



# 2006 ANNUAL REPORT

VANCOUVER BOARD OF PARKS & RECREATION



## MESSAGE FROM *Chair and General Manager*



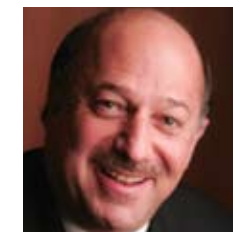
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Welcome to our Annual Report for 2006! It is a great pleasure to bring greetings to you on behalf of the Commissioners and staff of the Vancouver Park Board. This has been an exciting year for us and one of new challenges. We developed key projects for the largest Capital Plan in the history of the Park Board, and the momentum continued towards welcoming the Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. As the year came to a close, we faced the unexpected and daunting task of cleanup and recovery from devastating snow and windstorms that hit Stanley Park and other city parks, gardens and trees.

We set some ambitious goals for 2006, all of which required focus and stability in our financial management. Inspiring and supporting Vancouver's residents to get 20% more physically active by 2010 was an important priority. Other priorities included seeking additional new funding sources, providing more artificial turf fields, renewing facilities and parks, increasing public participation in Park Board decision making and continuing to be an environmental leader through education and by example.

You will find this report full of information about the breadth of work we do in partnership with City Council and staff, community groups, and other agencies and stakeholders – all to bring you the best parks and recreation services possible.

We have included feature stories about residents who both make use of our programs and contribute to them, providing a more personal perspective to the work we do. For the first time, we developed and published performance measures to track our progress, evaluate success and continuously improve. We invite you to take the time to read on to learn about the services that support you, your family and this great city we call home.

Ian Robertson  
*Chair*

Susan Mundick  
*General Manager*



OUR MISSION:

# Provide, preserve and advocate for parks and recreation services to benefit people, communities and the environment.

## HELPING YOU STAY ACTIVE AND CONNECTED

For almost 120 years, the Vancouver Park Board has been building and maintaining a parks and recreation system for a city that is the envy of the world. So much has changed over the last twelve decades! In 1888, we began with one park – Stanley Park. Today we have over 200. Ten of those have been added in just the last ten years.

Our first indoor pool was built in the 1920s and our first community centre opened by 1950. In the 1930s and 40s, the recreation movement gained momentum with a few visionaries who believed that people needed regular exercise and leisure activities to balance their lives. Now, we all know that to stay healthy we have to stay active.

The Park Board continues to provide an ever broadening range of programs and services to residents of all ages, abilities, interests and economic means. We plant and prune the trees that beautify our streets and keep our parks clean and green. We guard our city's bathing beaches and teach kids to swim in our pools. We mentor youth and provide opportunities for them to contribute to their community. We support neighbourhood art projects that help residents connect to their communities. We design fitness programs for those recovering from injury or illness and we work in partnership to organize community events on our parks. We look after renowned destinations such as VanDusen Garden, Bloedel Conservatory and Stanley Park that welcome millions of visitors to our city each year. We work with partners, like Police and Fire, to keep our parks and facilities safer.

Our commitment is to improve on our efforts to adapt to our city's growing and changing needs, and maintain the exceptional parks and recreation system that makes Vancouver one of the most liveable cities in the world.



A large cedar panel was carved by local residents under the direction of artist Doug Baker, Sapeluk, for Kensington Community Centre's entry way.

## OUR ROLE

We are champions of personal and community well-being, connecting neighbours and advocating for ecological sustainability and economic prosperity. We are responsible for:

*People* – leisure and sports, education, arts and culture, youth, children and seniors, ensuring accessibility

*Places* – community centres, rinks, pools, fitness centres, restaurants, concessions, marinas, clubhouses

*Parks* – destination parks, neighbourhood parks, remnant woodlands, beaches, public gardens, play fields, VanDusen Garden, Bloedel Conservatory, golf courses, street trees

## REPORT FOR 2006

The year began with the opening of the first indoor pool built in the city in 25 years – an award-winning, state of the art, fully accessible, “green” facility. It ended with the extensive damage to our beloved Stanley Park, following a powerful windstorm that levelled 45 hectares of forest and downed 10,000 trees, closing the park to the public for the first time in its history. In between, we expanded and renewed community facilities and upgraded parks. We developed better ways to engage the public and our partners, adopted new technologies, improved access to information and expanded our environmental initiatives. New recreation programs were launched, community art projects created and thousands of volunteers worked in our parks and at our facilities to help us deliver the very best in services to our residents and visitors.

