

## **Michael Wiebe Joins Metro Vancouver Regional Parks Foundation as Director of Development and Philanthropy**

**Metro Vancouver BC, March 12th, 2024:** Metro Vancouver Regional Parks Foundation proudly welcomes Michael Wiebe as its new Director of Development and Philanthropy. Born and raised on the unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations, Wiebe's upbringing instilled in him a profound dedication to community development and environmental stewardship.

As Principal of WELL Strategies and former Vancouver City Councillor, Wiebe has been a driving force behind transformative initiatives. Notably, he tripled the Parks acquisition budget (as evidenced by the [Regional Greenways 2050 Plan](#)) and played a pivotal role in crafting impactful small business policies. During his tenure as Chair of the Vancouver Park Board, he spearheaded efforts to restore natural watershed systems and biodiversity. Now, drawing upon a decade of dedicated work and experience, Wiebe is poised to leverage his expertise to enhance equitable access to regional parks, expand urban canopy cover, and foster greater connectivity among communities through regional greenways. His vision includes championing the preservation of more natural spaces for the wellbeing of all residents. With Michael joining the team, Metro Vancouver Regional Parks Foundation will continue to make significant strides in enhancing the quality of life for communities across the region.

Wiebe's extensive involvement in diverse organizations and committees underscores his commitment to enhancing community vitality and inclusivity. Over eight years, he championed the Accessible City Framework as a member of the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Group. His dedication to diversity, equity, and accessibility is evident in his multifaceted engagement, which includes serving on committees such as the Indigenous Peoples Advisory Group, the 2SLGBTQ+ Advisory Group, and the Vancouver Bird Advisory Committee.

Recognized for his entrepreneurial acumen and strategic foresight, he is equipped to elevate the Foundation's mission further, driving positive change while safeguarding Metro Vancouver's natural beauty.

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