



PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

— February 11, 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

2019 Calendar of Major Special Events

The Board received the [2019 Calendar of Major Special Events](#), which includes approximately 100 events. They are distributed throughout the year and throughout the Park Board network, with a noticeable seasonal peak during the spring and summer months, and a concentration of activity in Stanley Park.

VanPlay - Parks & Recreation Master Plan: Draft Strategic Big Moves

The Board received a presentation to introduce the [VanPlay draft strategic big moves](#) that will form the content of Report 3 of the Parks and Recreation Services Master Plan (the Playbook), which will be brought to the Board for approval in the next few months. The project vision is to maximize access to high-quality parks and recreation experiences that connect people with themselves, each other, and nature. Staff provided a project update, the origin of the proposed approaches, and the proposed next steps.

GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE REPORT

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

- East Fraser Lands Neighbourhood Park South – construction is scheduled to begin by April. The park will feature a plaza at the north end with an overhead tree canopy, woodland planting, a communal harvest table, and flexible open spaces that can be used for games/small scale recreation activities;
- Langara Golf Course Tree Vandalism – more than 60 trees have been vandalized by having the tops sawed off; it is unlikely that they will recover; Vancouver Police Department is investigating; the Park Board intends to seek stiff penalties for whoever is found responsible;
- Thin Ice – cold temperatures have frozen several Park Board water features, however the ice is still too thin and not safe; ice needs to be at least 8 inches thick for it to be safe for skating; staff continue to monitor and warning signs are posted at Jericho, Queen Elizabeth, Everett Crowley, Vanier, Trout Lake and Lost Lagoon;
- False Creek Water Quality Improvement Initiative: Mobile Pump-out Service and Update - the City and Park Board have implemented a suite of initiatives to reduce pollution resulting from sewage from boats; on February 13, 2019, City Council will receive a [report on improving water quality in False Creek](#) that includes a recommendation that the City continue to provide a seasonal mobile pump-out service through to the 2024 boating season.

BOARD MOTIONS

Future of the 420 Cannabis Event

The Board directed staff to explore options available to preclude sale of cannabis and cannabis related products at the [upcoming 420 protest event](#) planned for Sunset Beach Park. Staff will also send a letter to Mayor Kennedy Stewart, Vancouver City Council, and the 420 organizers to



request a continuation of the exploration of alternate venues within the City of Vancouver in order to move this protest event to a more appropriate location.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next Committee and Board meetings are scheduled for February 25, 2019, and will be held at 2099 Beach Avenue.

