



Report from the General Manager's Office April 15, 2019

The following report is intended to provide an overview and update on recent and upcoming activities within the Park Board.

False Creek Flats Arterial Route

After eight days of meetings and deliberations, members of the Flats Arterial Community Panel arrived at a recommended option for an arterial route on April 6, 2019. The Panel recommends National-Charles for the False Creek Flats Arterial Route. A final report detailing the Community Panel's journey and their recommendations is currently being reviewed and finalized by Panelists. This [report will be made available prior to presentation](#) to City Council and Park Board in late April. Park Board will receive the panel presentation at a Special Meeting on April 30, 2019.

New Plants – Echim Pininana “Snow Tower”

Park Board has acquired some new exciting plants which are rare in Canada. Echimiums are subtropical plants native to La Palma in the Canary Islands where they are an endangered species. During its first year, the tree echium forms a rosette of silver, hairy, spear-like leaves. In its second year, the tall flower spike grows up to 15 feet high and produces hundreds of small white bell-shaped flowers. After flowering, it will scatter its seeds and die. The “Snow Tower” is now in full bloom at Bloedel Conservatory but won't last long. Tree Echimiums have also been planted in Morton Park, Queen Elizabeth Park and VanDusen Botanical Garden and expect them to flower in May.

Bike Training

Four of our Rangers just completed the Law Enforcement Bike Association Training which covers all aspects of using your bike on patrol, through all types of areas and conditions. These four Rangers will be sharing their knowledge with other Bike Patrol Rangers.

Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival

The annual Cherry Blossom Festival kicked off on April 4 and runs until May 5. The Park Board is a proud sponsor of this event and home to a number of signature events which includes the Big Picnic and Plain Air Painting program at QE Park, Sakura Days Japan Fair at VanDusen, Bike the Blossoms which begins at John Hendry Park and finishes at QE Park and Sakura Night, the annual fund-raising event on May 5 at Stanley Park Pavilion.

Council Business

The next Council Meeting is on April 23 and the agenda has not yet been released.

Board Briefing Memos & Emails: April 2 to 15, 2019

Date	Topic
Apr 4	2019 Fees and Charges Update
Apr 4	Japanese Beetle Incursion – Treatment Update (joint memo from Park Board GM and Deputy City Manager)
Apr 12	Motions Pertaining to Oppenheimer Park (joint memo from Park Board GM and Deputy City Manager)