



February 4, 2019

TO: Park Board Chair and Commissioners
FROM: General Manager – Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation
SUBJECT: 2019 Calendar of Major Special Events

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Vancouver Park Board receive the 2019 Calendar of Major Special Events for information as outlined in Appendix A of this report.

POLICY

The Park Board compiles an annual list of major special events scheduled to take place over the coming year. In addition, the Park Board reviews and approves new major special events, as well as changes or revisions to existing major special events. The organization's current [Special Event Guidelines](#) were approved by the Board in [December 2003](#).

BACKGROUND

Special Events in Parks

Civic open spaces such as parks and plazas are popular sites for entertainment and celebrations of all natures and sizes. These activities fall within the Park Board's mission of providing a wide variety of leisure opportunities for Vancouverites, and include community festivals, arts and cultural events, music concerts, sports tournaments, and various celebrations. These initiatives activate public spaces, foster community connectedness, enhance the vibrancy of our city, provide enriching arts and cultural experiences, and also provide important economic benefits by supporting tourism and enabling fundraising activities for many non-profit organizations. The Park Board's role in supporting special events is primarily that of a host – accommodating events and activities on park land. Accordingly, the Park Board issues over 500 permits per year for special events and related activities.

Special Event Permit Process

Delegating use of a park location to an event organizer is accomplished through the special event permit process. The Park Board's Special Event Guidelines set out the permit application requirements for event organizers, define the process for evaluation and selection, and inform event terms and conditions.

Large scale events which also impact locations outside of Park Board jurisdiction are coordinated in conjunction with the City's Festival Expediting Staff Team Committee (FEST Committee). FEST Committee members include the Vancouver Police Department, Vancouver Fire & Rescue Services, BC Ambulance Service, BC Liquor Control and Licensing Branch, City Special Events, Traffic Management, and Park Board Special Events staff. The FEST Committee also reports to City Council with an annual calendar of major special events.

Review and Approval Procedure

The Park Board reviews and approves new major special events, as well as significant changes or revisions to existing special events as they emerge. Major special events are defined as those activities which can have sizable impacts on public access to park space, influence on surrounding neighbourhoods, require exclusive use of an area, and/or require approval of specific conditions of use as outlined under Park Board by-laws (e.g. notification requirements, sponsorship, vending, alcohol service, ticketing, etc.). Subject to successful execution, new and modified events are added to the Park Board's annual Calendar of Major Special Events.

DISCUSSION

The 2019 Calendar of Major Special Events is attached for the Board's information (see Appendix A). The Calendar is based on events which have confirmed their intention to move forward in 2019 at the time this report was prepared. Also included in the Calendar are annual special events that have been approved in past years but do not yet have confirmed dates for 2019.

The 2019 Calendar contains approximately 100 major special events. These events are distributed throughout the year and throughout the Park Board network, with a noticeable seasonal peak during spring and summer months, and a concentration of activity in Stanley Park. The Calendar also sets out the required road closures in Stanley Park to accommodate marquee events.

SUMMARY

Large scale special events in Vancouver parks and plazas activate public spaces, foster community connectedness, enhance the vibrancy of our city, and provide enriching cultural experiences. Park Board staff have carefully considered the requirements and potential impacts of the major special events planned for 2019, and are confident that they can be executed successfully and as intended. Accordingly, staff recommend that the Board receive the 2019 Calendar of Major Special Events as outlined in this report.

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**VANCOUVER BOARD OF PARKS & RECREATION
2019 CALENDAR OF MAJOR SPECIAL EVENTS**

** events denoted in bold text require road closures in Stanley Park; additional details are provided at the end of Appendix A*

EVENT	SITE	ORGANIZATION	START DATE	END DATE	VENDING (V)
					SOL (S)
					TICKETED (T)
Polar Bear Swim	English Bay	Vancouver Aquatic Centre	1-Jan	1-Jan	
City Tree Chipping Event	Kerrisdale Park Kitsilano Park John Hendry Park English Bay	City of Vancouver	5-Jan	6-Jan	
Winter Farmer's Market	Hillcrest Parking Lot	Local Farmers Market Society	5-Jan	27-Apr	V & S
Oppenheimer Christmas Dinner	Oppenheimer Park	Oppenheimer Park Christmas Dinner Fund	26-Jan	26-Jan	
MEC Vancouver Race ONE	Devonian Park	Mountain Equipment Coop	26-Jan	26-Jan	
Spring Festival Celebration	Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Garden Plaza	Chinese Benevolent Association	9-Feb	10-Feb	V
First Half Half Marathon	Roundhouse Turntable Plaza English Bay Seawall Stanley Park Seawall McBride Park	Pacific Roadrunners	10-Feb	10-Feb	
BMO St. Patrick's Day 5km Run	Stanley Park East	The Running Room	16-Mar	16-Mar	
Bard on the Beach	Vanier Park Fest Site	Bard on the Beach	25-Mar	1-Nov	V & S & T
Pacific Populaire	Riley Park	BC Randoneurs	7-Apr	7-Apr	
Spring Light Illumination & The Big Picnic	Queen Elizabeth Park	Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival Society	13-Apr	14-Apr	
Vancouver Sun Run	Stanley Park Ceperley Area	Vancouver Sun	14-Apr	14-Apr	
Earth Day Celebration	Grandview Park	Youth for Climate Justice Now	20-Apr	20-Apr	
Zero Waste Reuse and Recycling Drop off Kerrisdale	Kerrisdale Overflow Parking Lot	City of Vancouver Engineering	20-Apr	20-Apr	
Jericho Baseball League Midway Championship Days	Carnarvon Park	Jericho Little League Baseball Association	4-May	4-May	V

