



Park Board Liaison Report April 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 April 2018. The two meetings scheduled for this month are April 16 and April 30. The complete and official minutes can be found on the [Park Board website](#).

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

- Mar 13: Launch party for the SKOOKUM Festival which will be held in Stanley Park in September 2018
- Mar 22: Release of the State of the Waterfront report by the Georgia Alliance that examines Vancouver's 63 kilometres of shorelines
- Mar 23: Workshop for the international Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
- Mar 28: Tour of the new Killarney Seniors Centre
- Apr 04: Unveiling of the interactive SeeSawSeat public art installation
- Apr 05: Cherry Jam, the opening event of the 12th annual Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival, at the Burrard SkyTrain Station
- Apr 10: Announcement of competing countries for the 2018 Honda Celebration of Light
- Apr 11: Tour of Kits Pool, which is currently being upgraded to reduce the use of potable water
- Apr 12: Jersey Day in support for the Humboldt Broncos
- Apr 14: Britannia Master Plan open house to inform the Britannia Community Centre renewal
- Apr 14: Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival event at VanDusen Garden
- Apr 14: Vaisakhi Parade in south Vancouver to celebrate the Punjabi New Year.

Festival of Lights at VanDusen Botanical Gardens & Make-A-Wish Foundation Partnership

The Board received a [presentation that outlined the partnership between VanDusen Garden's Festival of Lights and the Make-A-Wish Foundation](#) (MAW). Festival of lights welcomed 146,000 visitors in 2017 and Make-A-Wish granted wishes to 5 kids living with critical illnesses. There were two videos shared, one highlighting the work it take to [prepare VanDusen Garden for the light show](#), and a [thank you video from Make-A-Wish](#).

Bright Nights in Stanley Park Burn Fund Presentation

The Board presented the [British Columbia Professional Fire Fighters' Burn Fund](#) with a cheque for their net train proceeds for 2017. [A video was shared to commemorate the 20th anniversary](#) of the partnership.

Non-motorized Watersport Services at Kitsilano Beach - Service Contract

The Board agreed to enter into a service contract with Vancouver Water Adventures Ltd to operate a [non-motorized watersport services at Kitsilano Beach](#). Vancouver Water Adventures



will offer customers competitively priced stand-up paddleboard & kayak rentals, lessons, guided tours, and related sales from their seasonal operations at Kitsilano Beach that will run from approximately May to October.

Understanding Stanley Park: Developing a Comprehensive Plan

The Board received a presentation on the Vancouver Park Board and the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations planning process for the development of a 100-year vision and [comprehensive plan for Stanley Park](#). There is a lot to learn about the current physical, functional, and ecological conditions of the park, how it is used, and what the Park means to people. There is also a significant amount of information to learn about the history of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations and how together they shared, inhabited, and cultivated Stanley Park for thousands of years. Park Board Commissioners also approved the Terms of Reference for the Stanley Park Intergovernmental Committee and Working Group.

Park Board Reconciliation Strategies - TRC Update

The Board received an update on the actions undertaken and successes achieved in 2016/17 since the adoption of the [eleven Reconciliation Strategies](#) and outlined proposed 2018 plans. The Board endorsed the Mission, Vision, and Values to guide and support the implementation of the Reconciliation Strategies and goals.

GM'S REPORT

The General Manager provided his report to the Board highlighting current Park Board projects and initiatives. The full [GM's report](#) is available on the Park Board website.

MOTIONS on NOTICE

Truth & Reconciliation with the Park Board's Colonial Roots

The Board unanimously approved that [staff undertake an analysis of the Park Board's colonial roots](#), as well as current practices, and report back with their findings and recommendations to acknowledge any and all injustices uncovered as part of the "truth-telling" phase.

Reduced Rate Parking Passes for Vancouver Residents

The Board approved an amended motion that directs staff to develop, and report back on a [comprehensive parking policy](#) that seeks to address access and affordability concerns for residents at Park Board parking lots, while ensuring parking users cover the operating costs of system-wide parking and support ongoing Park Board maintenance and operations.

Parking Fees – Spanish Banks Beach Park

Withdrawn by the mover

Public Art Gift to Honor Chinese People in Vancouver

The Board directed staff to work with the Chinese Immigrant Charity Reconciliation Monument Committee on the siting and installation of a public art piece that [honours the history and contributions of the Chinese people in Vancouver](#).



Growing Girls' & Women's Participation in Sports & Recreation

The Board approved a motion directing staff to work with recreation and community partners to understand the existing landscape, statistics and barriers related to girls and women's participation in sport and recreation in Vancouver and report back with the findings and recommendations for a [Women's Sport & Recreation Equity Strategy](#).

NEXT MONTH'S MEETINGS

In the month of May, the Park Board will be meeting on May 14, at 2099 Beach Avenue.