



PARK BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

— December 2 & 9, 2019 —

The following information is intended to provide a brief overview of the Board's governance work at the Committee and Board meetings. The full agenda, meeting materials, video clips and official minutes can be found on the [Park Board website](#).

STAFF REPORTS / PRESENTATIONS

2020 Fees and Charges – Parks & Recreation

The Board approved the proposed [2020 Fees and Charges](#), which remain consistent with Park Board policy and reflect careful consideration of market and customer impacts, with a focus on affordability. The expected additional revenue, which has been incorporated into the 2020 Operating Budget, will contribute approximately \$0.9 million toward covering the impacts of estimated cost increases and proposed enhanced services.

2020 Service Plan and Operating & Capital Budgets – Parks & Recreation

As part of a new annual priority planning process introduced this year, the Park Board approved a Service Plan and its associated operating and capital budgets for 2020. The [2020 Service Plan](#) has been developed with maintenance of core services in mind, along with the addition of several key enhancements. The Plan is split into three external core service areas: Parks and Green Spaces, Recreational Programming and Facilities, and Business Services which is comprised of two supporting groups: Planning & Park Development and Support Services.

Downtown Park at Smithe and Richards - Construction Contract

The Board approved awarding a contract for [construction of the new park at Smithe and Richards Streets](#) to Smith Bros. and Wilson (B.C.) Ltd. The development of this much needed amenity has been part of a multi-year process to deliver new park and outdoor recreation spaces for residents of Downtown South.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Mackinnon highlighted the following events in [his report](#):

- Nov 27: Bright Nights Christmas Train, Stanley Park – Commissioner Dumont welcomed riders at the launch of the train.
- Nov 29: Festival of Lights, VanDusen Garden – Commissioners joined Make-A-Wish child Cameron as he lit up the 35th annual holiday celebration.
- Dec 06: Festivale Tropicale, Bloedel Conservatory – Commissioners celebrated the 50th anniversary of the conservatory.

The Chair also [presented](#) highlights from the [Vancouver Park Board's 2019 Year in Review](#).

GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE REPORT

The Deputy General Manager presented an overview of topics included in the [GMO Report](#):

- Council Business: 2020 Capital and Operating Budgets – The proposed budgets were presented on Dec 3 for debate on Dec 10.



ELECTIONS for 2020 TERM

The Board elected Commissioner Dumont as its Board Chair for the 2020 Term. Commissioner Demers will remain Board Vice-Chair, and Commissioners Giesbrecht and Barker will also remain as Committee Chair and Vice-Chair respectively.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next Committee and Board meetings are scheduled for January 20, 2020, and will be held at 2099 Beach Avenue.