This report presents the highlights of 2006 accomplishments and measures our success at meeting our priorities.



Park Rangers act as ambassadors to the millions of visitors to our parks and beaches each year, helping to ensure a pleasant and safe park experience.



A new artificial turf field was opened at Pt. Grey Secondary School / Kerrisdale Park.



Slocan Park's new open air pavilion will provide for tai chi and community events.



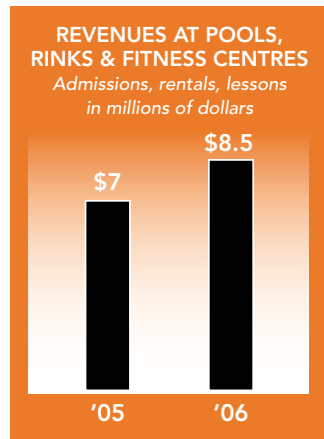
The Hellenic Community of Vancouver donated a new plaza for the redeveloped Quilchena Park.



## SUPPORTING WELLNESS AND STRONG COMMUNITIES

### TRACKING PROGRESS

Park Board neighbourhood facilities continue to offer fun, affordable and accessible recreation. The 21% increase in 2006 revenues reflects greater participation.



Traffic to vancouverparks.ca grew by more than 50% in 2006.



### OUR DIRECTION

The Park Board is committed to keeping Vancouver residents well and healthy. It is our role to ensure that everyone has access to our facilities, parks and services. We want to reduce physical, social, cultural and economic barriers that restrict participation in our programs and services. Because our parks and recreation system has tremendous impact on many people's lives, we encourage everyone to share their opinions and ideas on the decisions we make.

### THE RESULTS OF OUR WORK

- A variety of "active living" programs helped to inspire and support residents of all ages. Active Communities Vancouver was launched to help residents become 20% more physically active by 2010. Residents can find information on the interactive web site that includes maps of more than 40 city walks, calorie counters and other tools for getting fit, event information and more. Go Play! is a city-wide marketing campaign and in 2006 funding was expanded to promote and support activities at pools, rinks and fitness centres. The Get Out! program focuses on increasing youth participation in sports, recreation and arts.
- Staff completed the on line registration system for recreation, improving access to programs and services by allowing residents to sign up and pay from their home computers.
- A citizen-based Dog Strategy Task Force was formed to research and make recommendations around urban dogs to balance the needs of all park users. The Task Force held three public forums to hear concerns and ideas.
- Residents participated in planning for development of Victoria Park, China Creek Park, the 37th Avenue and Oak Street park site and the Olympic venues.
- The Neighbourhood Matching Fund provided financial support for 12 community-inspired projects, such as Riley Park's "Stepping Through our Neighbourhood Project," in which neighbours created circular pebble mosaics to install in the boulevards and in local Grimmert Park.
- Park visitors enjoyed the "Rest and Read" project in which stories written by seniors were affixed to benches in Jericho and Charleson Parks.
- For the first time, the Park Board's Annual Report was printed in Chinese as well as English to share information about our programs and services more broadly to Vancouver's diverse population.



"Our parks and community centres, rinks and pools provide lots of choice for little or no cost. The boys have very different interests and there's also a big age gap, so **we try to do a variety of things together to please everyone.** They can meet other kids and each can play at his own level."

**Thea**, Dunbar neighbourhood mom and parks and recreation enthusiast. (With husband Victor, sons David, 7 and Mark 4).

## FAMILIES PLAYING TOGETHER

Parents playing with their kids is good for everyone. It helps parents de-stress; it helps kids stay active and build good fitness habits. Studies show that children who watch a lot of television and play computer games can tend to become isolated and lose the ability to play and socialize — important foundation skills to becoming well-functioning adults. Active play creates physical, social, emotional and intellectual learning situations for young children.

