



# GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Regular Park Board Meeting  
February 10, 2020



# 25 Years of Service Award Ceremony – February 5, 2020



- 95 City of Vancouver employees were recognized for '25 Years of Service';
- Includes 12 Park Board employees; 9 of whom attended the ceremony



Name	Position
<b>Kevin Bradley</b>	Utility Maintenance Worker 1 - Templeton Park Pool
<b>Vitomir Bulic</b>	Subforeman 1 - Stanley Park
<b>Paul Czene</b>	Recreation Services Coordinator - Access & Inclusion
<b>Lily Dong</b>	Recreation Supervisor - Hillcrest Community Ctr
<b>Cynthia Gulbransen</b>	Recreation Programmer - Killarney Community Ctr
<b>Michael Knoll</b>	Superintendent - Neighborhood Parks North
<b>Kevin MacKay</b>	Park Attendant III - Neighborhood Parks South
<b>Keith Monroe</b>	Superintendent - Urban Forestry South
<b>John Odong</b>	Supervisor - Neighborhood Parks
<b>Steve Tautscher</b>	Recreation Programmer II - Trout Lake & Renfrew Community Ctrs, Vancouver Aquatic Centre
<b>Larry Turko</b>	Recreation Programmer II - Hillcrest, Kensington & Marpole Community Ctrs
<b>Vincent Yap</b>	Utility Maintenance Worker I - Vancouver Aquatic Centre

New from ParQueer this Winter:

## Storytelling & Poetry Writing Workshop

with jaye simpson



Hone your poetry, prose and essay skills with workshops facilitated by jaye simpson

These workshops strive to engage in the power of developing one's voice and narrative while rejecting the assigned script we are given in society. While focusing on tone, rhythm and pace, jaye hopes to guide writers with prompts, editing exercises and practice readings. This series asks you to investigate the stories that inspire you and the people behind them while also asking what.

Workshops are **free of charge**, and made by and for the **LGBTQ2S+ community**.

**Jan 30th Week One:** Introductions // Editing Tips, Tricks & Hacks // Poetry Prompt

**Feb 13th Week Two:** Poetry Prompt Feedback // Spoken Word & Voice // Spoken Word Prompt

**Feb 27 Week Three:** Practice Reading/Spoken Word Feedback // Prose & Personal Narrative, Prose Prompt

**Mar 19 Week Four:** Prose Feedback // Editing, Submitting and Publishing // General Prompt

**Mar 26 Week Five:** Tone & Voice // Practice Reading & Feedback

**Apr 2 Week Six:** Artist Biography & Statement of Poetics, Booking & Set/Suite Curation

- Six part workshop running from January 30 to April 2;
- First TGD2S program to sell out;
- Each session covers a different topic ranging from editing tips, spoken word skills, to developing your voice;
- Workshop series is a collaboration between Park Board and the Queer Arts Festival.

Thursday Evenings 7 - 9 pm  
Mt Pleasant Community Centre



Items of Park Board interest on upcoming Council agendas include:

- Two “Aquatic Environments” reports:
  - [mobile sewage pump-out services](#) in False Creek for the 2020 to 2024 boating seasons;
  - [action plan](#) for improving water quality in aquatic environments; longer term strategies addressing aquatic health to be part of Vancouver Plan; and
- A motion titled: [Including Pedestrians in Vancouver’s Snow Protocol and Response](#) recommending City staff consult with Park Board about equipment and strategies for clearing snow and ice from walkways and pathways.

Date	Topic
Jan 27	SKOOKUM Music Festival 2020 Update
Jan 31	People, Parks & Dogs – John Hendry Park

