



Park Board General Manager's Report December 17, 2018

The following report is intended to provide an overview and update on recent and upcoming activities within the Park Board.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Holiday Heights at Bloedel

A winter wonderland has been created inside the Bloedel Conservatory with 120 free flying tropical birds, magical lights, holiday plant displays, festive music, and much more. [Holiday Heights at Bloedel](#) opened on December 14 and will continue to be open until January 6, 2019.

RECREATION

Free First Skate

On Friday, December 14, the Recreation team supported the Immigrant Services Society of BC by offering newly arrived immigrants to Canada their first skating experience at Rogers Arena, free of charge. Approximately 50 people, mostly young children, enjoyed their first skate. The Park Board provided skates, helmets and skating assistance as well as introduced them to the Leisure Access Program.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

2019 Capital and Operating Budget

At the Special Council meeting on December 11, 2018, Council received a presentation, heard from speakers regarding the 2019 Operating Budget and referred discussion and decision to the Regular Council meeting on December 18, 2018, as Unfinished Business.

OTHER ITEMS

Holiday Closure

Park Board office will be closed from Tuesday, December 25, 2018 to January 1, 2019. We will reopen on Wednesday, January 2, 2019.

Board Briefing Memos & Emails: December 4 to December 17, 2018

Date	Topic
Dec 4	Warming Centres at Park Board Facilities
Dec 4	Sunset Rink Re-opening
Dec 7	Horticultural Standards in Vancouver Parks – 2019 Budget Request
Dec 13	Metro Vancouver Work at Lost Lagoon