



## Park Board General Manager’s Office Report February 10, 2020

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

### **25 Years of Service Award Ceremony – February 5, VanDusen Botanical Gardens**

This year there were 95 City of Vancouver employees recognized for 25 Years of Service, with 12 of those Park Board employees. General Manager, Malcolm Bromley, presented recipients with an award and thanked them for their years of service. Commissioner Irwin also attended on behalf of the Board.

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 with Jaye Simpson**

This six part workshop, which runs from January 30 to April 2, 2020, aims to “engage in the power of developing one’s voice and narrative while rejecting the assigned script we are given by society”. Jaye Simpson is an Oji-Cree non-binary trans woman, writer, and active member in the TGD2S community, and brings her lived experience to the role of facilitator with this program. This is the first TGD2S program to sell-out with 20 spaces available. Each session of the workshop series covers a different topic, ranging from editing tips, to spoken word skills, to developing your voice. This workshop series is a testament to the collaboration between the Park Board’s Arts, Culture and Engagement and TGD2S teams and the Queer Arts Festival.

### **Reciprocity Staff Learning Event**

On February 7, Park Planning staff hosted a day of learning about Indigenous programming in parks to explore the concept of reciprocity with over 100 staff in attendance. The event, which featured nine guest speakers, aimed to daylight and celebrate Indigenous stewardship and cultural programming by bringing together Indigenous partners and key Park Board and City of Vancouver staff. The presentations brought to light the colonial barriers faced by Indigenous programmers and the decolonizing tools being developed by urban and local Indigenous cultural practitioners.



## Council Business

Items of interest to the Park Board on upcoming Council meeting agendas include:

- two reports regarding aquatic environments; one recommending [mobile sewage pump-out services](#) in False Creek for the 2020 to 2024 boating seasons and the other an [action plan](#) recommending that the City and Park Board continue to work at improving water quality in aquatic environments, with longer term strategies addressing aquatic health to be developed as part of the Vancouver Plan; and
- a motion titled: [Including Pedestrians in Vancouver's Snow Protocol and Response](#) which recommends Council direct staff to consult with the Park Board with respect to equipment and strategies for clearing snow and ice from walkways and pathways under their jurisdiction.

## Board Briefing Memos: January 21 to February 10, 2020

Date	Topic
Jan 27	<a href="#">SKOOKUM Music Festival 2020 Update</a>
Jan 31	<a href="#">People, Parks &amp; Dogs - John Hendry Park</a>