



## Park Board General Manager's Office Report – November 4, 2019

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

### **Memorial South Park Cenotaph – Upgrades**

Further to the information provided in a Board Briefing Memo sent to Commissioners on August 21, we are happy to report that construction work for the cenotaph access project at Memorial South Park has been completed. After consulting with Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans the team have widened the walkways surrounding the monument and there is now ramped access from the North and South of the monument.

The Major Maintenance and Construction team pressure washes all park cenotaphs in preparation for Remembrance Day and throughout the year graffiti removal from these sites is a priority.

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

From October 11 to October 31 the Stanley Park Railway and the plaza were transformed in to Alice in Nightmareland. Another successful year, the [Ghost Train](#) took over 40,000 riders on a journey into a gothic nightmare world of tombstones, crypts and catacombs.

[Glow in the Garden](#), VanDusen's annual Halloween event, proved to be a favorite with Vancouverites once again in 2019. Despite suffering a one-night closure due to high winds, the event which ran between October 17 and 27 welcomed over 17,000 visitors. This year's event featured a new creative concept that complimented and showcased the beauty of the Garden, and was very well received by guests.

### **Garden Tourism Awards: VanDusen Botanical Garden**

On November 5, 2019 at the North American Garden Tourism Conference, the recipients of the Garden Tourism Awards will be announced. We are proud to announce that VanDusen Botanical Garden have been awarded 'Botanical Garden of the Year'. The awards are presented to organizations and individuals who have distinguished themselves in the development and promotion of garden experiences as tourism attractions and motivators.

### **Council Business**

Items of interest to the Park Board at the November 5 Regular Council Meeting:

1. [Rain City Strategy](#)
2. [Integrated Blue-Green Systems Planning](#)

### **Board Briefing Memos: October 22 to November 4, 2019**

Date	Topic
Oct 25	<a href="#">2020 Budget Process Update</a>
Nov 1	<a href="#">"Doing Good Work" Article: Learning About Truth &amp; Reconciliation Through Northeast False Creek Park</a>