

# GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Regular Park Board Meeting January 14, 2019



### Holiday Events







- The 34<sup>th</sup> annual VanDusen Festival of Lights enjoyed another successful season welcoming over 125,000 visitors.
- Bloedel Conservatory was home to Holiday Heights for the fourth year in a row and attracted over 27,000 visitors.
- It was the 21<sup>st</sup> year of collaboration with the BC Professional Fire Fighters Burn Fund and the Bright Nights in Stanley Park. This year 100,000 people rode the train which celebrated a theme of inclusivity.

#### Wind Storm

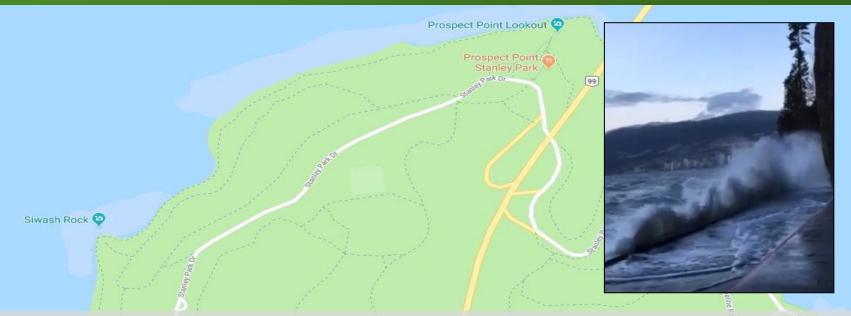




- On December 20 the Lower Mainland was hit by a significant wind storm damaging trees throughout the city.
- Majority of damage was focused on the South section of the city.
- Park Board crew responded to multiple issues throughout this time including damaged cars, damaged houses and blocked sidewalks.

#### Seawall Closure





On January 7, Park Operations crew shut off access to the portion of the seawall between Third Beach to Lions Gate Bridge.

Unexpected high winds from the Northwest alongside a high tide created extensive flooding. Section of the seawall was closed for approximately 5 hours with no damage reported.

## Warming Centre



On Monday, January 7, West End Community Centre was opened as a Warming Centre due to cooler temperatures. Park Board staff worked with West End Community Centre to prepare for this and have since reported that 15 individuals attended and there were no incidents or major concerns.



## Board Briefing Memos & Emails: December 17, 2018 – January 14, 2019



Date	Topic
Jan 14	Playing Fields Upgrade project - Board Update

