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To: "Direct to Mayor and Council"

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Subject: Memo to Mayor and Council - Decorative Water Features Repairs Update - June 16 2025

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Dear Mayor and Council,

The attached memo from Steve Jackson, GM, Parks and Recreation, provides a progress update on the repair status of prioritized decorative water features as per the Water Action Priority Plan approved by the Park Board on December 11, 2023. A status update was presented to the Park Board commissioners on June 2, 2025.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Steve Jackson at steve.jackson@vancouver.ca

Best

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The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the x m ̓k ̓ y m (Musqueam), S wxwú7mesh (Squamish), and s lilw ̓ ta (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.



June 16, 2025

MEMO TO Mayor and Council

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FROM Steve Jackson
General Manager, Parks and Recreation

SUBJECT Decorative Water Features Repairs Update

RTS #: N/A

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This memo provides a progress update on the repair status of prioritized decorative water features as per the [Water Action Priority Plan](#) approved by the Park Board on December 11, 2023. A status update was [presented](#) to the Park Board commissioners on June 2, 2025.

Background

With the approval of the Water Action Priority Plan, the Board directed staff to repair 11 decorative water features across the parks network which include water fountains, waterfalls and ponds within the available funding limits. The repairs scope is a collaborative effort between the Park Board, REFM, and external consultants and contractors.

Repair Status

The table below summarizes the current repair status and estimated timelines for completion listed in order of anticipated completion dates:

Decorative Water Feature	Status	Estimated Completion
Granville Loop Fountain	Complete	Q1 2025
VanDusen Rectangular Pond	Complete	Q2 2025
Nelson Park Fountain	Complete	Q2 2025
Queen Elizabeth Park Dancing Waters Fountain	Construction	Q2 2025



Memorial South Pond	Construction	Q4 2025
David Lam Fountain	Short-term Activation (Planters)	Q4 2025
Queen Elizabeth Park Waterfall	Tender	Q1 2026
Cathedral Square Park Fountain	Tender	Q1 2026
Emery Barnes Park Fountain	Tender	Q1 2026
Marina Square Fountain	Tender	Q1 2026
Cardero Park Fountain	Tender	Q1 2026

Other Sites

Five 'once-through' fountains are excepted from City by-laws as per the [May 31, 2023 Council motion](#) in response to the [May 5, 2023 Staff Report](#): Helmcken Park, Haro & Bute Street, Barclay Heritage Square, Davis (Pacific & Jervis), and Laurel Street Landbridge. The mechanical and plumbing systems of these fountains are maintained by REFM and are in varying condition, but they are all currently operational.

There are 15 other decorative water features which remain non-operational due to non-conformance with City by-laws. These sites have informational signage in place to explain their status to residents.

At this time, there is no funding available to upgrade these five excepted fountains or the other decorative water features. Staff will seek funding in the 2027-2030 Capital Plan to support additional rehabilitation, decommissioning, and conversion projects.

Regards,

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