## PARK BOARD BY THE NUMBERS

Places to meet, learn, be active and have fun...

- 23 community centres; 9 indoor, 6 outdoor pools; 24 fitness centres, 8 rinks have more than 10 million visits/year
- 221 parks totalling 1,302.5 hectares of land, 11% of the city
- 14 million visitors/year or 39,000 visits daily to Stanley Park, Queen Elizabeth Park and VanDusen Garden alone
- 151 children's playgrounds
- 24 food concessions and restaurants in parks
- 50 hectares of new park land since 1990
- 20 heritage buildings



### BC RECREATION AND PARKS ASSOCIATION

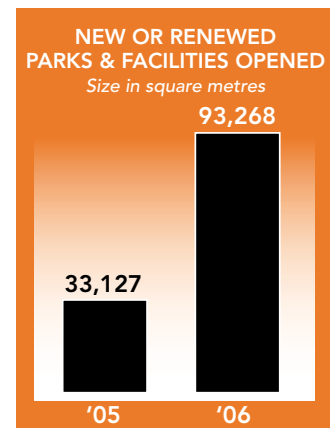
- Everett Crowley Management Plan – **Environmental Leadership Award**  
Involving strong community input and partnerships



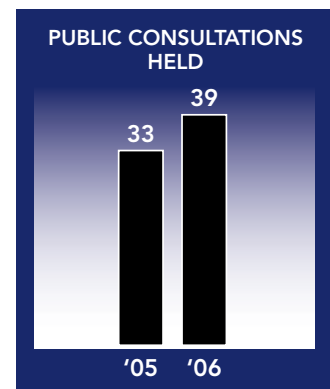
## PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE: RENEWING GREENSPACE AND RECREATION FACILITIES

### TRACKING PROGRESS

Increasing the number of parks and recreation facilities allows the Park Board to address the increasing demands of a growing city.



As a cornerstone of decision making, residents are invited to be part of discussions around park and facility development.



### OUR DIRECTION

The Park Board maintains over 200 parks and 220 buildings around our city. These include community centres, pools, rinks, clubhouses, playgrounds and sport fields. We have completed long term plans to renew many of our aging recreation facilities and each year capital funds are budgeted for some of these improvements. We also continue to acquire new parkland, improve parks and park amenities and balance the preservation of environmental assets with enhanced recreation opportunities. Our goal is to stay on schedule with these plans to accommodate population growth and meet the changing needs of our residents. We also committed to use the most sustainable “green building” technologies whenever possible and take advantage of the legacy opportunities created through the 2010 Winter Games.

### THE RESULTS OF OUR WORK: RECREATION FACILITIES

- The first new indoor pool in 25 years was opened. The award-winning \$11 million Killarney Leisure Pool was built to high environmental standards and features ozone treated water; play features like the “lazy river” and a giant slide; wheelchair access points to both the leisure and lap pool; natural light and magnificent views of the North Shore mountains.
- Construction of the new Sunset Community Centre at Main and 51st Avenue is moving along and slated to open in fall 2007. It will replace one of the oldest centres in the city. The project, built to LEED\* Gold level, includes geo-thermal heating technologies for the building and domestic water heating needs.
- A new community centre for Mount Pleasant, also a LEED Gold building, is under construction. Work continued through 2006. It is part of the Civic Centre being built at Main and Kingsway that will open in spring 2008.
- Funding solutions and designs were developed for the Olympic curling venue at Hillcrest Park which will be converted to a multi-purpose recreation complex after the Games end. This complex will replace the Riley Park Community Centre and Rink and the aging Percy Norman Pool.
- Planning and preparations were underway for the redevelopment of the Trout Lake and Killarney Ice Rinks for use as the 2010 Winter Games practice venues and afterwards become part of the event’s legacy for the local communities.

\* Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design – a voluntary, consensus-based national standard for developing high performance, sustainable buildings.



#### CITY OF VANCOUVER

- Stanley Park Rose Cottage – **Heritage Award of Recognition**  
Restoration of the rustic 1932 Arts and Crafts style building



“I love the pool, it is helping me to stay active and spend time with my friends. The staff are very friendly — they show us how to do special water exercises and how to use the pool equipment.”

