



Park Board General Manager's Report November 27, 2023

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

VanDusen Botanical Garden Accolades

Conde Nast Traveler has released 22 of their top picks for '[The Worlds Most Spectacular Holiday Light Displays](#)' and featured VanDusen's Festival of Lights. Out of the 22 displays features, the Festival of Lights is the only Canadian mention and puts us on the global stage and in the company of other notable displays, including New York, London, and Tokyo.

Additionally, the Canadian Garden Council, which is the national association of public gardens, has selected VanDusen as one of the '[Top 10 Gardens Worth Travelling For in 2024](#)' award in the spirit of highlighting Canada's most dynamic garden experiences. Other gardens listed within the Top 10 were Butchart Gardens, the Leaf in Winnipeg, and Royal Botanical Gardens in Hamilton.

Council Business (related to or impacting parks & recreation):

Council to receive a report on December 5 titled "[2024 Capital and Operating Budget](#)". The report includes recommendations for the 2024 Draft Capital Budget (\$368 million) and the 2024 Draft Operating Budget (\$2.15 billion).

Board Briefing Memos and Emails: October 31 to November 27

| Date | Topic |
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| November 9 | Emissions Free Landscape Equipment Renewal Strategy Update |
| November 15 | EFL Community Centre, Plaza, and Riverfront Park – Public Engagement |
| November 22 | Liven Up – Coal Harbour Winter Activation |
| November 24 | John Hendry Park Sports Fields |