



Park Board General Manager's Office Report – September 30, 2019

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

Halloween Events: Stanley Park Ghost Train & VanDusen Glow in the Garden

The Stanley Park Railway and plaza will be transformed into a gothic nightmare world of creatures, crypts, and catacombs with a giant graveyard. The [Ghost Train](#) runs evenings from October 11 to 31.

[VanDusen Glow in the Garden](#) returns for another season of festive enchantment, October 17 to 27 from 5:00 to 9:00pm. The event will showcase a walk through a new light show with unique features and magical moments with Halloween treats along the way.

Council Business

On October 1, Council will be receiving a report titled [False Creek Flats Grade-Separated Road Alignment](#), recommending that the Prior/Venables arterial not be replaced as there were no alternate routes that received full support from all stakeholders. Staff recommend grade-separating the Prior/Venables rail crossing with an underpass and working with the neighborhood to improve safety and access to the park. It is also recommended that there be a net increase in permanent park space at Strathcona Park should there be any impacts to park boundaries.

Council will also be receiving the following Motions on Notice:

- [Emergency Action to Support Vancouver's Homeless People, Including those in Oppenheimer Park](#)
- [Back to Basics: Prioritizing Public Realm Maintenance and Cleanliness in Vancouver](#)
- [Expediting an Elementary School for the Olympic Village Community – the City's Role](#)
- [A Collaborative and New Approach to Oppenheimer Park and Other Public Spaces](#)

On October 2, the Standing Committee will be receiving a report on the [Broadway Plan – Phase 1 Engagement and Proposed Guiding Principles](#) which will provide a significant opportunity to advance Vancouver's Parks and Recreation Service Master Plan (VanPlay) *Ten Goals to Shape the Next 25 Years* approved by the Board in 2018. Seven of these ten goals strongly relate to actionable aspects of the Broadway Plan, including growing park space, protecting existing parks, equitably delivering resources, creating a green network, restoring wild space and biodiversity, seeking truth as a foundation for reconciliation, and securing adequate and ongoing funding.

Board Briefing Memos: September 17 to 30, 2019

Date	Topic
Sep 25	VanSplash Advisory Group Wrap-up
Sep 26	Global Climate Strike September 2019
Sep 30	False Creek Flats Arterial Council Report