**Malkiat**, senior and Killarney Pool regular. (Seated from left Malkiat and Bakhshish. Standing, from left Sisso, Amarjit).

## KEEPING ACTIVE – AGING WELL

Swimming is one of the best forms of exercise for older adults because it provides a great low impact cardio workout. The muscles used in swimming are from all the major muscle groups – abdominal, biceps, triceps, gluteals, hamstrings and quadriceps. Swimming keeps hip, neck, shoulder and limbs flexible and is excellent for those recovering from joint or back injuries. Committing to an exercise program with friends improves the odds of sticking with it.

## PARK BOARD BY THE NUMBERS

Places for every sport enthusiast...

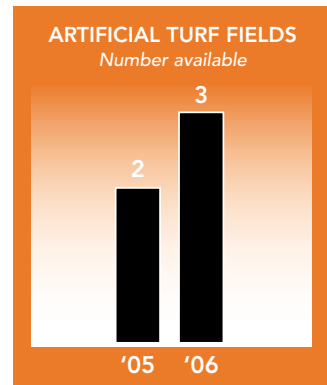
- 3 full length golf courses, 3 pitch and putts
- 273 playing fields
- 181 tennis courts
- 67 other sport courts
- 7 cricket pitches
- 2 marinas
- 6 skateboard parks
- 8.8 km Stanley Park seawall
- 18 km of beaches



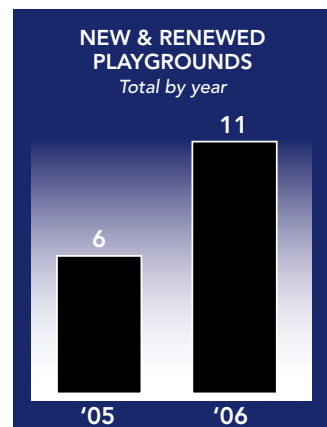
## PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE: RENEWING GREENSPACE AND RECREATION FACILITIES

### TRACKING PROGRESS

The Park Board works closely with the Vancouver School Board and other community sports groups to maximize field use.



Continual replacement of playgrounds keeps these important neighbourhood amenities safe and contemporary.



#### CANADIAN SOCIETY OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

- *Harbour Green Park Phase II* – **Regional Merit Award**  
Longest continuous waterfront park in downtown area
- *George Wainborn Park* – **National Citation for Outstanding Achievement Award**  
Spectacular greenspace on False Creek
- *Salmon Stream in Stanley Park* – **National Merit Award**  
Demonstration stream and joint venture of Park Board and Vancouver Aquarium

### THE RESULTS OF OUR WORK: GREENSPACE

- Quilchena Park was reopened with a new skateboard facility with input from neighbourhood skateboarders. New pathways, a formal entrance plaza, trees and benches, improved drainage and a plaza funded by Vancouver's Hellenic community are additions that make the park more usable all year.
- East Vancouver's Falaise Park was redeveloped, featuring a new wetland area that provides an environment where native plants and wildlife can thrive.
- A new multi-use pavilion was added to Slocan Park that provides a space for daily tai chi groups and neighbourhood events. This feature completes the park renewal plan endorsed by the community.
- Playgrounds were redeveloped around the city in Robson, Tea Swamp, Charleson, CRAB/Portside, Killarney, Trafalgar, Cariboo, Slocan, Pandora, Connaught and David Lam Parks, supporting active play for young children.
- A new artificial turf field was opened on Point Grey Secondary School/Kerrisdale Park, a joint project of the Park Board and the Vancouver School Board to meet the growing needs of field users and increase participation in sports.
- The major windstorms that hit Stanley Park in December caused significant destruction but provided unexpected opportunities. Individuals, corporations and all three levels of government quickly rallied to aid in the park's recovery by pledging over \$9 million towards a restoration plan. The plan, shaped by input from the community and a broad range of experts, focuses on creating a healthier, more resilient west coast forest.
- The redevelopment of the Queen Elizabeth Park Plaza was substantially completed and opened for public access in December. Upgrades included a year round Celebration Pavilion for weddings and other special events bookings; seven tai chi arbours and a decorative fountain for the plaza area.
- The development of the 0.4 hectare park site at Osler Street and 72nd Avenue, which included three trellised entry plazas; an impressive playground; a meditative seating area and a dry stream bed, was largely completed in 2006.
- The Friends of Victoria Park are one of our many ParkPartner groups that support volunteer stewardship, park safety, neighbourhood events and educational programs in our parks. This group took the lead to improve their local green space by cleanups and advocating for upgrades to beautify the park, make it more accessible, enhance the playground area and improve the bocce courts.
- Public consultation for Nelson Park improvements was completed and a plan approved to include new walkways, seating, lighting entry plazas, a playground, an enclosed off leash dog area and a community garden.



