



January 25, 2018

TO: Park Board Chair and Commissioners
FROM: General Manager - Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation
SUBJECT: Special Events Calendar 2018 - Major Events

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Vancouver Park Board receive the 2018 Calendar of Major Special Events as information (see Appendix A).

POLICY

The Park Board compiles an annual list of major special events scheduled to take place over the coming year. In addition, the Park Board reviews and approves new major special events, as well as changes or revisions to existing major special events. The organization's current [Special Event Guidelines](#) were approved by the Board in [December 2003](#).

BACKGROUND

Major special events are defined as events which can have a sizable impact on public access to park space or the surrounding neighbourhood. The Park Board's Special Event Guidelines set out the application process for event organizers, define the process for evaluation and selection, and inform event terms and conditions (e.g. notification requirements, sponsorship, vending, alcohol service, ticketing, etc.).

Large scale events which impact locations outside of Park Board jurisdiction are coordinated in conjunction with the City's Festival Expediting Staff Team Committee (FEST Committee). FEST Committee members include the VPD, VF&RS, BC Ambulance Service, BC Liquor Control and Licensing Branch, City Special Events, Traffic Management and Park Board Special Events staff. The FEST Committee also reports to City Council with an annual calendar of major special events.

DISCUSSION

The 2018 Calendar of Major Special Events has been included for the Board's information (see Appendix A). The Calendar is based on events which have confirmed their intention to move forward in 2018 at the time this report was prepared. Also included in the Calendar are annual special events which have been approved in past years but which do not yet have confirmed dates for 2018.

SUMMARY

Large scale special events activate public spaces, foster community connectedness, enhance the vibrancy of our city, and provide enriching cultural experiences. The numerous festivals and celebrations held each year attract hundreds of thousands of Vancouverites and visitors to our local parks and beaches. Many of these events also generate important economic benefits by supporting increased tourism and enabling fundraising opportunities for many community organizations.

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**VANCOUVER BOARD OF PARKS & RECREATION
2018 CALENDAR OF MAJOR SPECIAL EVENTS**

** events denoted in bold text require road closures in Stanley Park; additional details are provided at the end of Appendix A*

EVENT	SITE	ORGANIZATION	START DATE	END DATE	VENDING (V)
					SOL (S)
					TICKETED (T)
Polar Bear Swim	English Bay	Vancouver Aquatic Centre	1-Jan	1-Jan	
City Tree Chipping Event	Kerrisdale Park Kitsilano Park John Hendry Park English Bay	City of Vancouver	6-Jan	7-Jan	
Winter Farmer's Market	Hillcrest Parking Lot	Local Farmers Market Society	6-Jan	21-Apr	V & S
Oppenheimer Christmas Dinner	Oppenheimer Park	Oppenheimer Park Christmas Dinner Fund	27-Jan	27-Jan	
MEC Vancouver Race ONE	Devonian Park	Mountain Equipment Coop	28-Jan	28-Jan	
First Half Half Marathon	Roundhouse Turntable Plaza English Bay Seawall Stanley Park Seawall McBride Park	Pacific Roadrunners	11-Feb	11-Feb	
Spring Festival Celebration	Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Garden Plaza	Chinese Benevolent Association	17-Feb	18-Feb	
BMO St. Patrick's Day 5km Run	Stanley Park East	The Running Room	17-Mar	17-Mar	
Bard on the Beach	Vanier Park Fest Site	Bard on the Beach	26-Mar	1-Nov	V & S & T
Vancouver Sun Run	Stanley Park Ceperley Area	Vancouver Sun	22-Apr	22-Apr	
Earth Day Celebration	Grandview Park	Youth for Climate Justice Now	21-Apr	21-Apr	
FCRCC Knockout Dragon Boat Regatta	Creekside Park	False Creek Racing Canoe Club	5-May	5-May	
BMO Vancouver International Marathon	Stanley Park	Vancouver International Marathon Society	5-May	6-May	
Trout Lake Farmer's Market	Trout Lake Parking Lot	Local Farmers Market Society	5-May	20-Oct	V & S
Kitsilano Farmer's Market	Kitsilano Parking Lot	Local Farmers Market Society	6-May	14-Oct	V & S

