



January 30, 2017

TO: Park Board Chair and Commissioners
FROM: General Manager - Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation
SUBJECT: Special Events Calendar 2017 - Major Events

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Board receive the 2017 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 significant 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 and define the process for evaluation and selection priorities, such as consultation requirements, revenue generating activities, etc. (e.g. gated events, sponsorship, vending and consumption of alcohol).

Large scale events which impact locations outside of Park Board jurisdiction are also forwarded to the City's Festival Expediting Staff Team Committee (FEST Committee) for consideration. 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.

Applications for recurring major special events which do not meet the deadline for inclusion in the annual Calendar of Special Events are forwarded to the Board for consideration as they are received.

DISCUSSION

The 2017 Calendar of Major Special Events has been included for the Board's information (see Appendix A). The Calendar is based on event applications received from event organizers 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 2017.

SUMMARY

Large scale special events activate public spaces, enhance the vibrancy of our city and provide enriching cultural experiences. The numerous festivals and celebrations held each year attract hundreds of thousands of residents 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
2017 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;
** SOL = Special Occasion Licence*

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	7-Jan	8-Jan	
Winter Farmer's Market	Hillcrest Parking Lot	Local Farmers Market Society	7-Jan	22-Apr	V & S
Oppenheimer Christmas Dinner	Oppenheimer Park	Oppenheimer Park Christmas Dinner Fund	28-Jan	28-Jan	
Spring Festival Celebration	Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Garden Plaza	Chinese Benevolent Association	28-Jan	28-Jan	
MEC Vancouver Race ONE	Devonian Park	Mountain Equipment Coop	29-Jan	29-Jan	
First Half Half Marathon	Roundhouse Turntable Plaza English Bay Seawall Stanley Park Seawall McBride Park	Pacific Roadrunners	5-Feb	5-Feb	
St. Patrick's Day 5km Run	Stanley Park East	The Running Room	18-Mar	18-Mar	
Bard on the Beach	Vanier Park Fest Site	Bard on the Beach	28-Mar	1-Nov	V & S & T
Spring Lights	Queen Elizabeth Park	Vancouver Cherry Blossom Society	31- Mar	31 - Mar	
Vancouver Sun Run	Stanley Park Ceperley Area	Vancouver Sun	23-Apr	23-Apr	
Earth Day Celebration	Grandview Park	Youth for Climate Justice Now	24-Apr	24-Apr	
FCRCC Knockout Dragon Boat Regatta	Creekside Park	False Creek Racing Canoe Club	6-May	6-May	
BMO Vancouver International Marathon	Stanley Park	Vancouver International Marathon Society	6-May	7-May	

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Trout Lake Farmer's Market	Trout Lake Parking Lot	Local Farmers Market Society	6-May	28-Oct	V & S
Kitsilano Farmer's Market	Kitsilano Parking Lot	Local Farmers Market Society	7-May	22-Oct	V & S
Junior & Sprint Regatta	Creekside Park	Canadian International Dragon Boat Festival Society	13-May	14-May	V
Mother's Day Fun Run & Walk	Stanley Park	Life Sport Coaching	13-May	14-May	
Khalsa Diwan Sports	Memorial South Park Oak Park Kensington Park Moberly Park	Khalsa Diwan Society	19-May	22-May	V
Vancouver International Children's Festival	Sutcliffe Park	Vancouver International Children's Festival Society	23-May	9-Jun	V & T
Collingwood Days Festival	Gaston Park	Renfrew Community Centre	27-May	27-May	V
PMC-Sierra Science Fun Run	Creekside Park David Lam Park	Science Fair Foundation	27-May	28-May	V
World Partnership Walk	Lumberman's Arch Stanley Park Seawall	Aga Khan Foundation	27-May	28-May	V
Scotiabank MS Walk	George Wainborne Park	Multiple Sclerosis Society	28-May	28-May	
Salmonberry Days	Memorial Park West	Dunbar Community Centre	28-May	28-May	
Fair in the Square	Victory Square	Central City Foundation	28-May	28-May	V
River District Farmer's Market	Riverfront Park	EFL Properties Ltd Partnership	28-May	8-Oct	V & S
RBC Run for the Kids	Riley Park	BC Children's Hospital	2-Jun	4-Jun	V
Marpole Oakridge Community Day	Oak Park	Marpole Oakridge Community Centre	3-Jun	3-Jun	V
Thornton Park Farmer's Market	Thornton Park	Local Farmers Market Society	7-Jun	4-Oct	V & S
Boat for Hope	Hastings Mill Park	Variety - The Children's Charity	9-Jun	10-Jun	V
Summer Fair	Champlain Parking Lot	Champlain Heights Community Centre	10-Jun	10-Jun	
Douglas Park Community Day	Douglas Park	Douglas Park Community Assoc	10-Jun	10-Jun	