"Jericho Park is a big part of my life. **It is not just a park, it is "our" park.** I feel a personal responsibility to it. We want it to be a place where wildlife will thrive and we can be close to nature — in as natural a state as possible."

**Dawn**, Jericho Park Stewardship Group volunteer.

### PEOPLE IN PARKS

Our parks are the "green heart" of our city. They keep the city, its communities and its residents in balance. City-dwellers need to get close to nature to counteract the stresses and demands of urban life and Vancouver's parks fill that need. They are places where we meet our neighbours, take our kids to play and our dogs to walk. Parks provide opportunities for community building — through volunteer activities, planning a neighbourhood event, playing sports and participating in celebrations. These shared experiences strengthen ties and build understanding and tolerance.

### ●●● PARK BOARD BY THE NUMBERS

Keeping Vancouver beautiful and green...

- 1 plant nursery; 1 tree farm
- 80,000 bulbs planted each fall for spring displays
- 134,000 street trees valued at \$500 million
- 1.5 million park trees
- 2,200 staff at peak season
- 5.5 million ladybugs released last year into park and street trees to reduce aphid infestations
- 40 tons of garbage removed from our beaches during the annual fireworks event



## STRIVING FOR SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES AND A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT

### TRACKING PROGRESS

Sustainable products were introduced by the Park Board in 2006.

- Green certified janitorial cleaning and paper supplies
- Biodegradable, compostable food containers at concessions
- 100% post consumer recycled paper for letterhead and business cards

Park Board environmental programs saved water and energy in 2006.

- 30% reduction in water use from conversion of fields irrigation to radio control – 18 million Imperial gallons
- 90 tonnes of greenhouse gases reduction in energy use from new heat exchanger at Vancouver Aquatic Centre

### OUR DIRECTION

The preservation and enhancement of the natural environment are core responsibilities of the Park Board. We are pursuing a more sustainable and climate friendly approach to providing programs and services. Twenty years ago, we led the way by dramatically reducing the use of pesticides on our parks. Today, we strive to evaluate everything we do according to the latest information on sustainable concepts and practices. We want to ensure that the next generations are left a healthy parks and recreation legacy.

### THE RESULTS OF OUR WORK

- The Park Board helped promote the new City by-law that restricts the use of chemicals on private property, thereby supporting a healthier environment.
- A comprehensive management and stewardship plan for the 185-nest Stanley Park heron colony was developed with the support of the Stanley Park Ecology Society.
- Fair trade agricultural products such as coffee, sugar and chocolate bars were part of the new Ethical Purchasing Policy adopted by the Park Board for concessions and clubhouses. More sustainable products were used in operations.
- Energy costs were reduced throughout the parks and recreation system because of initiatives such as heat recovery systems, and the use of LED lights for holiday displays.
- Staff began compiling an inventory and maps of the natural areas in parks, including ravines, woodlands, streams, creeks, lakes and marshes to support the acquisition, restoration and conservation of these areas.
- The number of Park Rangers on duty over the summer months has almost tripled since the program began seven years ago to assist visitors and reduce safety concerns in our major parks.
- Over 2,000 community volunteers and neighbourhood partners celebrated Earth Day with tree plantings and other activities.
- Through the Grow Natural Program, the Park Board offered information and products to help residents control chafer beetle infestations.



