



CHAIR'S REPORT

Park Board Committee Meeting
May 15, 2017



Apr 12: Out for Breakfast

Coast Hotel



Commissioner Kirby-Yung attended Out for Breakfast hosted by Out in Schools, which advocates for safer and inclusive learning environments through film.

Apr 15: The VCBF Big Picnic

Queen Elizabeth Park



Commissioner Coupar attended The Big Picnic at Queen Elizabeth Park with Cherry Blossom Festival Executive Director Linda Poole.

Apr 19: Opening of VPL né'ca?mat ct Strathcona Branch

730 East Hastings St.



Commissioners Evans and Kirby-Yung attended the official opening of VPL né'ca?mat ct Strathcona Branch, along with First Nations representatives and VPL Chief Librarian Sandra Singh.

Apr 21: Unveiling of Helena Gutteridge Plaque

City Hall



HELENA GUTTERIDGE
(1879-1960)

This feminist reformer forged alliances among diverse groups to effect critical social and political benefits for women and workers. She brought female wage earners like herself into Canada's mostly middle-class suffrage movement, implementing lessons learned while campaigning for voting rights in Great Britain. After immigrating to Vancouver in 1921, she became the first woman elected to the Vancouver City Council in 1937.

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Cette féministe réformatrice a forgé des alliances entre divers groupes en faveur de changements politiques et sociaux pour les femmes et les travailleurs. Forte de son expérience au sein des suffragettes en Grande-Bretagne, elle encourage l'adhésion de salariées comme elle à la lutte pour le droit de vote. Après son immigration à Vancouver en 1921, elle est devenue la première femme élue au conseil municipal de Vancouver en 1937.

Chair Wiebe and Commissioner Evans attended the unveiling of commemorative plaque of Helena Gutteridge, the first female to be elected to Vancouver City Council in 1937.

Apr 22: Earth Day

Everett Crowley Park



Chair Wiebe and Commissioners Kirby-Yung and Mackinnon participated in Earth Day with City Councillor Geoff Meggs and Abdul Shaikh from the Everett Crowley Park Committee.

Apr 22: Earth Day

Stanley Park



Photo Credit: Michael Schmidt Photography

Commissioner Evans shared a few remarks at the Earth Day celebration hosted by Stanley Park Ecology Society. Joining her was SPES Executive Director Patricia Thomson, MLA Spencer Chandra-Herbert, and Lauraleigh Paul from SPES.

Apr 22: Challenger Field Opening

Hillcrest Park



Commissioners attended the official opening of the Variety Challenger Field at Hillcrest Park with partners from the City of Vancouver, Variety Children's Charity, Jays Care Baseball Foundation, Vancouver Canadians and Challenger Baseball BC.

Apr 24: Vancouver Heritage Awards

Steel Toad Brewpub



Chair Wiebe and Commissioner Kirby-Yung attended the 2017 Heritage Award, along with Vincent Kwan, Executive Director of Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden.

Apr 26: Canada 150+ Launch

Bill Reid Gallery



Chair Wiebe and Commissioners Evans and Kirby-Yung attended the Canada 150+ launch event at Bill Reid Gallery, along with Park Board staff jil weaving.

Apr 27: Meeting with the City Manager

City Hall



Chair Wiebe met with the City Manager, Sadhu Johnson at their quarterly meeting.

Apr 29-30: Tree Sale

Hillcrest Park



Commissioners attended the tree sale at Hillcrest Park. Commissioner Mackinnon with Park Board staff Dana McDonald, along with Commissioners Crawford and Kirby-Yung.

Apr 30: Plant Sale

VanDusen Botanical Garden



Commissioner Mackinnon stopped by VanDusen Garden's annual plant sale. Joining him was City Councillor Adriane Carr and her husband Paul George.

May 2: Proclamation of Child Care and Early Learning Month City Hall



Commissioner Evans attended the Proclamation of Child Care and Early Learning Month in the City of Vancouver. With children from YMCA.

May 3: Chinatown Reunion Banquet

Floata Restaurant



Commissioners Kirby-Yung and Mackinnon attended a community dinner organized by the Vancouver Chinatown Foundation.

Joining them was historian Judy Maxwell and Assistant City Manager Wendy Au.

May 5: Jane's Walk

Southeast False Creek



Commissioner Mackinnon took a stroll on the seawall during Jane's Walk. Joining him was Park Board biologist Nick Page, and Doug Smith, Director of Sustainability.

May 6: Bird Week Launch

Roundhouse Community Centre



Chair Wiebe launched Vancouver Bird Week and Birds in the 604 exhibition at the Roundhouse in partnership with students from Langara Design Formation.

May 6: Youth Week Vancouver Skateboard Competition

Downtown Skateboard Plaza



Chair Wiebe and Commissioner Evans dropped by Youth Week Vancouver Skateboard Competition. Joining them were Jesse Oye, Skateboard Coalition, Cara Fisher, City Engineering, and Sasha van Stavel, Park Board.

May 7: BMO Vancouver Races

Queen Elizabeth Park and Stanley Park



Chair Wiebe and Vice Chair Shum welcomed athletes to the annual BMO Vancouver races in Vancouver's two destination parks.

May 7: Walk So Kids Can Talk

David Lam Park



Vice Chair Shum welcomed participants to the Walk So Kids Can Talk charity event. Joining her was Harry Wierenga, Kids Help Phone's Director of BC and Yukon.

May 8: West End Walking Tour

West End



Commissioners Crawford and Kirby-Yung participated in the walking tour of the West End. Joining them were members of West End Families in Action.

May 10: Move for Health Day

Roundhouse Community Centre



Vice Chair Shum shared a few words at the Move for Health Day.
Commissioner Mackinnon also attended the event.
Joining them were Park Board staff, Diana Vanderveen and Donnie Rosa.

May 13: Roundhouse Community Centre 20th Anniversary

Roundhouse Community Centre



Commissioners Coupar and Kirby-Yung dropped into the Roundhouse Community Centre's 20th anniversary celebration.

May 13: Chinatown's Designation as National Historic Site

Floata Restaurant



Commissioners celebrated Chinatown's designation as a national historic site. Commissioners Coupar, Crawford, Kirby-Yung, MLA George Chow, and Commissioner Mackinnon (left to right).

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Commissioners celebrated Chinatown's designation as a national historic site. Commissioners Coupar, Kirby-Yung, Chair Wiebe, Parks Canada CEO Daniel Watson, Vice Chair Shum and Parks Canada staff (left to right).

May 13: Public Engagement for VanPlay

David Lam Park



Commissioners dropped by VanPlay public engagement. Commissioner Kirby-Yung, Park Board staff Donnie Rosa and Michelle Larigakis, Commissioner Coupar, Chair Wiebe and staff Katherine Howard (left to right).

May 13: Fairmont Mother's Day Run

Ceperley Park



Vice Chair Shum welcomed participants to the annual Fairmont Mother's Day Run at Ceperley Park. With event organizers.