



## Park Board General Manager's Office Report January 20, 2020

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

### Holiday Events

2019 was another successful year for Park Board Holiday events:

- The 35<sup>th</sup> annual VanDusen "Festival of Lights" (FOL) welcomed a record 148,000 attendees this season (compared to 119,000 in 2018). The event was well received by the public, with several media outlets recognizing it as the city's best holiday lighting experience. This year also marked the 19<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Park Board's partnership with the Make-A-Wish Foundation.
- Bloedel Conservatory celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with "Festivale Tropicale". Set inside the historic dome at the peak of QE Park, this holiday event attracted over 36,000 visitors (compared to 27,000 in 2018).
- This was the 22<sup>nd</sup> year the Park Board has collaborated with the BC Professional Fire Fighters Burn Fund to deliver "Bright Nights in Stanley Park", where 103,000 people rode the festive train. As well, the Burn Fund's inaugural 5K Santa Run spread cheer with hundreds of runners disguised as jolly Saint Nick running through Stanley Park.

### Extreme Weather Response

During the week of January 13-17, the Lower Mainland was hit by inclement weather, with heavy snowfall, winds, and icy conditions experienced throughout the week. Through a coordinated effort that delivered great results, the Park Operations crews brined, plowed and salted throughout the week, prioritizing access to Park Board facilities, including community centres, work yards, and parks.

### Council Business

There are no items on the Council agendas this week that specifically relate to parks and recreation.

### Board Briefing Memos: December 10, 2019 to January 20, 2020

Date	Topic
Dec 17	<a href="#">East Park and Creekside Park South Request for Proposal</a>
Dec 19	<a href="#">2020 Budget Adjustments</a>
Dec 19	<a href="#">Washroom Strategy Update</a>
Dec 19	<a href="#">Jericho Arts Centre Temporary Closure</a>
Jan 9	<a href="#">Brockton Point Flag Replacement</a>
Jan 9	<a href="#">CRAB Park Improvements and Washrooms</a>
Jan 15	<a href="#">Sunset Seniors Centre Update</a>
Jan 15	<a href="#">Sport Fields Strategy</a>