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Dragon Zone Dragon Boat Regatta	Creekside Park	Canadian International Dragon Boat Festival Society	12-May	13-May	V
River District Farmer's Market	Riverfront Park	EFL Properties Ltd. Partnership	12-May	7-Oct	V & S
Khalsa Diwan Sports	Memorial South Park Oak Park Kensington Park Moberly Park	Khalsa Diwan Society	18-May	21-May	V
Vancouver International Children's Festival	Sutcliffe Park	Vancouver International Children's Festival Society	22-May	8-Jun	V & T
World Partnership Walk	Lumberman's Arch Stanley Park Seawall	Aga Khan Foundation	25-May	27-May	V
Collingwood Days Festival	Gaston Park	Renfrew Community Centre	26-May	26-May	V
Womens Dragon Boat Regatta	Creekside Park	False Creek Women's Dragon Boat Team	26-May	26-May	V
PMC-Sierra Science Fun Run	Creekside Park David Lam Park	Science Fair Foundation	26-May	27-May	V
Scotiabank MS Walk	George Wainborne Park	Multiple Sclerosis Society	27-May	27-May	
Salmonberry Days	Memorial Park West	Dunbar Community Centre	27-May	27-May	
Fair in the Square	Victory Square	Central City Foundation	27-May	27-May	V
RBC Run for the Kids	Riley Park	BC Children's Hospital	1-Jun	2-Jun	V
Summer Fair	Champlain Parking Lot	Champlain Heights Community Centre	2-Jun	2-Jun	V
Thornton Park Farmer's Market	Thornton Park	Local Farmers Market Society	6-Jun	3-Oct	V & S
Boat for Hope	Hastings Mill Park	Variety - The Children's Charity	8-Jun	9-Jun	V
Pacific Rim Kite Festival	Vanier Park	BC Kite Fliers Association	9-Jun	9-Jun	V
Italian Day on the Drive	Grandview Park	Italian Day Festival Society	9-Jun	10-Jun	V
Dragon Zone Regatta	Creekside Park	Canadian International Dragon Boat Festival Society	9-Jun	10-Jun	V
JDRF Walk to Cure Diabetes	Stanley Park	Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation	9-Jun	10-Jun	V & T

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Paddlefest Vancouver	Jericho Sailing Centre	MEC/Jericho Sailing Centre	16-Jun	16-Jun	
Jericho Little League Midway	Carnarvon Park	Jericho Little League Baseball Association	16-Jun	16-Jun	
Vancouver Dragon Boat Festival	Creekside Park	Canadian International Dragon Boat Festival Society	18-Jun	27-Jun	V & S
The Gathering Festival	Emery Barnes Park	The Gathering Place Community Centre	19-Jun	19-Jun	V
Point Grey Fiesta	West Point Grey Park	Point Grey Fiesta	21-Jun	24-Jun	V
National Indigenous Peoples Day	Oppenheimer Park	Carnegie Centre	23-Jun	23-Jun	
Eastside Pride	Grandview Park	Vancouver Pride Society	23-Jun	23-Jun	V
Strawberry Festival	Barley Heritage Square	Westend Seniors Network	23- Jun	23 Jun	
Douglas Park Community Day	Douglas Park	Douglas Park Community Association	23-Jun	23-Jun	
Scotiabank Vancouver Half Marathon	Ceperley Park & Stanley Park Seawall	Canada Running Series	23-Jun	24-Jun	
Ride Don't Hide	QE Park	Canadian Mental Health Association	24-Jun	24-Jun	
Vancouver International Jazz Festival	David Lam Park	Coastal Jazz & Blues Society	29-Jun	3-Jul	V & S
False Creek Canada Day Celebration	Sutcliffe Park	False Creek Community Centre	1-Jul	1-Jul	
Sunset Canada Day Celebration	Sunset Park	Sunset Community Centre	1-Jul	1-Jul	V
Canada Day Drumming	Creekside Park	Choice Communication	1-Jul	1-Jul	
Summer Cinema Series	Ceperley Park	Cinema 4 Change	5-Jul	28-Aug	V & T
Stanley Park Open	Stanley Park Tennis Courts	Tennis BC	6-Jul	17-Jul	V & S
Vancouver International Soccer Festival	Empire Fields	One Team United for Peace & Development	6-Jul	8-Jul	V & S
Picnic in the Park - Independence Day	Memorial South Park	Philippines Cultural Pista Ng Bayan Society	8-Jul	8-Jul	V
Vancouver Open Pro Beach Volleyball	Kitsilano Park	Volleyball BC	12-Jul	17-Jul	V & S
Vancouver Folk Music Festival	Jericho Beach Park Locarno Picnic Site	Vancouver Folk Festival Society	13-Jul	15-Jul	V & S & T