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FCRCC Knockout Dragon Boat Regatta	Creekside Park	False Creek Racing Canoe Club	4-May	4-May	V
BMO Vancouver International Marathon	Stanley Park	Vancouver International Marathon Society	4-May	5-May	
Trout Lake Farmer's Market	Trout Lake Parking Lot	Local Farmers Market Society	4-May	19-Oct	V & S
Kitsilano Farmer's Market	Kitsilano Parking Lot	Local Farmers Market Society	5-May	20-Oct	V & S
Dragon Zone Spring Sprint and Junior Regatta	Creekside Park	Canadian International Dragon Boat Festival Society	11-May	12-May	V
Wurth Welcome Reception	Brockton Fields, Stanley Park	Cantrav Services	15-May	22-May	S
Khalsa Diwan Sports Day	Memorial South Park Oak Park Kensington Park Moberly Park	Khalsa Diwan Society	17-May	20-May	V
Vancouver International Children's Festival	Sutcliffe Park	Vancouver International Children's Festival Society	27-May	2-Jun	V & T
Collingwood Days Festival	Gaston Park	Renfrew Community Centre	25-May	25-May	V
Womens Dragon Boat Regatta	Creekside Park	False Creek Women's Dragon Boat Team	25-May	25-May	V
PMC-Sierra Science Fun Run	Creekside Park David Lam Park	Science Fair Foundation	25-May	26-May	V
Scotiabank MS Walk	George Wainborne Park	Multiple Sclerosis Society	26-May	26-May	
Salmonberry Days	Memorial Park West	Dunbar Community Centre	26-May	26-May	
Fair in the Square	Victory Square	Central City Foundation	26-May	26-May	V
RBC Run for the Kids	Riley Park	BC Children's Hospital	2-Jun	2-Jun	V
Marpole Oakridge Community Day	Oak Park	Marpole Oakridge Community Association	1-Jun	1-Jun	V
Summer Fair	Champlain Parking Lot	Champlain Heights Community Centre	1-Jun	1-Jun	V
Thornton Park Farmer's Market	Thornton Park	Local Farmers Market Society	5-Jun	2-Oct	V & S
BC Buddhist Festival	Queen Elizabeth Park	Tsengdok Monastery Association	7-Jun	8-Jun	V
Boat for Hope	Hastings Mill Park	Variety - The Children's Charity	7-Jun	8-Jun	V

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Italian Day on the Drive	Grandview Park	Italian Day Festival Society	8-Jun	9-Jun	V
Dragon Zone 500M Regatta	Creekside Park	Canadian International Dragon Boat Festival Society	8-Jun	9-Jun	V
JDRF Walk to Cure Diabetes	Stanley Park	Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation	8-Jun	9-Jun	V & T
The Awesome Grand Prix	Jonathan Rogers Park	Cycling BC/Bicicletta	15-Jun	15-Jun	
Zero Waste Reuse and Recycling Drop off Hillcrest	Hillcrest South Gravel Parking Lot	Hillcrest Community Centre	15-Jun	15-Jun	
World Partnership Walk	Lumberman's Arch Stanley Park Seawall	Aga Khan Foundation	15-Jun	16-Jun	V
Paddlefest Vancouver	Jericho Sailing Centre	MEC/Jericho Sailing Centre	15-Jun	15-Jun	
Jericho Little League Midway	Carnarvon Park	Jericho Little League Baseball Association	15-Jun	15-Jun	
Hillcrest Summer Festival	Riley Park	Riley Park-Hillcrest Community Centre Association	15-Jun	15-Jun	V
Vancouver Dragon Boat Festival	Creekside Park	Canadian International Dragon Boat Festival Society	21-Jun	23-Jun	V & S
Point Grey Fiesta	West Point Grey Park	Point Grey Fiesta	20-Jun	23-Jun	V
The Gathering Festival	Emery Barnes Park	The Gathering Place Community Centre	21-Jun	21-Jun	V
National Indigenous Peoples Day	Oppenheimer Park	Carnegie Centre	22-Jun	22-Jun	
Eastside Pride	Grandview Park	Vancouver Pride Society	22-Jun	22-Jun	V
Strawberry Festival	Barley Heritage Square	West End Seniors Network	22- Jun	22 Jun	
Douglas Park Community Day	Douglas Park	Douglas Park Community Association	22-Jun	22-Jun	
Scotiabank Vancouver Half Marathon	Ceperley Park & Stanley Park Seawall	Canada Running Series	23-Jun	23-Jun	
Ride Don't Hide	QE Park	Canadian Mental Health Association	23-Jun	23-Jun	
Vancouver International Jazz Festival	David Lam Park	Coastal Jazz & Blues Society	27-Jun	2-Jul	V & S

