional Parks - Review Regional Parks Board Policies as part of corporate policy review. - Report out on progress of <i>Regional Greenways 2050</i> implementation - Complete the Burnaby Lake Management Plan	System Stewardship

Initiative	Description	Theme
	Continue the planning work in collaboration with səlilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh Nation) on the sub-area plan for Admiralty Heights in təmtəxʷtən/Belcarra Regional Park	
2028		
Capital Development Program	- Continued park development and ecological enhancement of Widgeon Marsh Regional Park - Continue Campbell Valley Regional Park and Greenway Development project - Support Iona Wastewater Treatment Plant – Iona Beach Regional Park (PDE lead, integrated team support) - Continue implementation of Lynn Headwaters Regional Park entry and access improvements - Initiate construction of Delta South Surrey Greenway - 72nd to Nordel Way - Complete Tynehead Regional Park service yard upgrades - Complete construction of Derby Reach Regional Park Campground Expansion - Advanced design for future year capital programs	System Stewardship Regional Growth
Land Acquisition	Pursue park land acquisition opportunities in support of Regional Parks Land Acquisition 2050 strategy	Regional Growth
Planning/Outreach and Engagement	- Explore opportunities for working with local First Nations on Regional Parks initiatives - Implementation of system-wide initiatives to enhance natural areas and connect with local communities - Complete the Regional Parks Climate Action decision support tool - Advance planning of regional greenways - Complete the sub-area plan for Admiralty Heights in təmtəxʷtən/Belcarra Regional Park - Advance park management planning	System Stewardship
2029		
Capital Development Program	- Continued park development and ecological enhancement of Widgeon Marsh Regional Park - Support Iona Wastewater Treatment Plant – Iona Beach Regional Park (PDE lead, integrated team support) - Initiate development of 72nd Ave / Peat Plant Staging and Facility Development project - Complete implementation of Lynn Headwaters Regional Park Entry and Access Improvements - Continue Campbell Valley Regional Park and Greenway Development project - Complete Delta South Surrey Greenway construction	System Stewardship Regional Growth

Initiative	Description	Theme
	- Complete construction of Kanaka Creek Waterfront Greenway expansion - Advanced design for future year capital programs	
Land Acquisition	Pursue park land acquisition opportunities in support of <i>Regional Parks Land Acquisition 2050</i> strategy	Regional Growth
Planning/Outreach and Engagement	- Explore opportunities for working with local First Nations on Regional Parks initiatives - Implementation of system-wide initiatives to enhance natural areas and connect with local communities - Undertake the Regional Parks visitor satisfaction survey - Advance park management planning	System Stewardship

Initiative	Description	Theme
2030		
Capital Development Program	• Complete Widgeon Marsh Regional Park Development project • Complete Codd Wetland Dam removal • Initiate Regional Park service yard replacement program • Complete Campbell Valley Regional Park and greenway development project • Initiate Phase II Delta South Surrey Greenway development • Redevelopment of the Burnaby Lake Nature House • Initiate South Langley Regional Park development • Advance regional greenway connections • Advanced design for future year capital programs • Complete t̓əmt̓əx̓w̓tən/Belcarra Regional Park wharf replacement	
Land Acquisition	Pursue park land acquisition opportunities in support of <i>Regional Parks Land Acquisition 2050</i> strategy	
Planning/Outreach and Engagement	• Explore opportunities for working with local First Nations on Regional Parks initiatives • Implementation of system-wide initiatives to enhance natural areas and connect with local communities • Advance park management planning	
2031		
Capital Development Program	• Complete construction of Kanaka Creek Cliff Falls Staging area expansion • Complete construction of Surrey Bend Erosion Protection • Continue South Langley Regional Park horse bridge replacement • Advance regional greenway connections • Advanced design for future year capital programs • Complete Development of Keith Road staging and day use area in Capilano River Regional Park • Complete Minnekhada Regional Park Mid Marsh Trail upgrade • Initiate Pacific Spirit Regional Park beach access improvements • Initiate improvements to Codd Wetland Ecological Conservancy Area access and amenity improvements	
Land Acquisition	Pursue park land acquisition opportunities in support of <i>Regional Parks Land Acquisition 2050</i> strategy	

Initiative	Description	Theme
Planning/Outreach and Engagement	• Explore opportunities for working with local First Nations on Regional Parks initiatives • Implementation of system-wide initiatives to enhance natural areas and connect with local communities • Advance park management planning	

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2027 — 2031 PROJECTED RESERVES - REGIONAL PARKS

OPERATING RESERVES

	2026 ENDING BALANCE	2027 OPENING BALANCE	TRANSFER	CONTRIBUTION	WITHDRAWALS	INTEREST	2027 ENDING BALANCE	2028 ENDING BALANCE	2029 ENDING BALANCE	2030 ENDING BALANCE	2031 ENDING BALANCE
Regional Parks	\$ 2,731,925	\$ 2,731,925	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 68,298	\$ 2,800,223	\$ 2,870,229	\$ 2,941,985	\$ 3,015,535	\$ 3,090,923

DISCRETIONARY RESERVES

	2026 ENDING BALANCE	2027 OPENING BALANCE	TRANSFER	CONTRIBUTION	WITHDRAWALS	INTEREST	2027 ENDING BALANCE	2028 ENDING BALANCE	2029 ENDING BALANCE	2030 ENDING BALANCE	2031 ENDING BALANCE
Regional Parks General Reserve	\$ 8,621,747	\$ 8,621,747	\$ —	\$ 80,000	\$ (545,000)	\$ 209,731	\$ 8,366,478	\$ 8,079,515	\$ 7,856,253	\$ 7,627,409	\$ 7,392,844

