

SAFE, CLEAN PARKS FOR FAMILIES AND SENIORS

OUR PLAN TO CLEAN UP VANCOUVER'S
PARKS, AND INVEST IN THE LONG-
TERM HEALTH OF OUR PARKS AND
RECREATION FACILITIES

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4 IMMEDIATE STEPS to clean up Vancouver's parks

1. **Extended hours of the Park Ranger program.** Park Rangers are generally off duty after 8:00 p.m., and we would bring in extended hours. Vancouver's Park Rangers help our citizens feel safe when using our parks, and help connect some of our most vulnerable with the services they need.
2. **Improved cleanliness of parks with** more litter bins, and greater frequency of collection and park sweeps by sanitation teams.
3. **Establish a Response Plan for the most vulnerable,** which will outline the steps that a Park Ranger can take to refer vulnerable residents, including people suffering from homelessness, addiction and/or mental health, to the support systems they require. Advocate to senior levels of government to provide these resources.
4. **Improve accessibility and safety** of our parks with better signage, and lighting in dark places. Where the parks are shared spaces with schools (such as Crosstown and Strathcona), clearly communicate with signage that these are safe school spaces for children.



INVESTING IN THE LONG-TERM HEALTH OF OUR PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES



1. **Confirm and protect the independence of the Park Board**, and work toward a dedicated budget with annual increases that ensures the maintenance and expansion of our green spaces, and keeps user fees under control. This will help us take even better care of our public spaces, attracting more visitors who drive our economy, and improving enjoyment of shared spaces.
2. Invest in rejuvenating Vancouver's **neighbourhood community centres**, swimming pools, and other recreational infrastructure.
3. Building on the **VanSplash Aquatic Strategy**, prioritize additional outdoor and indoor swimming pools while working toward safer, cleaner beaches.
4. **Place the Arbutus Greenway under Park Board jurisdiction** so that this space can be enjoyed by all of our citizens to the full extent possible.
5. **Establish a Vancouver Parks Foundation**, to enable philanthropic and private sector financial support for our parks and recreation facilities.