



Park Board Liaison Report January 2018

The following information is intended to provide a brief overview of the Board's governance work at the regular Committee and Board and meetings held in January 2018. The meetings scheduled for this month are January 15 & 29. The official minutes can be found on the [Park Board website](#).

CHAIR'S REPORT

Park Board Chair Mackinnon highlighted the participation of Park Board Commissioners at the following community events:

- Jan 01: Thousands participated in the 98th annual Polar Bear Swim in English Bay
- Jan 12: Youth Matters Forum at the Hastings Community Centre promoting new relationships and shared understanding
- Jan 13-14: National Skating Championships at UBC, a qualifying event for the 2018 Olympic Winter Games
- Jan 17: Tour of the Killarney Seniors Centre currently under construction with the Honourable Harjit Sajjan, Minister of National Defence and Member of Parliament for Vancouver South
- Jan 17: Marpole Community Centre renewal open house was held at the community centre
- Jan 23: Lighting of the Burrard Bridge Memorial Braziers, which were installed in 1932 as a memorial to Canadian soldiers in the First World War
- Jan 26: VanPlay Deep Dive to develop a parks and recreation master plan for the next 25 years
- Jan 27: Rugby World Cup qualifier match between Canada and Uruguay was held at BC Place
- Jan 27: Tatlow Creek open house where residents were shown a refined concept for the restoration of an historic stream through Tatlow and Volunteer Parks.

STAFF REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

Metro Vancouver Stanley Park Water Supply Tunnel - Public Engagement & Next Steps

The Board authorized Metro Vancouver to proceed with the design of the [Stanley Park Water Supply Tunnel](#), a 1.4km long, 2.6m diameter water main to replace Capilano Main No. 4 between the south shore of Burrard Inlet and the intersection of Chilco and Alberni Streets. Public engagement took place between September and November 2017 and additional engagement is planned for the detailed design phase of the project in 2019. About 130 people attended an open house event, 17,000 fact sheets were delivered to residents, businesses, and civic centres in the West End and Downtown areas, and a social media campaign reached 21,000 followers via sponsored Facebook ads and Metro Vancouver and Park Board social media channels. Metro Vancouver will proceed with further design and geotechnical work. Upon completion of the detail design, staff will report back to the Board for approval to construct the new water supply tunnel required to meet future needs and to replace the existing system which is at the end of life.

Electric Vehicle Charging Stations - New Park Board Locations

The Board approved the installation and operation of [new electric vehicle charging stations](#) at Dunbar, Killarney, and Trout Lake Community Centres, with all work and costs managed by



the City of Vancouver. The Community Centre Associations at these locations have been advised of the project and the project aligns with the Park Board's Strategic Framework for Green Operations and the [City's Electric Vehicle Ecosystem Strategy](#).

2017 Special Events Report Back

The Board received an [update on 11 new initiatives approved in 2017](#), outside of the annual Special Event Calendar. They included: 1 new event - Our Cityride Vancouver; 4 Canada 150+ events - Aboriginal Day Live, Uninterrupted, Gathering of Canoes, Walk for Reconciliation; 4 changes to recurring events - Pride Festival, Folk Music Festival, Celebration of Light, Lumière Festival; and 2 previously approved events - Riley Park Farmers Market, Dîner en Blanc. All events were well-executed with little to no major issues reported by staff/stakeholders.

VanSplash: Vancouver Aquatic Strategy

The Board [referred proposed amendments](#) as well as recommendations A & B back to staff for further consideration, including the role of neighbourhood pools. The Board approved the co-location of a new full-size outdoor pool in South Vancouver at Marpole Community Centre in Oak Park. Staff will report back to Commissioners in the coming months.

Special Events Calendar 2018 - Major Events

The Board received a summary of the [2018 calendar of major special events](#), containing 90 major events. Large scale special events activate public spaces, foster community connectedness, enhance the vibrancy of our city, and provide enriching cultural experiences.

GM'S REPORT

The General Manager noted that the [liquor licence application from Stanley Park Brewing](#) was going before Council on January 17, 2018 (Policy and Strategic Priorities Committee). This Limited Liquor Primary Licence would facilitate growler re-fills at their new restaurant that will be opening later this year at the former Fish House site in Stanley Park. The full GM's reports from [January 15](#) and [January 29](#) can be found on the Park Board website.

NEW BUSINESS

Northeast False Creek Plan ("NEFC Plan") and Viaducts Replacement Project January 31, 2018 Report to City Council

A Board member introduced a [time sensitive motion](#) directing staff to write to Mayor and Council asking them to defer the January 31, 2018 vote on the Northeast False Creek Plan until such time as the proposed road alignment has been determined and brought to the Vancouver Park Board for a vote should the City propose it run through Strathcona Park. The motion also asked that staff be allowed time to conduct community consultation and an Environmental Impact Assessment on a potential roadway through Strathcona Park.

A Non-Motorized Boating Facility in Northeast False Creek

A Board member introduced a [time sensitive motion](#) reaffirming the Park Board's support of the development of a non-motorized boating facility to serve to the benefit of the community, and confirming that non-motorized boating should be included as a priority for the Northeast False Creek area.

NEXT MONTH'S MEETINGS

In the month of February, the Park Board has meetings scheduled on February 19, at 2099 Beach Avenue. Committee meetings commence at 6:30pm.