



2019 CALENDAR OF MAJOR SPECIAL EVENTS

Regular Park Board Meeting
February 11, 2019



Purpose/Objective

- Present and review 2019 Calendar of Major Special Events
- Provide opportunity for Board to convey feedback and/or ask questions



Background

Board Authority

- Park Board has exclusive jurisdiction/control over park use in the City of Vancouver
- Park Board approval is required for special events:
 - Not included in the annual event calendar
 - In variance with Park Board by-laws





Background

Special Events in Parks

- Parks are popular locations for entertainment and celebrations
- Such activities fall within the Park Board's mandate
- Special events:
 - Activate public spaces, foster connectedness, provide enriching cultural experiences
 - Enable economic benefits
- Park Board's role is largely that of a host (500+ events/year)

Background

Special Event Permit Process

- Delegating use of park space accomplished via special event permit process
- Special Event Guidelines:
 - Permit application requirements
 - Define process for evaluation
 - Inform terms and conditions
- Events impacting locations outside of Park Board jurisdiction coordinated with City FEST Committee





Background

Review & Approval Procedure

- Park Board reviews and approves:
 - New major special events
 - Changes to existing events
- Major events defined:
 - Significant impacts on public access to park space
 - Neighbourhood impacts
 - Require approval of specific event features
- Pending successful execution, events are added to annual calendar

2019 Calendar of Major Special Events

- Includes events which confirmed intention to move forward in 2019 at time report prepared
- Calendar also includes approved annual special events without confirmed 2019 dates





2019 Calendar of Major Special Events

- Contains 101 major special events
- Events distributed throughout the year and the Park Board network:
 - Seasonal peak in spring/summer
 - Concentration of activity in Stanley Park
- Calendar also sets out road closures in Stanley Park to host marquee events

Summary

- Major special events provide many benefits
- Park Board staff have carefully considered requirements and potential impacts of 2019 major events calendar
- Confident they can be executed successfully and as intended





Recommendation

THAT the Vancouver Park Board receive the 2019 Calendar of Major Special Events as information (see Appendix A).