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Union Gospel Mission BBQ	Oppenheimer Park	Union Gospel Mission	14-Jul	14-Jul	
Walk with the Dragon	Lumberman's Arch Stanley Park Seawall	SUCCESS	14-Jul	15-Jul	V
ILUW Pensioners Picnic	New Bright Park	ULWU Local 500	19-Jul	19-Jul	
Pride Sports Day	Ceperley Park	Vancouver Pride Society	21-Jul	22-Jul	V & S
Celebration of Light	English Bay Beach Park Vanier Park Alexandra Park Sunset Beach Park	Vancouver Fireworks Festival Society	28-Jul	4-Aug	V & S & T
Vancouver Dyke March	McSpadden Park	Vancouver Dyke March & Festival Society	4-Aug	4-Aug	V
Powell Street Festival	Oppenheimer Park	Powell Street Festival Society	4-Aug	5-Aug	V
Vancouver Pride Festival	Alexandra Park English Bay Beach Park Sunset Beach Park Stanley Park	Vancouver Pride Society	5-Aug	5-Aug	V & S
Vancouver International Pride Tennis Tournament BBQ	Stanley Park	Vancouver Tennis Association	5-Aug	5-Aug	S
KitsFest	Kitsilano Park	Canada One Foundation	8-Aug	12-Aug	V & S
Soccer Express/Umbro Beach Soccer Blast	Spanish Banks Park	Kerrisdale Soccer Association	10-Aug	12-Aug	V
Punjabi Mela	Moberley Park	Sunset Indo Canadian Senior Society	11-Aug	11-Aug	V
Festival of India	Ceperley Park Second Beach	ISKCON of Western Canada	11-Aug	12-Aug	V
Filipino Fiesta	South Memorial Park	Pinoy Fiesta Association	12-Aug	12-Aug	V
Our City Ride	David Lam Stanley Park	365 International Sport Foundation	18-Aug	18-Aug	V & S
Night Race	Stanley Park	Flow Marketing	24-Aug	24-Aug	V & S
Endless Summer Community Carnival	Maclean Park	Carnegie Centre	1-Sep	1-Sep	
Vancouver Triathlon	Ceperley Park	Multisport Canada	2-Sep	3-Sep	V

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Labour Day Picnic	John Hendry Park	BC Federation of Labour	3-Sep	3-Sep	
Skookum Music Festival	Brockton Fields	BrandLive	7-Sep	9-Sep	V&S&T
Paws for a Cause	David Lam Park	BC SPCA	8-Sep	9-Sep	V
RBC GranFondo Whistler	Stanley Park	GranFondo Canada	8-Sep	8-Sep	
DTES Pow Wow	Oppenheimer Park	Carnegie Community Centre Association	15-Sep	15-Sep	
Ismaili Walk for Women	Lumberman's Arch David Lam Park	Ismaili Council for BC	15-Sep	16-Sep	V
Terry Fox Run	Ceperley Park Stanley Park Seawall	Four Seasons Hotel	16-Sep	16-Sep	
Scotiabank AIDS Walk for Life	Sunset Beach English Bay Seawall	BC Persons with AIDS Society	To be confirmed	To be confirmed	
Day of the Longboat	Jericho Sailing Centre Beach Area	UBC Recreation	22-Sep	22-Sep	V
SeaWheeze Run & Festival	Stanley Park	Lululemon Athletica	22-Sep	22-Sep	V & S & T
Renfrew Ravine Moon Festival	Renfrew Park Slocan Park	Renfrew Park Community Centre	To be confirmed	To be confirmed	V
Light the Night	Lumberman's Stanley Park Seawall East Lost Lagoon	Leukemia & Lymphoma Society	12-Oct	12-Oct	V
James Cunningham Seawall Race	Stanley Park Ceperley Park Seawall	Lions Gate Road Runners	To be confirmed	To be confirmed	
Bacio Rosso Gourmet Cirque Cabaret	Queen Elizabeth Park South Parking Lot	Bacio Rosso Entertainment Inc.	1-Nov	31-Mar-19	V & S & T
Remembrance Day Ceremony	Japanese War Monument	Japanese Canadian Memorial	11-Nov	11-Nov	
Remembrance Day Ceremony	Memorial South Park	South Vancouver Veterans Association	11-Nov	11-Nov	
Remembrance Day Ceremony	Victory Square	Vancouver Park Board	11-Nov	11-Nov	