#### BC LANDSCAPE AND NURSERY ASSOCIATION

- English Bay Shoreline Protection Project – Environmental Stewardship Award  
Erosion control at Kitsilano, Jericho and Spanish Bank beaches



“My life is very busy, but I am very committed to supporting my community centre — it is an important part of my life. We play basketball, use the Youth Room for movies and other activities. It’s a safe, relaxed place to be with friends and make new ones.”

Sherman, student and Douglas Park Community Association board member and volunteer.

## YOUTH AT THE FOREFRONT

Empowering youth creates opportunities for them to take a role in the programs and services that affect them at an individual and a community level. Through meaningful participation they learn the skills needed in their adult life. Volunteering and other community activities break down generational barriers; improve overall civic participation by involving citizens from a young age; teach leadership skills and help overcome negative stereotypes about young people.

## PARK BOARD BY THE NUMBERS

### Fun Facts from 2006...

- 200 young herons left their nests at the Stanley Park Heronry
- 60,312 hot dogs were served at concessions
- 202,963 ice cream bars and popsicles were sold
- more than 400 film and TV programs were shot in our parks
- 2,000 gallons of paint were used by staff for facilities maintenance
- 300,000 rounds of golf were played on our golf courses
- 34 evenings of free dance instruction were provided through Dance at Dusk in Stanley Park

### Other Fun Facts...

- 2,800 swimmers could fit into Second Beach Pool
- 30 lifeguard boats, some dating back to the 1940s, are launched each summer
- over 100 free-flying exotic birds call Bloedel Floral Conservatory home

OUR PRIORITY:

# Maximize available funds, explore new revenue sources and demonstrate financial accountability.

## FINANCIALS

### OPERATING BUDGET

The Park Board's operating budget, \$91.2 million in 2006, pays for day-to-day recreation and parks programs, as well as for care and maintenance of more than 3,000 acres of open space and over 40 acres of enclosed space. We have two sources of funding: tax support and user fees and charges. In 2006, the City of Vancouver contributed 60.5% of the Park Board operating budget, with user fees and charges making up the remaining 39.5%.

Revenues generated from business operations such as parking, golf, marinas and food operations help to subsidize the delivery of other parks and recreation programs. Special thanks to our partners such as restaurant owners, parking operators and community groups for their

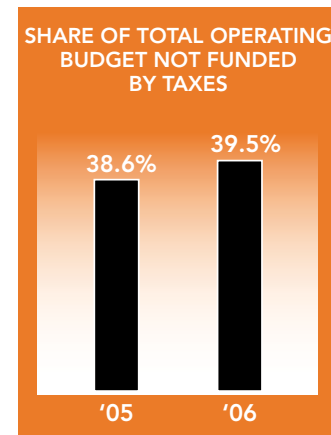
financial contribution and for providing valued services in our parks and community centres.

New and innovative initiatives were implemented in 2006 to explore and maximize funding sources:

- A more entrepreneurial strategy for food concessions in parks will provide better financial returns and renewal of aging facilities.
- A new corporate sponsorship contract will provide funding for programs and projects over the next 10 years.
- Additional marketing initiatives for recreation and golf programs will improve service and revenues.
- The fundraising and development program raised more than \$1 million through donations.

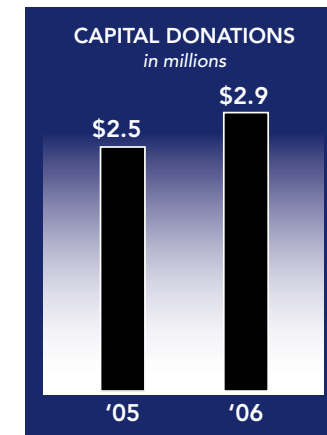
### TRACKING PROGRESS

The Park Board works to reduce its reliance on taxes and increase revenues from user fees and business operations.



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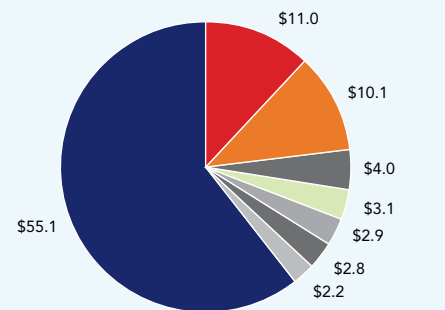
Financial contributions from community groups and governments allow the Park Board to do more with less dependence on municipal taxes.