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Italian Day on the Drive	Grandview Park	Italian Day Festival Society	10-Jun	10-Jun	V
Pacific Rim Kite Festival	Vanier Park	BC Kite Fliers Association	10-Jun	10-Jun	V
Dragon Zone Regatta	Creekside Park	Canadian International Dragon Boat Festival Society	10-Jun	11-Jun	V
TELUS Walk to Cure Diabetes	Stanley Park	Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation	11-Jun	11-Jun	V & T
Hillcrest Summer Festival	Riley Park	Hillcrest Community Centre	17-Jun	17-Jun	V
Paddlefest Vancouver	Jericho Sailing Centre	MEC / Jericho Sailing Centre	17-Jun	17-Jun	
National Aboriginal Day	Oppenheimer Park	Carnegie Centre	17-Jun	17-Jun	
The Gathering Festival	Emery Barnes Park	The Gathering Place Community Centre	17-Jun	20-Jun	V
Aboriginal Day	John Hendry Park	Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Center Society	21-Jun	21-Jun	
Point Grey Fiesta	West Point Grey Park	Point Grey Fiesta	23-Jun	25-Jun	V
Rio Tinto Alcan Dragon Boat Festival	Creekside Park	Canadian International Dragon Boat Festival Society	23-Jun	25-Jun	V & S
Eastside Pride	Grandview Park	Vancouver Pride Society	24-Jun	24-Jun	V
Clean Up the Oceans Concert	Brockton SW Diamond	UpGyres Society	24-Jun	24-Jun	V & S & T
Scotiabank Vancouver Half Marathon	Ceperley Park Stanley Park Seawall	Canada Running Series	24-Jun	25-Jun	
Ride Don't Hide	Queen Elizabeth Park	Canadian Mental Health Association	25-Jun	25-Jun	
Vancouver International Jazz Festival	David Lam Park	Coastal Jazz & Blues Society	30-Jun	3-Jul	V & S
Stanley Park Open	Stanley Park Tennis Courts	Tennis BC	29-Jun	17-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
Britannia Canada Day Celebration	Victoria Park	Britannia Community Services Centre	1-Jul	1-Jul	

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Summer Cinema Series	Ceperley Park	Cinema 4 Change	4-Jul	23-Aug	V & T
Vancouver International Soccer Festival	Empire Fields	One Team United for Peace & Development	7-Jul	9-Jul	V & S
Vancouver Open Pro Beach Volleyball	Kitsilano Park	Volleyball BC	13-Jul	16-Jul	V & S
Vancouver Folk Festival	Jericho Beach Park Locarno Picnic Site	Vancouver Folk Festival Society	14-Jul	16-Jul	V & S & T
Union Gospel Mission BBQ	Oppenheimer Park	Union Gospel Mission	15-Jul	15-Jul	
Walk with the Dragon	Lumberman's Arch Stanley Park Seawall	SUCCESS	15-Jul	16-Jul	V
Pensions Picnic	New Brighton Park	ILWU Local 500	20-Jul	20-Jul	
Pride Sports Day	Ceperley Park	Vancouver Pride Society	22-Jul	22-Jul	V & S
Honda Celebration of Light	English Bay Beach Park Vanier Park Alexandra Park Sunset Beach Park	Vancouver Fireworks Festival Society	29-Jul	5-Aug	V & S & T
Vancouver Pride Festival	Alexandra Park English Bay Beach Park Sunset Beach Park Stanley Park	Vancouver Pride Society	06-Aug	06-Aug	V & S
Powell Street Festival	Oppenheimer Park	Powell Street Festival Society	4-Aug	6-Aug	V
Punjabi Mela	Moberley Park	Sunset Indo Canadian Senior Society	5-Aug	5-Aug	V
Festival of India	Ceperley Park Second Beach	ISKCON of Western Canada	5-Aug	7-Aug	V
Vancouver Dyke March	McSpadden Park	Vancouver Dyke March & Festival Society	5-Aug	5-Aug	V
Soccer Express/Umbro Beach Soccer Blast	Spanish Banks Park	Kerrisdale Soccer Association	11-Aug	13-Aug	V
SeaWheeze Run & Festival	Stanley Park	Lululemon Athletica	12-Aug	12-Aug	V & S & T
Filipino Fiesta	South Memorial Park	Pinoy Fiesta Association	13-Aug	13-Aug	V

