



Florence B. *Wager* AWARDS

Julie Hannon *The Leading Eagle*

Julie Hannon has spent over 30 years working in Parks and Recreation, committing her life to exceptional parks, trails, and recreational programs wherever she has lived. Now with the City of Vancouver for more than nine years, she has worked to build equity-focused partnerships to create, steward, protect, and advocate for Vancouver's greatest assets – Parks, Trails, and open spaces.

"I'm not here to be average, I'm here to be exceptional!" That is the quote that sits on Julie's desk and describes her enthusiasm and commitment to the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Department for the City of Vancouver. Her vision and optimism have driven the department to meet the demands of growing the open spaces across the city. She has brought stability and optimism to the organization for day-to-day operations. Her outstanding leadership for the Waterfront Park and Pier Project has resulted in a world-class public space and is a shining example of what cities can do to benefit their residents. Julie is community-minded, playful at heart, and willing to go above and beyond to deliver an outstanding parks and trails system to the people of Vancouver.

Cody Goldberg, executive director of Harper's Playground had this to say:

"Julie brings boundless energy, unwavering work ethic, and a true passion to provide the best parks, trails, recreation programs, and cultural services in Vancouver. She is tenacious and has profound knowledge of her profession. She is an inspirational leader to her staff and a supportive and dedicated community partner."

The Parks Foundation is honored to present the Leading Eagle award to Julie Hannon.

