

# GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

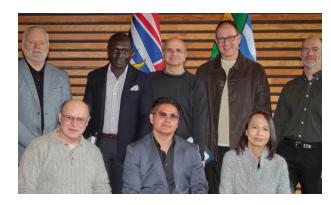
#### Regular Park Board Meeting February 10, 2020



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

# Recreation: Storytelling and Poetry Writing Workshop



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

Thursday Evenings 7 - 9 pm Mt Pleasant Community Centre

- 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.

# Reciprocity Staff Learning Event – February 7, 2020



Over 100 staff attended day of learning:

- Explored Indigenous programming in parks and the concept of reciprocity;
- Reviewed colonial barriers faced by Indigenous programmers;
- Discussed decolonizing tools being developed by urban and local Indigenous cultural practitioners.





#### **Council Business**



Items of Park Board interest on upcoming Council agendas include:

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



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