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Picnic at the Park	Slocan Park	Phillipines Cultural Pista Ng Bayan Society	29-Jun	29-Jun	V
False Creek Canada Day Celebration	Sutcliffe Park	False Creek Community Centre	1-Jul	1-Jul	
Sunset Canada Day Celebration	Sunset Park	Sunset Community Centre	1-Jul	1-Jul	V
Canada Day Drumming	Creekside Park	Choice Communication	1-Jul	1-Jul	
Summer Cinema Series	Ceperley Park	Cinema 4 Change	2-Jul	27-Aug	V & T
Stanley Park Open	Stanley Park Tennis Courts	Tennis BC	3-Jul	23-Jul	V & S
Symphony at Sunset	Sunset Beach Park	Vancouver Park Board & Vancouver Symphony Orchestra	To be confirmed	To be confirmed	V
Vancouver International Soccer Festival	Empire Fields	One Team United for Peace & Development	5-Jul	7-Jul	V & S
Vancouver Open Pro Beach Volleyball	Kitsilano Park	Volleyball BC	11-Jul	14-Jul	V & S
Zero Waste Reuse and Recycling Drop off Trout Lake	John Hendry / Trout Lake	Trout Lake Community Centre	13-Jul	13-Jul	
Union Gospel Mission BBQ	Oppenheimer Park	Union Gospel Mission	13-Jul	13-Jul	
Pride Sports Day	Ceperley Park	Vancouver Pride Society	13-Jul	13-Jul	V & S
Walk with the Dragon	Lumberman's Arch Stanley Park Seawall	SUCCESS	14-Jul	14-Jul	V
ILWU Pensioners Picnic	New Bright Park	ILWU Local 500	18-Jul	18-Jul	
Vancouver Folk Music Festival	Jericho Beach Park Locarno Picnic Site	Vancouver Folk Festival Society	19-Jul	21-Jul	V & S & T
African Descent Festival	Thornton Park	African Descent Society	19-Jul	21-Jul	V & S
Church in the Park	Prospect Point, Stanley Park	Coastal Church	20-Jul	20-Jul	
Celebration of Light	English Bay Beach Park Vanier Park Alexandra Park Sunset Beach Park Ceperley Park	Vancouver Fireworks Festival Society	27-Jul	3-Aug	V & S & T
Powell Street Festival	Oppenheimer Park	Powell Street Festival Society	2-Aug	4-Aug	V

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Vancouver Dyke March	McSpadden Park	Vancouver Dyke March & Festival Society	3-Aug	3-Aug	V
Vancouver Pride Festival	Alexandra Park English Bay Beach Park Sunset Beach Park Stanley Park	Vancouver Pride Society	3-Aug	4-Aug	V & S
Vancouver International Pride Tennis Tournament BBQ	Stanley Park	Vancouver Tennis Association	4-Aug	4-Aug	S
The Park Show	Jonathan Rogers Park	Live Nation	9-Aug	10-Aug	V & S & T
KitsFest	Kitsilano Park	Canada One Foundation	9-Aug	12-Aug	V & S
Beach Soccer Blast	Spanish Banks Beach Park	Beach Soccer Blast	9-Aug	11-Aug	V
SeaWheeze Run & Festival	Stanley Park	Lululemon Athletica	17-Aug	17-Aug	V & S & T
Festival of India	Ceperley Park Second Beach	ISKCON of Western Canada	17-Aug	20-Aug	V
Punjabi Mela	Moberley Park	Sunset Indo Canadian Senior Society	18-Aug	18-Aug	V
Roundhouse Fun Fair	David Lam Park	Roundhouse Community Arts and Rec. Centre	18-Aug	18-Aug	V
Our City Ride	David Lam Stanley Park	365 International Sport Foundation	24-Aug	24-Aug	V & S
Pinoy Fiesta	South Memorial Park	Phillipine Canadian Cultural Society	25-Aug	25-Aug	V
Vancouver Triathlon	Ceperley Park	Multisport Canada	2-Sep	2-Sep	V
Victory Square Concert Festival	Victory Square Park	The Student Radio Society Of UBC (CiTR 101.9FM)	1-Sep	1-Sep	
RBC GranFondo Whistler	Stanley Park	GranFondo Canada	7-Sep	7-Sep	
Paws for a Cause	David Lam Park	BC SPCA	8-Sep	8-Sep	V & S
Terry Fox Run	Ceperley Park Stanley Park Seawall	Four Seasons Hotel	15-Sep	15-Sep	
Night Race	Stanley Park	Flow Marketing	20-Sep	20-Sep	V & S
Day of the Longboat	Jericho Sailing Centre Beach Area	UBC Recreation	To be confirmed	To be confirmed	V