STATUTORY RESERVES

	2026 ENDING BALANCE	2027 OPENING BALANCE	TRANSFER	CONTRIBUTION	WITHDRAWALS	INTEREST	2027 ENDING BALANCE	2028 ENDING BALANCE	2029 ENDING BALANCE	2030 ENDING BALANCE	2031 ENDING BALANCE
Regional Parks											
Regional Parks Infrastructure Reserve	\$ 9,929,811	\$ 9,929,811		\$ 14,732,000	\$ (9,038,641)	\$ 319,412	\$ 15,942,582	\$ 23,163,913	\$ 15,229,077	\$ 4,582,102	\$ 2,222,241
Regional Parkland Acquisition Reserve Fund	19,791,281	19,791,281	—	—	(10,000,000)	369,782	10,161,063	290,090	297,342	304,776	312,395
Regional Parkland Acquisition and Development Reserve Fund	40,753,513	40,753,513	—	20,000,000	(35,500,000)	825,088	26,078,601	17,820,566	22,164,205	30,565,185	40,770,877
Delta Airpark Reserve	69,972	69,972	—	21,500	—	2,018	93,490	117,596	142,305	167,631	193,591
Regional Parks Legacy Fund	2,916,800	2,916,800	—	—	(69,000)	72,058	2,919,858	2,922,992	2,926,204	2,929,497	2,932,872
Total	\$73,461,377	\$ 73,461,377	\$ —	\$ 34,753,500	\$ (54,607,641)	\$ 1,588,358	\$ 55,195,594	\$ 44,315,157	\$ 40,759,133	\$ 38,549,191	\$ 46,431,976



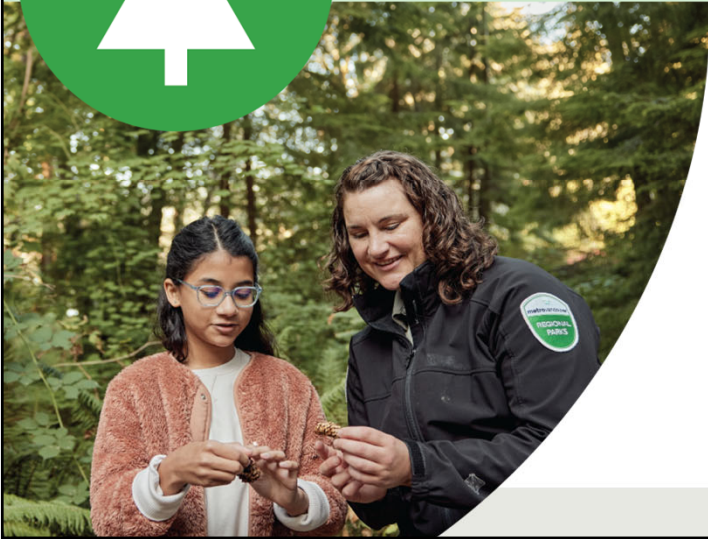
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Regional Parks 2027–2031 Financial Plan

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Director, Regional Parks

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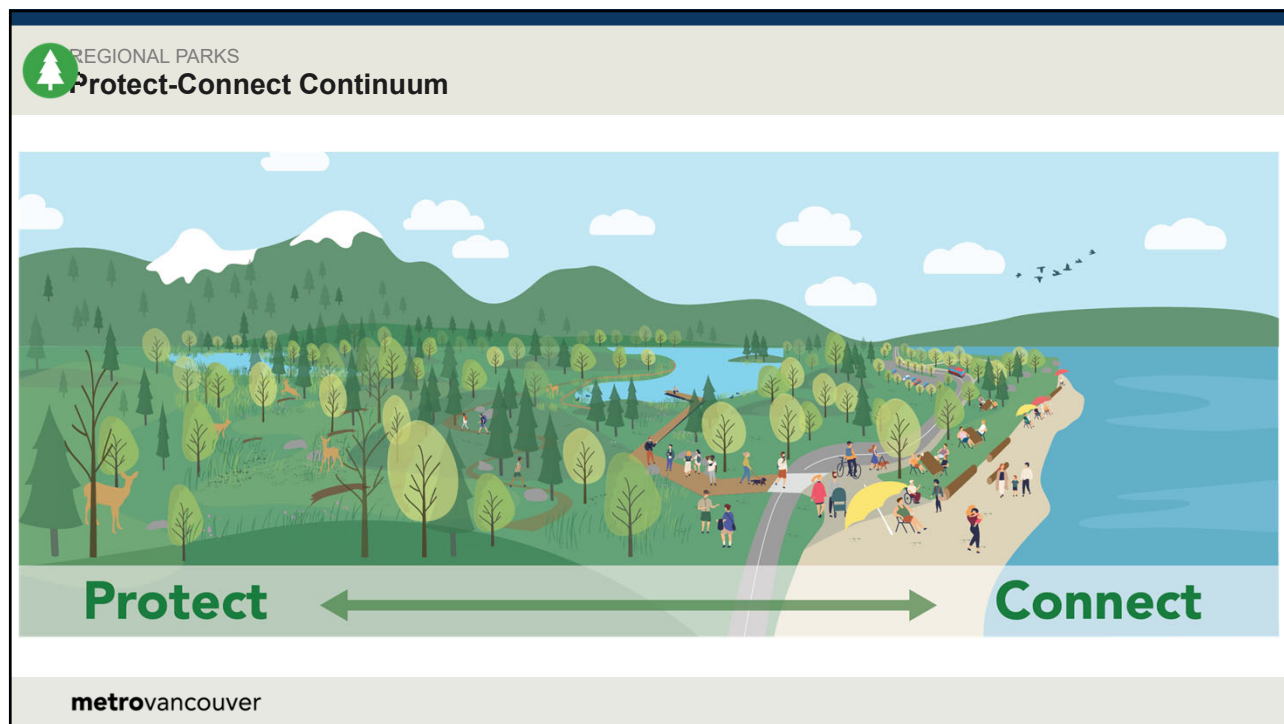
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REGIONAL PARKS OVERVIEW

- **Protecting** Metro Vancouver's natural areas and **Connecting** people with those them
- **24** regional parks
- **2** ecological conservancy areas
- **2** regional park reserves
- **5** regional greenways
- **~ 15 million** annual visits
- 14,000 hectares or 5% of Metro Vancouver land base
- **3.2 per cent** visitation growth each year since 2004

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The list of five goals is presented with circular icons: a tree for Goal 1, hands holding a heart for Goal 2, a leaf for Goal 3, two hands for Goal 4, and a circular arrow for Goal 5.

