



PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

— January 20, 2020 —

The following information is intended to provide a brief overview of the Board's governance work at the Committee and Board meetings. The full agenda, meeting materials, video clips and official minutes can be found on the [Park Board website](#).

STAFF REPORTS / PRESENTATIONS

Electric Vehicle Charging Stations – New Park Board Sites

The Board approved the installation of [electric vehicle charging stations](#) in Queen Elizabeth Park and at Champlain Heights, Douglas Park, Kensington, Kitsilano, Renfrew, and Roundhouse Community Centres. This will provide expanded and more equitable access for Vancouver's electric vehicle users.

Queen Elizabeth Park Master Plan – Project Approach

The Board approved the [project approach for the Queen Elizabeth Park Master Plan](#) process. The master plan process will be informed by public engagement, will identify a common vision, and establish priorities in preserving and improving the Park's amenities and services. The key themes that will inform the scope of work are "Nature", "Culture", "Horticulture", "Connectivity" and "Service Needs".

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Dumont highlighted the following events in [his report](#):

- Dec 06: Bloedel Conservatory 50th Anniversary – a small gala was held to celebrate the historic anniversary.
- Jan 01: Polar Bear Swim, English Bay – This year marked the 100th annual swim that saw 6,200 registered swimmers and 45,000 attendees.
- Jan 17: Smithe & Richards Park Ground Breaking – The new park is set to open next year and will include a small café and an elevated pedestrian bridge with seating and two large suspended hammocks
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GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE REPORT

The Deputy General Manager presented an overview of topics included in the [GMO's Report](#):

- Holiday Events – 2019 marked another successful year for Park Board holiday events: 35th VanDusen Festival of Lights; 50th anniversary of Bloedel Conservatory celebrated with "Festivale Tropicale"; and 22nd Bright Nights in Stanley Park.
- Extreme Weather Response – with heavy snowfall, winds, and icy conditions January 13-17, Park Operations crews brined, plowed, and salted throughout the week, prioritizing access to Park Board facilities, including community centres, work yards, and parks.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next Committee and Board meetings are scheduled for February 10, 2020, and will be held at 2099 Beach Avenue.