### CAPITAL BUDGET

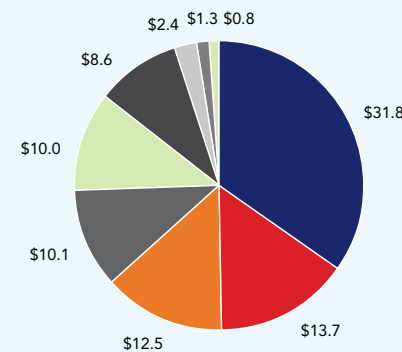
Capital spending is needed to acquire, construct, maintain and renew the Park Board's large and diverse system of buildings and open spaces. Most of the improvements undertaken are funded through the City's three year Capital Plan which is approved by Council and supported by residents. For the period 2006 to 2008, the Park Board Capital Plan totals \$103 million. The plan is split 25% for parks, 25% for recreation and 50% for major construction for the 2010 Winter Games that will leave a legacy of new community facilities.

Each year, the Board approves an annual capital budget which outlines the projects to be undertaken that year from the approved plan. In 2006, the capital expenditures totalled \$17.3 million for a number of significant parks and recreation projects.



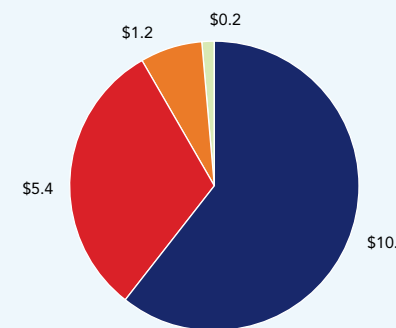
WHERE OUR MONEY CAME FROM (in millions)

Community Centres, Pools, Rinks, Fitness	\$11.0
Golf Courses (including Pitch & Putt)	10.1
Parking	4.0
Concessions	3.1
Leases & Other	2.9
Stanley Park, VanDusen, Bloedel	2.8
Marinas	2.2
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$36.1</b>
City of Vancouver	\$55.1
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$91.2</b>



WHERE OUR MONEY WAS SPENT (in millions)

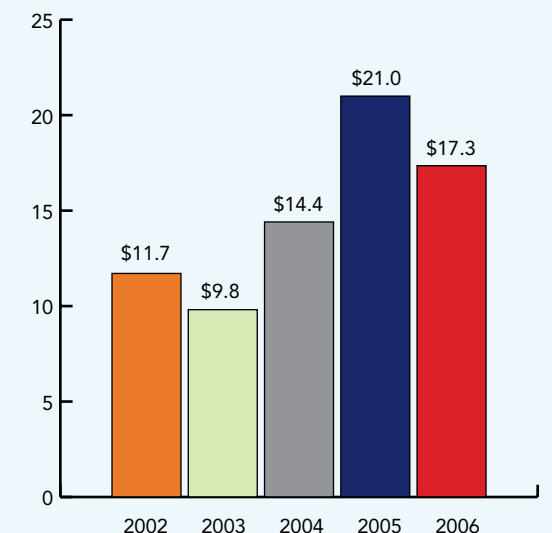
Community Centres, Pools, Rinks, Fitness	\$31.8
Neighbourhood Parks & Arboriculture	13.7
Maintenance	12.5
Administration, Planning, Leases	10.1
Golf Courses (including Pitch & Putt)	10.0
Stanley Park, VanDusen, Bloedel	8.6
Concessions	2.4
Marinas	1.3
Parking	0.8
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$91.2</b>



2006 CAPITAL EXPENDITURES (in millions)

Facility Development	\$10.5
Park Development	5.4
Overhead (Project Management & Admin)	1.2
Land Acquisition & Planning	0.2
<b>Total Program Expenditures</b>	<b>\$17.3</b>

ANNUAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES (in millions)  
Five Year History



SUPPORT PARKS AND RECREATION:

**Together** we can **help** make an enduring and authentic **difference.**

**DONATIONS**

We are our parks. They help define us, declare where we stand, and how we stand apart from other places. Today, thanks to the vision of those before us, we stand out quite proudly.

