



CHAIR'S REPORT

Park Board Meeting
September 16, 2019



July 20-24: Greater & Greener Conference Denver, Colorado



Chair Mackinnon gave a keynote address about the Park Board's Biodiversity Strategy and initiatives. Several staff also spoke at the conference.

July 27, July 31, August 3: Honda Celebration of Light English Bay



Chair Mackinnon was a judge at the 29th annual Honda Celebration of Light. Team Canada was the champion competing against teams from India and Croatia.

August 4: Pride Parade West End Vancouver



Park Board Commissioners and staff joined community centre association partners at this annual event. Chair Mackinnon spoke at Second Beach about inclusion and accessibility being a Board priority.

August 9-11: KitsFest



Chair Mackinnon spoke at the media launch of KitsFest, Vancouver's hottest sports and healthy living beach festival and was joined by Commissioner Coupar.

August 17: Dude Chilling Sculpture Celebration Guelph Park



Commissioner Demers, who was joined by Commissioner Barker, Councillor Melissa De Genova, and artist Michael Dennis, welcomed guests to the unveiling of the bronze replica of The Dude.

August 31: Lovin' the Earth Climate Action Fair Riley Park



Chair Mackinnon and Commissioner Demers spoke about what the Board is doing to fight climate change, including increasing the forest canopy and biodiversity.

September 6: Media Event on Oppenheimer Park



At a news conference, Chair Mackinnon requested the formation of a multi-jurisdictional task force on homelessness and announced that the Board will not evict people from Oppenheimer Park.

September 8: Battle of Britain Memorial Stanley Park



Chair Mackinnon spoke at the Battle of Britain Memorial in the Air Force Garden of Remembrance. The garden commemorates pilots who fought in the battle during World War II.