REGIONAL PARKS
Regional Parks Plan Goals

- Goal 1** The region's important natural areas are protected in perpetuity.
- Goal 2** Everyone has the opportunity to benefit from exceptional experiences in nature.
- Goal 3** Regional parks are sustainably managed and well-maintained for the safety of visitors and integrity of ecosystems.
- Goal 4** First Nations have an active role in the planning and stewardship of regional parks.
- Goal 5** Regional parks adapt to change and contribute to regional resilience.

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 REGIONAL PARKS Service Objectives			
Key Performance	Current	Past	Projected
Annual number of visits to Regional Parks	14,689,200	3-year average: 14,548,400	15,000,000
Annual number of volunteer hours through stewardship, partnership and visitor services program example two	21,068 hours	3-year average: 18,695	21,000
Total hectares of Regional Parks land	13,923 ha	2025: 13,923	14,125
Annual number of participants in Regional Park public programming	46,802	3-year average: 46,802	48,000

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REGIONAL PARKS PLAN GOAL INDICATORS


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


 Area of regional parkland managed by Metro Vancouver:
13,923 hectares


 Average area of ecological restoration (created or maintained) 2022-2025
31.5 hectares


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


 Number of visits to regional parks
14.7 million


 Hours of volunteer time
21,068 hours


 Number of participants in interpretive programs and special events
46,802 participants

 Negative Upward Trend
 Positive Upward Trend
 Negative Downward Trend
 Positive Downward Trend
 Consistent/Stable Trend

Notes: Numbers are for Jan-Dec 2025 unless otherwise stated.  Indicates no change from previous year's data. * Indicates new method of tallying data - no comparison available

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REGIONAL PARKS PLAN GOAL INDICATORS



GOAL 3

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



Proportion of capital budget spent: **61.2%**



Amount of grant funds received: **\$2.75 million**



Proportion of built asset classes that have achieved or exceeded a 'Fair' condition score: **100% of asset classes**



GOAL 4

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



Number of regional parks or park features named or renamed in partnership with First Nations: **None added in 2025**



Number of collaborative agreements in place, such as cultural planning and co-operation agreements:

- **təmtəmixʷtən / Belcarra Regional Park**



GOAL 5

Regional parks adapt to change and contribute to regional resilience.



Area of sensitive or modified ecosystems within regional parks (also Goal 1): **12,050 hectares**



Percentage change in GHGs associated with the operation of regional parks (also Goal 3): **36% decrease** (2021-2025)

Notes: Numbers are for Jan-Dec 2025 unless otherwise stated.

↔ Indicates no change from previous year's data.

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REGIONAL PARKS

Continuous Improvement – 2026 Complete or Ongoing

Initiative	Outcomes	
Regional Parks Natural Asset System Inventory and Valuation	Inventory and asset condition assessments for Regional Park Natural Assets to be included in 2027 Regional Parks Asset System Management Plan (Complete)	The view from Admiralty Heights
Real-time Parking Management	Improved capacity management to enhance visitor experience, improve customer service, reduce traffic impacts on member municipalities and reduce GHG emissions. 2026-2027 implementation planned for təmtəmixʷtən/Belcarra Regional Park. (Ongoing)	
Climate Risk and Vulnerability Assessment	Identification of climate risks across the regional parks system and to support development of decision support tools and planning for a climate resilient parks system.	
Implementation of Regional Parks Construction Crew	Internal delivery of previously contracted out minor capital works. Developing in-house capacity, reduced project management and procurement processes, cost control and savings, flexibility in project delivery, adaptability for emerging issues and climate change impacts. (Ongoing)	