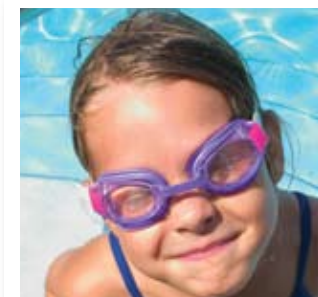
The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation has a scope and vitality most cities can only dream of. Our green spaces, gardens, urban forests, swimming pools and playing fields are truly the city's back yard – an environment where we play and rejuvenate within. Parks bring us together and together we can make a difference.

There are many ways you can continue to keep this vision alive, such as volunteering at your local community centre or by making a financial contribution. Donations help to provide much needed park amenities, develop and support new community programs, enhance recreation facilities and continue the restoration of valuable green spaces and preservation of historic sites throughout the city.

**LEAVING A LEGACY IN YOUR COMMUNITY**

In 2006, the Park Board established an endowment program which provides sustainable funding for green space conservation and park and recreation programming. You can help grow the endowment and support the future of our parks through a planned gift made as part of your overall financial plan such as an outright gift of cash, transfer of securities or a bequest. Such endowments allow you and your family to create a legacy for your community. Your legacy will provide a meaningful and long-term impact for future generations who will benefit from your own foresight and generosity.

Financial contributions to Canadian Municipalities are tax deductible. For more information, please contact the Fundraising and Development office: 604-718-5888, donations@vancouver.ca.



**WHERE FAMILIES GET TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE**

To celebrate 100 years of living in Vancouver and three generations of get-togethers at their favourite family picnic site at Third Beach, Mr. and Mrs.

Beedie established the Keith and Betty Beedie Conservation Endowment for Stanley Park. This endowment provides for the ongoing conservation and preservation of Stanley Park for future generations. To recognize their support, a plaque was placed on a nearby bench which will be maintained for the family in perpetuity. The Park Board is grateful for this wonderful and lasting gift.

"We love Stanley Park and wanted a permanent legacy for our current and future family members, and all who love this beautiful park."



Ms. Shideh Khorasheh

**WHERE WATER HOLDS ONE'S HEART**

Taking solace in a book of poems about the restorative significance of "water", Shideh's wish for her late husband Mehrdad was to develop a lasting

legacy where water was the theme. Four years ago, they were married at the Rose Garden in Stanley Park and so it seemed fitting for Shideh to fund a drinking fountain nearby. A small plaque pays tribute to Mehrdad who made this his favourite park after settling here from his native Iran. Water - pure and eternal. It will restore and quench the thirst of park visitors for years to come. The Park Board is grateful for Shideh's delightful and generous gift to Stanley Park.

"A much needed water fountain in the Stanley Park Rose Garden seemed the perfect way to remember my beloved husband."

**CONTRIBUTORS**

We would like to extend our sincerest appreciation to everyone who invests in their community by donating to Vancouver Parks. Following is a list of individuals, corporations, community groups and foundations who generously contributed in 2006.

**The following endowments were established thanks to the generosity of these families:**

- KEITH AND BETTY BEEDIE *Conservation Endowment for Stanley Park*
- AYNSLEY PHELPS *Conservation Endowment for Stanley Park*
- STAN AND NORINE JOHNSON *Endowment for Recreation*

**\$100,000+**

Anonymous (1)

**\$10,000 - \$49,999**

Anonymous (2)

- David & Mary Anne Bell Family & Friends of the Late Renee Brunette
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## inukshuk lighting ceremony

A dramatic fire dance accompanied by drumming culminated in the lighting of Vancouver's landmark Inukshuk on English Bay on March 1, 2006, as part of the annual count down celebrations to 2010. More than 1,000 people, including 200 school choir performers from Elsie Roy Elementary School, participated in the sunset illumination ceremony. The 20 foot tall granite Inuit sculpture was the inspiration for the Official Emblem of the Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. It was a gift to the City of Vancouver from the Northwest Territories following EXPO '86 and was moved to its present location in English Bay Park in 1987.

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