



## PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

— December 3, 2018 —

*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

#### **Vancouver Mural Festival Celebration Concert – Special Event**

The Board unanimously approved the request to add a second date to the 2019 [Vancouver Mural Festival Celebration Concert](#). This family-friendly event in Jonathan Rogers Park celebrates the creativity and culture of the Mount Pleasant community, with free public arts programming and other activities offered prior to the ticketed evening concert line-up. It will be held on Friday, August 9 and Saturday, August 10, 2019.

#### **CCA JOA Implementation Update**

The Board received an update on the [implementation of the new Community Centre Association Joint Operating Agreement](#), which was jointly presented by Donnie Rosa, Director of Recreation and Kate Perkins, Chair of the Association President's Group. Park Board staff and the CCA's continue to work together collaboratively on the JOA implementation and have committed to hold at least two system-wide planning meetings each year to encourage ongoing open dialogue and to review & discuss any matters of interest.

#### **Leisure Access Program Update**

The Board received a high level [overview of the Leisure Access Program](#) (LAP), which provides Vancouver residents facing financial barriers to participation with free or reduced cost access to basic programs and services offered at Park Board pools, rinks, participating fitness centres, and community centres. Staff reviewed some of the changes already introduced to improve access and service delivery, and outlined additional initiatives being explored, such as extending the term to two years, increasing fitness centre subsidies, and partnering with Vancouver schools to offer free swimming lessons and access to rinks to a single grade citywide.

### CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Mackinnon highlighted the following [Park Board events attended by Commissioners](#):

- Nov 28: Bright Nights Christmas Train at Stanley Park - Launch
- Nov 30: Festival of Lights Launch at VanDusen Botanical Garden

### GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

The General Manager presented an overview of the following topics that were included in his [GM's Report](#):

- Council Business – 2018 Climate Change Adaption Strategy Update
- Council Business – Draft 2019 Budget & 5 Year Financial Plan.



## **BOARD MOTIONS**

### **Horticultural Standards in Vancouver Parks**

The Board approved a motion directing staff to request funding from City Council to enable increased care and maintenance in Vancouver Parks including cleanliness and safety. Staff were also asked to report back with a review of horticultural staff levels with comparable parks systems, botanical gardens, and horticultural attractions to create a needs analysis so the Board can be aware of the funds needed for park maintenance.

## **NEXT MEETINGS**

The next Committee and Board meetings are scheduled for December 17, 2018, and will be held at 2099 Beach Avenue.