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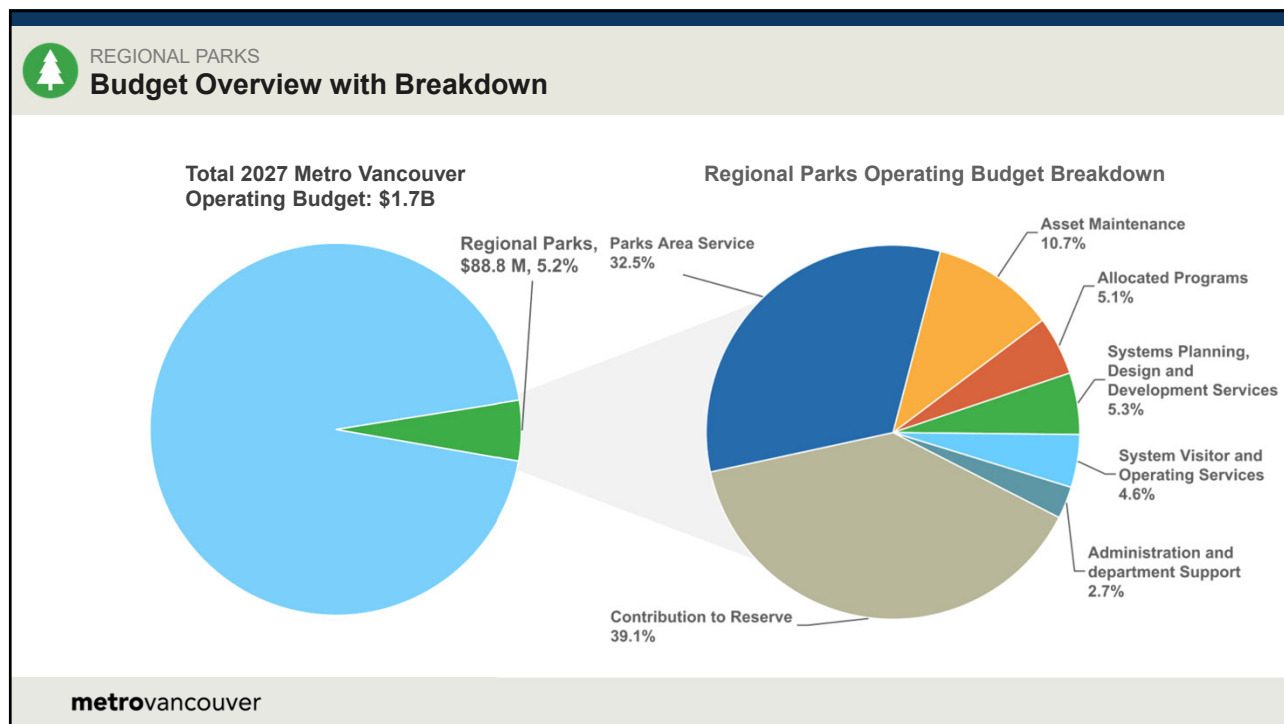
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 REGIONAL PARKS Continuous Improvement – 2026 Complete or Ongoing		
Initiative	Outcomes	
Regional Parks Natural Asset System Inventory and Valuation	Completion of inventory and asset condition assessments for Regional Park Natural Assets to be included in 2027 Regional Parks Asset System Management Plan (Complete)	
Real-time Parking Management	Improved capacity management to enhance visitor experience, improve customer service, reduce traffic impacts on member municipalities and reduce GHG emissions. 2026-2027 implementation planned for təmtəm/ixʷtən/Belcarra Regional Park. (Ongoing)	
Relationship with First Nations	Advancing reconciliation and corporate relationship building, improving land management and project delivery. (Ongoing)	
Land Acquisition	In 2026, 262 hectares (648 acres) of land were added to the regional parks system. Ecosystem protection, achievement of MVRD carbon neutrality, supports regional climate resilience. (Ongoing)	
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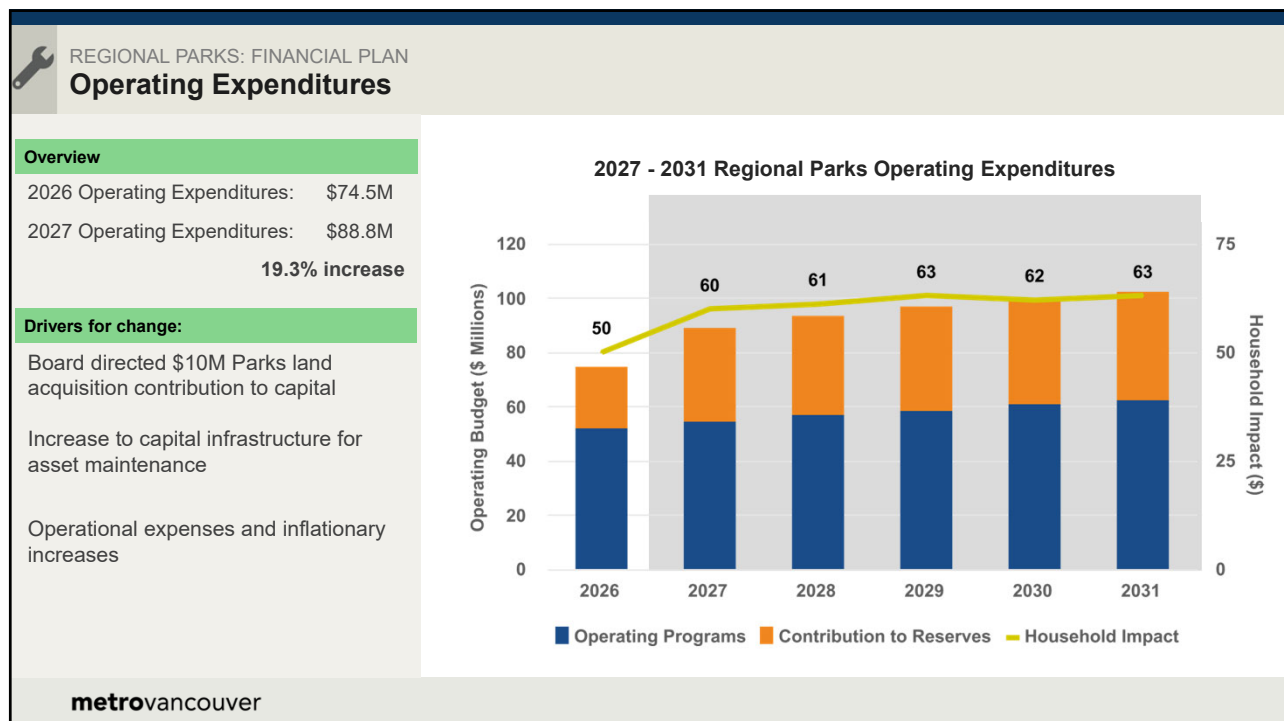