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KitsFest	Kitsilano Park	Canada One Foundation	18-Aug	20-Aug	V & S
PNE Donut Dash	Empire Field	PNE	20-Aug	20-Aug	
Picnic in the Park/Outdoor Movie	David Lam Park	Roundhouse Community Centre	20-Aug	20-Aug	
Unbuckled Ultimate Backyard BBQ	Stanley Park	Wet Ape Productions	2-Sep	3-Sep	V & S & T
Endless Summer Community Carnival	Maclean Park	Carnegie Centre	2-Sep	2-Sep	
Vancouver Triathlon	Ceperley Park	Multisport Canada	3-Sep	4-Sep	V
Labour Day Picnic	John Hendry Park	BC Federation of Labour	4-Sep	4-Sep	
Paws for a Cause	Lumberman's Arch	BC SPCA	8-Sep	9-Sep	V
RBC GranFondo Whistler	Stanley Park	GranFondo Canada	8-Sep	9-Sep	
McSpadden County Fair	McSpadden Park		10-Sep	10-Sep	V
Walk for Reconciliation	Vanier/Sunset	Canada 150+	24-Sep	24-Sep	
Scotiabank AIDS Walk for Life	Sunset Beach English Bay Seawall	BC Persons with AIDS Society	17-Sep	17-Sep	V
Terry Fox Run	Ceperley Park Stanley Park Seawall	Four Seasons Hotel	16-Sep	17-Sep	V
Ismaili Walk	Lumberman's Arch David Lam Park	Ismaili Council for BC	16-Sep	17-Sep	V
Renfrew Ravine Moon Festival	Renfrew Park Slocan Park	Renfrew Park Community Centre	28-Sep	28-Sep	V
Day of the Longboat	Jericho Sailing Centre Beach Area	UBC Recreation	23-Sep	23-Sep	V
Night Race	Stanley Park	Flow Marketing	22-Sep	22-Sep	V & S
Light the Night	Lumberman's Stanley Park Seawall East Lost Lagoon	Leukemia & Lymphoma Society	13-Oct	13-Oct	V
James Cunningham Seawall Race	Ceperley Park Stanley Park Seawall	Lions Gate Road Runners	21-Oct	21-Oct	

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Rock 'n' Roll Vancouver Half Marathon	Devonian Park Stanley Park	Competitor Group	22-Oct	22-Oct	V & S
Great Climate Race	Stanley Park	Great Climate Race	29-Oct	29-Oct	
BC High School Cross-Country Championship	Jericho Park		03 Nov	04-Nov	
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 - Special Events	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 18, 2017	St. Patrick's Day 5km 9:30am to 10:30am Limited closure - Road closures on the east side of Stanley Park, from the Georgia Street entrance around Brockton Point to Pipeline Road	Running Room Attendance - 2,000
Apr 23, 2017	Sun Run 6:30am to 10:00am Limited closure - 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; road closure from Second Beach crosswalk to Beach Avenue entrance of Stanley Park	Vancouver Sun Run Attendance - 50,000
May 7, 2017	BMO Vancouver International Marathon 6:30am to 10:30am - Road closure on west side - Road closure from roundabout to Brockton Point until 11:00am	Vancouver International Marathon Society Attendance - 17,500
Jun 25, 2017	Scotia Bank ½ Marathon & 5km 5:30am to 12:00noon Limited closure - Road closure from Second Beach crosswalk to Beach Avenue entrance of Stanley Park	Canada Running Series Attendance - 6,000
September 4, 2017	Vancouver Triathlon 6:00am to 10:00am Full road closure	Multisport Canada Attendance - 1,000

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September 9, 2017	RBC GranFondo Whistler 3:00am to 8:00am Limited closure	GranFondo Canada Attendance - 4,000
October 21, 2017	James Cunningham Seawall Race 6:00am to 9:00am Limited closure - Road closure from Second Beach crosswalk to Beach Avenue entrance of Stanley Park and on South Lagoon Drive	Competitor Group Attendance - 1,300
October 22, 2017	Rock 'n' Roll Vancouver Half Marathon 6:00am to 11:30am Full closure	Competitive Group Attendance - 15,000

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 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.

August 12, 2017	SeaWheeze Run & Festival Post 10:00pm Limited closure	Lululemon Athletica Attendance - 15,000
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