- Vending requests are subject to standard terms and conditions, unless otherwise approved by the Board.
- Special Occasion Licenses are subject to VPD, VF&RS, and BCLC&LB approval.
- Ticketed events are subject to Board approval.

Stanley Park Road Closures

The following recurrent annual events require a morning road closure in Stanley Park. Historically, traffic closures in Stanley Park have been limited to once a month between 6:00am and 10:00am during the months of March, April, May, June and September, and between 6:00am and 11:30am during the month of October. Closures are generally not permitted in July and August; there are no restrictions during other months of the year. Early morning road closures prior to 10:00am tend to have minimal impacts on Stanley Park operations. Organizers are strongly encouraged to ensure their events have concluded by 10:00am and Park Board staff work closely with event organizers to inform all Park stakeholders in advance of event dates.

Run/Walk Events

Mar 17, 2018	BMO St. Patrick's Day 5km 9:30am to 10:30am Limited closure	Running Room Attendance - 2,000
	- Road closures on the east side of Stanley Park, from the Georgia Street entrance around Brockton Point to Pipeline Road	
Apr 22, 2018	Sun Run 6:30am to 10:00am Limited closure	Vancouver Sun Run Attendance - 50,000
	- City street road closures will delay access to Stanley Park	
	- Race route starts on Georgia Street, turns left onto Denman Street, right on Lagoon Drive and enters Stanley Park along the road adjacent to the Park Board Administration Building and exits via the English Bay entrance	
May 6, 2018	BMO Vancouver International Marathon 6:30am to 10:30am	Vancouver International Marathon Society Attendance - 17,500
	- Road closure on West Side of Stanley Park	
Jun 24, 2018	Scotia Bank Half Marathon & 5km 5:30am to 12:00noon Limited closure	Canada Running Series Attendance - 6,000
	- Event organizers require a road closure from the Second Beach crosswalk to the Beach Avenue entrance of Stanley Park; this portion of Park Drive will be closed to vehicle traffic	
September 3, 2018	Vancouver Triathlon 6:00am to 10:00am Full road closure	Multisport Canada Attendance - 1,000
September 7, 2018	RBC GranFondo Whistler 3:00am to 10:00am Limited closure	GranFondo Canada Attendance - 4,000

Concert Events

The following large concert event requires a road closure in Stanley Park at the end of the event (post 10:00pm). Park Drive east will be closed to traffic from the roundabout to Brockton Fields to allow for safe pedestrian egress out of the park. The road will re-open after the egress has been completed. This closure has very little impact on park operations and staff will work closely with event organizers to inform all stakeholders in advance of the event.

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| September 7-9, 2018 | Skookum Music Festival
Post 10:00pm
Limited closure
- Closure required for egress from the roundabout to Brockton Fields on Stanley Park Drive East | BrandLive
Attendance - 20,000 per day |
| September 22, 2018 | SeaWheeze Run & Festival
Post 10:00pm
Limited closure
- Closure required for egress from the roundabout to Brockton Fields on Stanley Park Drive East | Lululemon Athletica
Attendance - 15,000 |