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 REGIONAL PARKS Continuous Improvement – 2027 New		
Initiative	Outcomes	
Regional Parks Asset Management Plan	Improved budgeting, efficient and prioritized minor capital, maintenance, and ecosystem restoration and management, innovation and leadership incorporating natural assets.	
Implementation of Regional Parks Construction Crew	Internal delivery of previously contracted out minor capital works. Flexibility in work assignments. Development of in-house capacity, reduced project management and procurement processes, cost control and savings, flexibility in project delivery, adaptability for emerging issues and climate change impacts.	
Climate Risk and Vulnerability Assessment	Identification of climate risks across the regional parks system and to support development of decision support tools and planning for a climate resilient parks system.	
Relationship with First Nations	Advancing reconciliation and corporate relationship building, improving land management and project delivery.	
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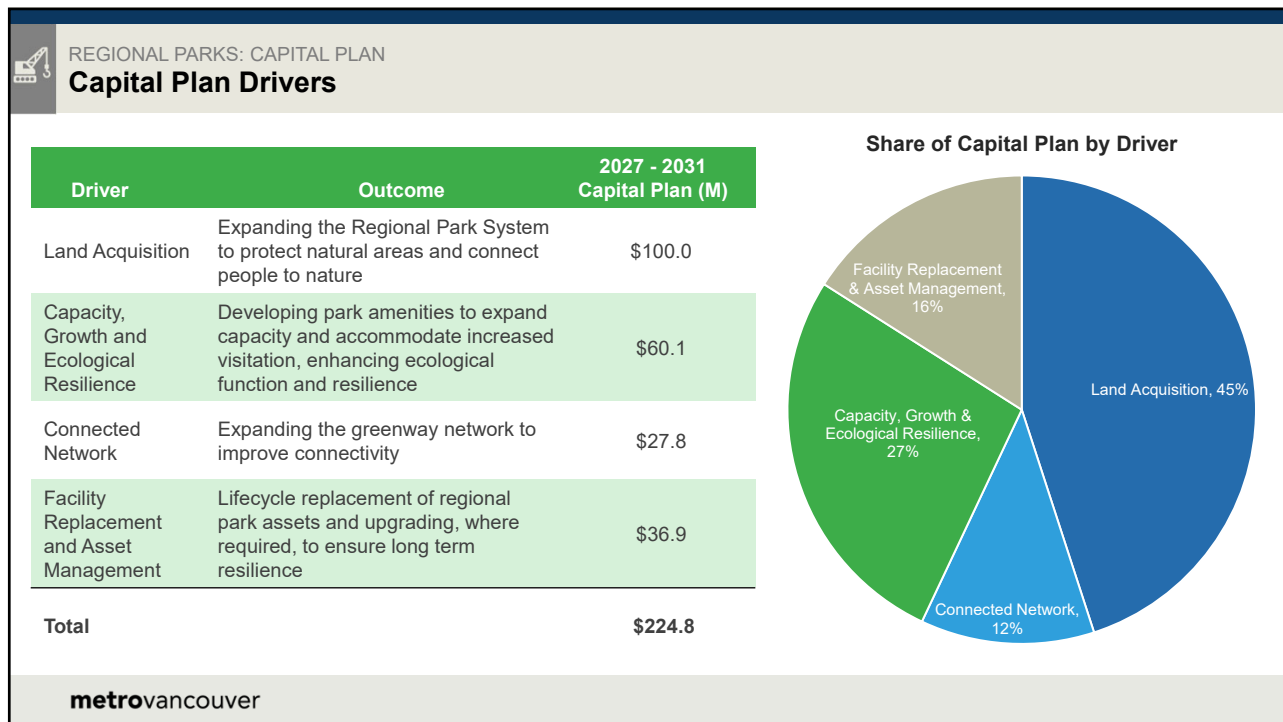
REGIONAL PARKS: OPERATING BUDGET
Operating Highlights 2027–2031

