



Park Board General Manager's Office Report – November 18, 2019

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

Holiday Events:

Bright Nights in Stanley Park

During the holiday season, the Bright Nights Christmas Train and Stanley Park Train Plaza sparkle with three million twinkling lights. Bright Nights is set to open on Thursday, November 28, 2019 to Wednesday, January 1, 2020 and is closed on December 25 for Christmas. New this year is the addition of the 5K Santa Run with hundreds of runners disguised as jolly Saint Nick running through Stanley Park on November 30 at 9:30am in support of the BC Professional Fire Fighters' Burn Fund. Visitors can buy tickets to ride the train and experience the lights or they can view the displays at the Train Plaza by donation. Donations and a portion of ticket sales go to the BC Professional Fire Fighters' Burn Fund. Over \$2.5million has been raised to help burn survivors and their families since 1998.

VanDusen Festival of Lights

Over one million lights will decorate 15 acres of VanDusen Botanical Garden from Saturday, November 30, 2019 to Sunday, January 5, 2020 (closed on December 25) for the 35th annual VanDusen Festival of Lights. Visitors can stroll through themed areas, ride the carousel, watch the famous dancing light show on Livingstone Lake, take a photo with Santa, light a candle at the Make-A-Wish candle grotto, savour tasty treats from food trucks and more.

Bloedel Conservatory 50th Anniversary – Festivale Tropicale

December 6 marks the 50th anniversary of Bloedel Conservatory. The event will be marked by the launching of Festivale Tropicale, an indoor tropical event featuring 150 free flying exotic birds, magical lights, colorful plant displays, festive music, scavenger hunt and much more. The event will run from Saturday, December 7 to Sunday, January 5, 2020.

Council Business

Agenda for Council Meeting on November 26 is not yet available.

Board Briefing Memos

Since the last report, there are no board briefing memos issued to date.