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Renfrew Ravine Moon Festival	Renfrew Park Slocan Park	Renfrew Park Community Centre	To be confirmed	To be confirmed	V
Light the Night	Lumberman's Stanley Park Seawall East Lost Lagoon	Leukemia & Lymphoma Society	11-Oct	13-Oct	V
Grandville Island Turkey Trot	Creekside Park	Vancouver International Marathon Society	14-Oct	14-Oct	
James Cunningham Seawall Race	Stanley Park Ceperley Park Seawall	Lions Gate Road Runners	27-Oct	27-Oct	
Remembrance Day Ceremony	Japanese War Monument, Stanley Park	Japanese Canadian Memorial	11-Nov	11-Nov	
Remembrance Day Ceremony	Memorial South Park	South Vancouver Veterans Association	11-Nov	11-Nov	
Remembrance Day Ceremony	Victory Square	Vancouver Park Board	11-Nov	11-Nov	
Santa Shuffle	Lumberman's Arch, Stanley Park	The Salvation Army	7-Dec	7-Dec	
Winter Solstice Festival	Various Locations	Secret Lantern Society	21-Dec	21-Dec	

- Vending requests are subject to standard terms and conditions, unless otherwise approved by the Board.
- Special Occasion Licenses are subject to VPD, VF&RS, and BCLC&LB approval.
- Ticketed events are subject to Board approval.

Stanley Park Road Closures

The following recurrent annual events require a morning road closure in Stanley Park. Historically, traffic closures in Stanley Park have been limited to once a month between 6:00am and 10:00am during the months of March, April, May, June and September, and between 6:00am and 11:30am during the month of October. Closures are generally not permitted in July and August; there are no restrictions during other months of the year. Early morning road closures prior to 10:00am tend to have minimal impacts on Stanley Park operations. Organizers are strongly encouraged to ensure their events have concluded by 10:00am and Park Board staff work closely with event organizers to inform all Park stakeholders in advance of event dates.

Run/Walk Events

Mar 16, 2019	BMO St. Patrick's Day 5km 9:30am to 10:30am Limited closure - Road closures on the east side of Stanley Park, from the Georgia Street entrance around Brockton Point to Pipeline Road	Running Room Attendance - 2,000
Apr 14, 2019	Sun Run 6:30am to 10:00am Limited closure - City street road closures will delay access to Stanley Park - Race route starts on Georgia Street, turns left onto Denman Street, right on Lagoon Drive and enters Stanley Park along the road adjacent to the Park Board Administration Building and exits via the English Bay entrance	Vancouver Sun Run Attendance - 50,000
May 5, 2019	BMO Vancouver International Marathon 6:30am to 10:30am - Road closure on West Side of Stanley Park	Vancouver International Marathon Society Attendance - 17,500
Jun 23, 2019	Scotia Bank Half Marathon & 5km 5:30am to 12:00noon Limited closure - Event organizers require a road closure from the Second Beach crosswalk to the Beach Avenue entrance of Stanley Park; this portion of Park Drive will be closed to vehicle traffic	Canada Running Series Attendance - 6,000
September 2, 2019	Vancouver Triathlon 6:00am to 10:00am Full road closure	Multisport Canada Attendance - 1,000
September 7, 2019	RBC GranFondo Whistler 3:00am to 10:00am Limited closure	GranFondo Canada Attendance - 4,000

Concert Events

The following large concert event requires a road closure in Stanley Park at the end of the event (post 10:00pm). Park Drive east will be closed to traffic from the roundabout to Brockton Fields to allow for safe pedestrian egress out of the park. The road will re-open after the egress has been completed. This closure has very little impact on park operations and staff will work closely with event organizers to inform all stakeholders in advance of the event.

August 17, 2019

SeaWheeze Run & Festival

Lululemon Athletica

Post 10:00pm

Attendance - 15,000

Limited closure

- Closure required for egress from the roundabout to Brockton Fields on Stanley Park Drive East