Budget Year	Initiative	Description
2027	60th Anniversary - Delta Nature Reserve Boardwalk replacement/greenway	- Celebrating Regional Parks 60th Anniversary - Completion of 3 km of boardwalk and initiation of greenway project
2028	- Belcarra South Picnic Area - Admiralty Heights Plan	- Completion of improvements and public amenities - Completion of the subarea plan for Admiralty Heights (təmtəx'w'tən/Belcarra Regional Park)
2029	Campbell Valley Management Plan Implementation	Completion of greenway trail, day use, staging areas and McLean pond area
2030	Codd Wetland ECA	Access and amenity improvements
2031	Regional Parks Plan Update	Initiate the update of the Regional Parks Plan

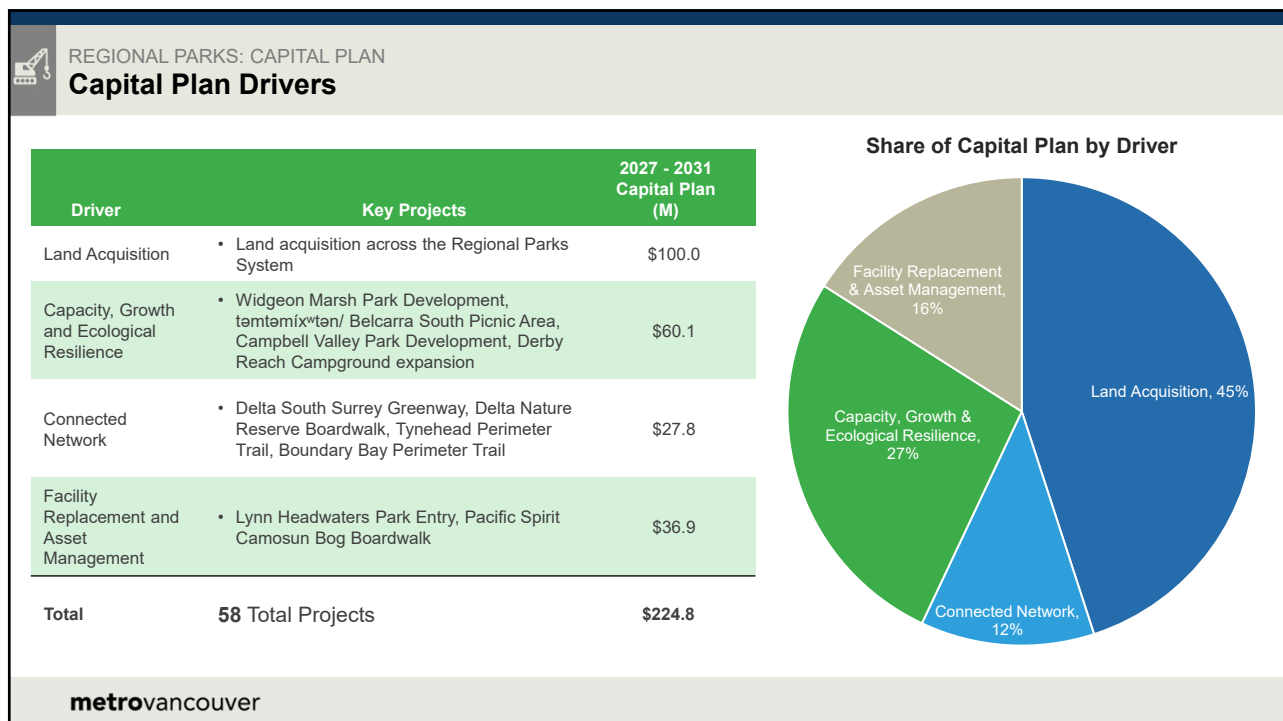
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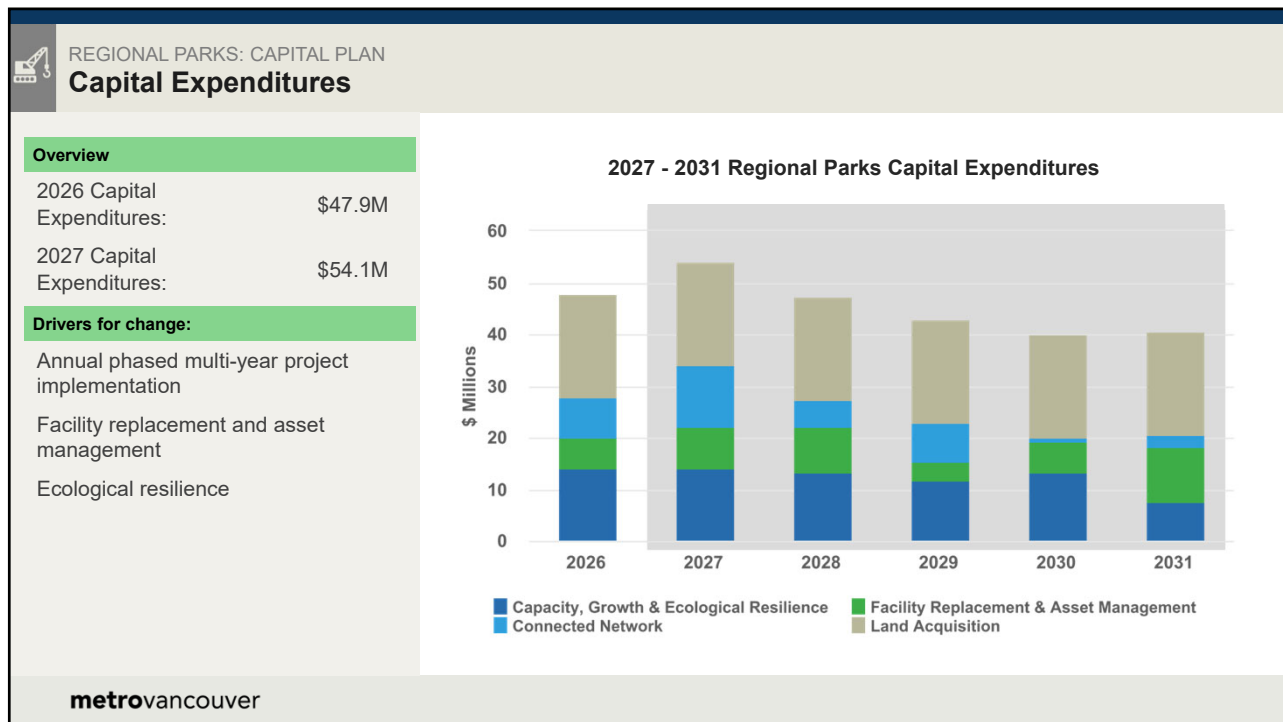
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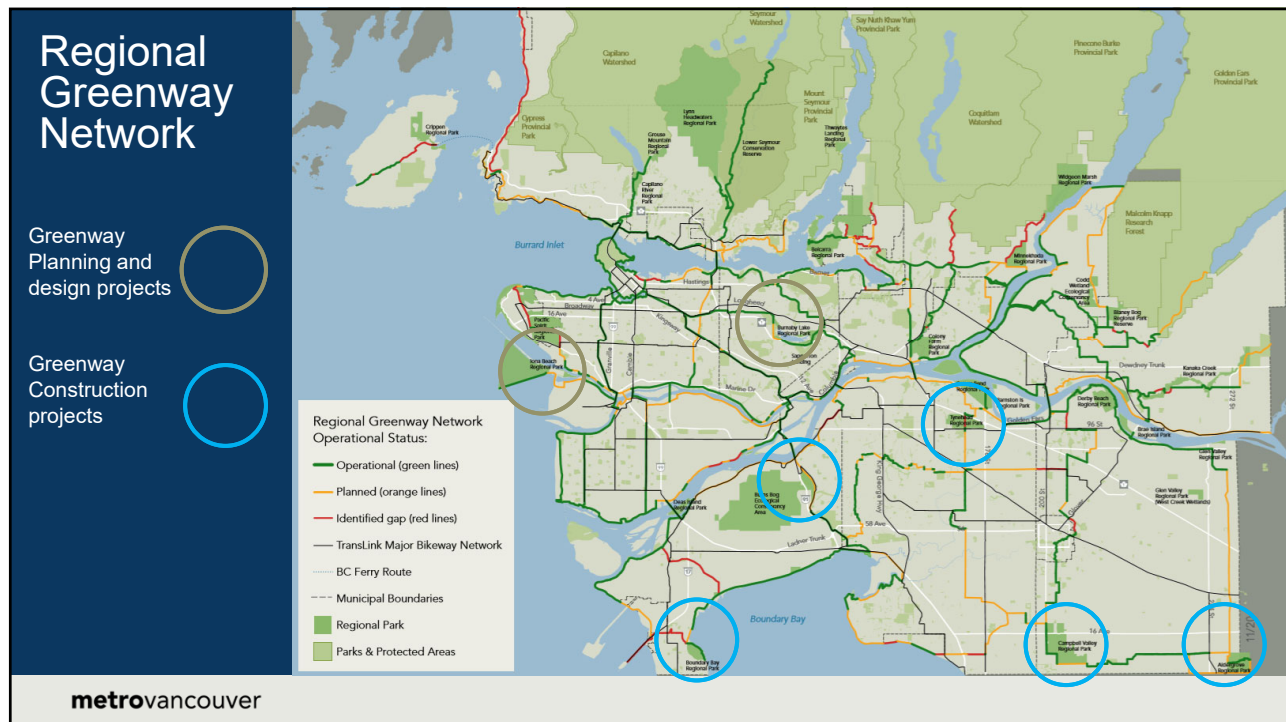
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REGIONAL PARKS						
Financial Plan Summary						
	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
Total Operating Expenditures (\$ Millions)	\$74.5	\$88.8	\$93.4	\$96.8	\$99.3	\$102.3
% Change		19.3%	5.2%	3.6%	2.5%	3.0%
MVRD Requisitions (\$ Millions)	\$62.3	\$76.0	\$79.6	\$82.9	\$83.8	\$86.1
% Change		21.9%	4.8%	4.2%	1.1%	2.8%
Total Capital Expenditures (\$ Millions)	\$47.9	\$54.1	\$47.2	\$43.0	\$40.1	\$40.5
Household Impact (\$)	\$50	\$60	\$61	\$63	\$62	\$63
% Change		19.3%	2.9%	1.6%	(1.4%)	1.3%

