



## PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

— January 14, 2019 —

*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

#### **Park Board Procedure By-law Review**

The Board approved the [proposed Park Board Procedure By-law updates](#), with [amendments](#) to remove the need for consensus for additional rounds of questions/comments, and to ensure that all responses to Board enquiries would be posted online. These by-laws guide Board and Committee meeting procedures, with the proposed updates reflecting the most comprehensive review undertaken since 2002. Regular reviews are recommended to ensure the by-laws are kept current and reflect best practices.

The amended by-laws will be brought forward for enactment at the Regular Board meeting scheduled for January 28, 2019.

#### **Community Engaged Arts**

The Board received a presentation on some of the key [Community Engaged Arts initiatives](#) supported by the Park Board Art Policy, which recognizes the arts as an essential element in a vital, creative, and balanced city. The overview included updates on:

- the Fieldhouse Activation Strategy, which transforms available park caretaker suites into studio, workshop, and community spaces for artists, local food initiatives, environmental stewardship projects, and community sports initiatives;
- Reconciliation In and Through the Arts, which includes collaborative work done through Indigenous community consultation, conferences, and education projects;
- the Artists in Communities Program, which offers artists residencies to work collaboratively on creative projects driven by community interests; and
- the Neighbourhood Matching Fund, which provides funding to neighbourhood-based, not-for-profit groups to make creative improvements to local public land.

Staff will be coming back to the Board with a full report and update on the Neighborhood Matching Fund in the next few months.

### CHAIR'S REPORT

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

- Jan 01: 99<sup>th</sup> Annual Polar Swim at English Bay Beach with over 1,900 participants.



## GM'S OFFICE REPORT

The Deputy General Manager presented an overview of the topics included in the [report from the GM's Office](#):

- Holiday Events – it was another successful year for the Park Board's three holiday events, despite the wet weather:
  - o VanDusen Festival of Lights welcomed over 125,000 Vancouverites and city visitors; this popular annual event saw record online engagement;
  - o Holiday Heights at Bloedel Conservatory attracted over 27,000 visitors;
  - o Bright Nights in Stanley Park hosted 100,000 train rides celebrating an inclusive Christmas theme; 21<sup>st</sup> year collaborating with the BC Professional Fire Fighters Burn Fund.
- Wind Storm (Dec 20/18) – Park Board crews responded to tree damage issues throughout the city; 4 large fallen trees on East 12<sup>th</sup> Ave resulted in a 3 day street closure while Park Board and City Engineering crews safely removed the trees with the assistance of a large crane.
- Seawall Closure (Jan 7/19) - Unexpected high winds alongside a high tide created extensive flooding from Third Beach to the Lions Gate Bridge; access to that portion of the Stanley Park seawall was closed.
- Warming Centres (Jan 7/19) - West End Community Centre was opened as a warming centre due to cooler temperatures; 15 individuals attended.

## BOARD MOTIONS

### **VanSplash Advisory Group Scope**

The Board approved limiting the scope of the [VanSplash Advisory Group](#) to only consider the possible future expansion and improvement of Vancouver's aquatic facilities.

## NEXT MEETINGS

The next Committee and Board meetings are scheduled for January 28, 2019, and will be held at 2099 Beach Avenue.