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To: Regional Parks Committee

From: Mike Redpath, Director, Regional Parks

Date: September 11, 2026

Meeting Date: October 7, 2026

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

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Regional Parks Committee receive for information report dated September 11, 2026, titled "Manager's Report - Regional Parks".

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Attachment 1 to this report sets out the Regional Parks Committee Work Plan for 2026. 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.

REGIONAL PARKS PUBLIC PROGRAMMING - 2026 HIGHLIGHTS

Guided by the Metro Vancouver *Regional Parks Public Programming Strategy*, nature-based public programs connect residents to nature through a diverse mix of interpretive programs, special events, outreach activities, roving interpretation, and nature house experiences. In 2026, these efforts focused on fostering meaningful connections to regional parks, increasing access for underserved audiences, building environmental literacy, and creating new opportunities for residents to engage with the natural world.

New programs and initiatives expanded opportunities for community science, wildlife education, creative expression, and inclusive participation. In partnership with the University of Guelph's BugQuest initiative, visitors contributed to biodiversity research through programs focused on spiders and insects, while new spring break programs on snakes, coyotes, and beavers helped families learn about local wildlife. New arts-based offerings, including Starry Night Artscape, Wetland Watercolours, and Ivy Basket Weaving, proved highly popular and attracted participants interested in creativity, social connection, and nature appreciation.

Community wellbeing and inclusion remained a key focus, with programs designed to reduce barriers and expand access to nature-based experiences. Youth Wellness Walks welcomed a new cohort of at-risk youth, while Practice English in a Park and Picnic in the Park engaged more than 200 newcomers and English language learners.

Interpretation and outreach activities enhanced visitor experiences across the regional parks system. New exhibits at Campbell Valley Nature House explored local wildlife and ecological themes through the perspective of Kwantlen Elder Karen Gabriel, while new volunteers helped connect visitors to park stories and experiences. Staff also engaged hundreds of residents through community events and reached more than 1,700 dog walkers at Pacific Spirit Regional Park through roving interpretation that promoted responsible park use and environmental stewardship.

Signature events continued to attract strong participation and introduce new audiences to regional parks. Night Quest welcomed more than 3,100 visitors, the Meteor Shower Watch event drew over

3,000 attendees and reintroduced overnight camping opportunities, and the new Night of the Newts event at təmtə́míxʷtən/Belcarra Regional Park showcased local amphibian migrations through a unique nighttime experience.

Inclusive and culturally relevant programming continued to broaden participation and engagement among diverse communities. New initiatives such as Beyond the Binary created welcoming opportunities for LGBTQ+ participants and allies, while Forest Bathing and Forest Harmonies fostered connection through nature, wellness, cultural expression, and community gathering.

Support for schools and educators remains a priority. More than 100 teachers participated in professional development workshops that provided tools and resources for outdoor learning, while demand for school field trips and educational programming remained strong throughout the regional parks system.

As of September 1, 2026, park interpreters engaged 31,358 participants and visitors through interpretive events, public programs, outreach activities, community events, roving interpretation, and nature house experiences. Based on projected attendance for fall and winter programs, Regional Parks anticipates reaching an additional 15,000 participants by year-end.

To remove financial barriers for low-income residents, Regional Parks is exploring options for a Nature Access Pass, a program that provides eligible residents with subsidy assistance for participation in Regional Parks programs and activities. Eligibility would be available to residents who are currently enrolled in a recognized municipal financial assistance program, such as a leisure access or recreation subsidy program offered by a local government within Metro Vancouver.

CTS YOUTH SOCIETY - PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The CTS Youth Society (CTS) is a non-profit society that connects 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.

The CTS Youth Society leverages Metro Vancouver's contribution 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.

CTS Youth Society program highlights for 2025 include:

- 25 summer camp programs with 809 youth registrations.
- More than 130 youth on waitlists, with all camp sessions reaching capacity.
- 5,074 volunteer hours contributed in regional parks.
- 23 stewardship activities.
- 23 projects and learning sessions.
- 26 Peer Leaders who completed leadership and environmental stewardship training and supported the delivery of camps throughout the summer.
- Youth from 15 Metro Vancouver municipalities participated in CTS programs.

A program highlight in 2025 was the continued growth of the Mishkoopitum ("Discover") Camps, delivered in partnership with 2 Métis Women. This marked the fourth year of the Indigenous-led program and the first year that CTS was able to offer Mishkoopitum camps at all four camp locations.

Led by Indigenous knowledge keepers, participants learned about Métis and Indigenous worldviews and culture through games, art, traditional foods, storytelling, and outdoor experiences in regional parks. All four camps operated at full capacity and maintained waitlists, demonstrating strong demand and interest from youth and families.



Tynehead Regional Park

The CTS Youth Council continued to provide leadership opportunities for youth beyond the summer camp season. The council consists of dedicated youth volunteers who support the organization throughout the school year by planning events, coordinating fundraisers, and conducting community outreach. The program helps participants develop leadership, communication, teamwork, and event planning skills while fostering meaningful connections and continued engagement with the CTS community.

The Peer Leader Program remained a cornerstone of CTS programming. 26 youth ages 15 to 18 participated as Peer Leaders, completing five training sessions

focused on leadership, environmental awareness, stewardship, outdoor recreation, and safety. Peer Leaders contributed more than 5,000 volunteer hours and worked alongside camp supervisors to deliver nature-based experiences for younger participants. The program continues to provide valuable leadership development opportunities while supporting the successful delivery of CTS camps in Metro Vancouver Regional Parks.

CTS Youth Society also delivered a variety of stewardship activities throughout regional parks, including community gardening, path maintenance, watershed protection initiatives, bug counts, and wildfire safety education. These projects provide youth with hands-on opportunities to contribute to environmental conservation while fostering a greater understanding of ecological stewardship and civic responsibility.

REGIONAL PARKS EVENT UPDATES

Aldergrove Regional Park - Meteor Shower Watch - August 10, 2026

Meteor Shower Watch at Aldergrove Regional Park continues to be a highly anticipated summer event attracting nearly 3,000 participants from across Metro Vancouver. Held during the annual Perseids meteor shower, the event welcomed participants who gathered with lawn chairs and blankets for an evening of stargazing and astronomy-themed activities. Park Interpreters delivered constellation talks and guided participants in exploring the night sky.



Aldergrove Regional Park

In addition to viewing a meteor, participants also engaged with interactive exhibits presented by a variety of community partners, including the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, H.R. MacMillan Space Centre, Langley Environmental Partners Society, Girl Guides, and the Fraser Valley Regional Library. Participants also enjoyed a lantern-lit trail featuring interactive stations such as a wishing tree, black light theatre, create-your-own constellation activity, a space station, glow-in-the-dark poetry, and sounds of space.

Participant feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with one attendee noting: "It was a wonderful experience! Everything was well organized, the atmosphere was great, and the staff were very friendly and helpful. Would love to attend the event again."

Iona Beach Regional Park - Wings Over Iona - September 10, 2026

Approximately 420 people came out to the Wings Over Iona event at Iona Beach Regional Park, to celebrate the start of the bird migration in fall. Participants learned about different migratory bird species, migration challenges and Iona Beach Regional Park's importance for bird habitat. Sixty people participated in three registered bird walks as part of the event.

Other highlights included observing live raptors, discovering a bird's invertebrate buffet, watching short bird comedy and dog etiquette performances, learning about the impacts of wildlife feeding, painting a bird's landscape, and pulling invasive species.



Iona Beach Regional Park

Participants also enjoyed bird, nature and cultural community displays by xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Birds Canada, Nature Vancouver, WildResearch Society, The Raptors, Wildlife Rescue Association, Ocean Ambassadors Canada and Vancouver Avian Research Centre. The event drew many beginner bird watchers and first-time visitors to Iona Beach Regional Park. When asked to write "bird" in their favourite language, over 20 languages were recorded.

A free shuttle bus was offered as a transportation option between Templeton Skytrain Station and Iona Beach Regional Park. Event participants also arrived by vehicle and bicycle.

ATTACHMENTS

1. "Regional Parks 2026 Work Plan", dated, September 11, 2026.

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Regional Parks Committee 2026 Work Plan

Report Date: September 11, 2026

Priorities

1 st Quarter	Status
Regional Parks Committee Priorities and 2026 Work Plan	Completed
Dog Management Program Review at Pacific Spirit Regional Park	Completed
2026 Regional Parks Capital Program Update #1	Completed
Permitting Alcohol Consumption in Designated Areas of Regional Parks	Completed
Burns Bog Ecological Conservation Area - Delta Nature Reserve Update, and Delta South Surrey Greenway Update Project Definition	Completed
Belcarra South Day Use Area Concept Implementation	Completed
təmtəxʷtən/Belcarra Regional Park – Admiralty Heights Plan- Phase 1 Engagement	Completed
2 nd Quarter	Status
MVRD Consumption of Liquor in Regional Parks Amendment Bylaw	Completed
Filming in MVRD Regional Parks Update	Completed
George Ross Legacy Stewardship Grant Update	Completed
Derby Reach Campground Concept Plan + Implementation	Completed
Metro Vancouver Regional Parks Foundation Invited Presentation	Completed
Visitor Use Management Strategy Update	Completed
Regional Parks Annual Report 2025	Completed
Aquatic Safety in Regional Park (Sasamat Lake)	Completed
Contribution Agreement for Operation of the Kanaka Creek Bell-Irving Hatchery 2027-2029	Completed
Codd Wetland Management Plan- Initiation	Completed
Backcountry Safety Awareness Update	Completed
Draft Burnaby Lake Management Plan	Completed
3 rd Quarter	Status
Regional Parks Buildings Strategy	Completed
Amendment to MVRD Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw 1426	Completed
Natural Resource Management Program Stewardship Program Update	Completed
Regional Parks Fees and Charges 2027	Completed
Derby Reach - Brae Island Park Association Invited Presentation	Completed
Minnekhada Park Association Invited Presentation	Completed
Draft 2027 - 2031 Capital Plan Overview	Completed
2026 Regional Parks Capital Program Update #2	Completed

MVRD Dedication of Land as Regional Park Bylaw	Completed
Park Associations Contribution Agreement Renewal	Completed
4th Quarter	Status
2027 - 2031 Five Year Financial Plan and 2027 Budget	In Progress
2026 Regional Parks Capital Program Update #3	In Progress
CTS Youth Society Update	In Progress
Regional Parks Nature Programs Access Pass	In Progress
Public Programming Strategy Implementation Update	In Progress

Status = Pending, In Progress or Completed