



February 14, 2020

TO: Park Board Chair and Commissioners
FROM: General Manager – Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation
SUBJECT: Special Events Calendar 2020 - Major Events

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the 2020 Calendar of Major Special Events as outlined in this report and attached as Appendix A.

REPORT SUMMARY

Civic open spaces such as parks and plazas, as well as admission-based facilities such as VanDusen Botanical Garden and Bloedel Conservatory are popular sites for entertainment and celebrations of all natures and sizes. The Park Board's role in supporting special events is primarily that of a host, issuing over 1,300 permits annually for special events and activities across its open space network and facilities; the Park Board also organizes several events for the benefit and enjoyment of Vancouverites and visitors to the city. The purpose of this report is to present the 2020 Calendar of Major Special Events for the Board's approval.

BOARD AUTHORITY / POLICY / PREVIOUS DECISIONS

Per the [Vancouver Charter](#), the Park Board has exclusive jurisdiction and control over park land use in the City of Vancouver, including any structures, programs, activities, fees, and improvements that occur within designated parks.

The Park Board compiles an annual list of major special events scheduled to take place over the coming year. In addition, as informed by the Special Event Policy & Guidelines approved by the Board in December 2003, as well as current practices, the Park Board reviews and approves new major special events, as well as changes or revisions to existing major special events.

On May 13, 2019, the Board [directed staff to update the aforementioned policy and guidelines](#). Concurrent with this direction, the Board also instructed staff to maintain and support the Park Board's current portfolio of commercial events and activities, but issued a moratorium on the introduction of any new commercial initiatives until after the Special Event Policy & Guidelines have been updated and approved by the Board.

BACKGROUND

Special Events in Parks and Plazas

Civic open spaces such as parks and plazas, as well as admission-based facilities such as VanDusen Botanical Garden and Bloedel Conservatory are popular sites for entertainment and celebrations of all natures and sizes. These activities fall within the Park Board's mission of providing a wide variety of leisure opportunities for Vancouverites, and include community festivals, arts and cultural events, music concerts, sports tournaments, and various celebrations.

These initiatives activate public spaces, foster community connectedness, enhance the vibrancy of our city, provide enriching arts and cultural experiences, and deliver important economic benefits by supporting tourism and enabling fundraising activities for many not-for-profit/charitable organizations. The Park Board's role in supporting special events is primarily that of a host – accommodating events and activities in park spaces and plazas. Accordingly, the Park Board issues over 1,200 permits annually for special events and activities across its open space network, and over 100 permits for events and activities at VanDusen Botanical Garden and Bloedel Conservatory. The Park Board also organizes and delivers 10 events for the benefit and enjoyment of Vancouverites and visitors to the city.

Special Event Permit Process

Designating use of a park location to an event organizer is accomplished through the special event permit process. The Park Board's Special Event and Facility Rental Guidelines set out the permit application requirements for event organizers, define the process for evaluation and selection, and inform event terms and conditions.

Large scale events which also impact locations outside of Park Board jurisdiction are coordinated in conjunction with the City's Festival Expediting Staff Team Committee (FEST Committee). FEST Committee members include the Vancouver Police Department, Vancouver Fire & Rescue Services, BC Ambulance Service, BC Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch, City Special Events, Traffic Management, and Park Board Special Events staff. The FEST Committee also reports to City Council with an annual calendar of major special events.

Review and Approval Procedure

The Park Board reviews and approves new major special events, as well as significant changes or revisions to existing special events as they emerge. Major special events are defined as those activities which can have sizable impacts on public access to park space, influence on surrounding neighbourhoods, require exclusive use of an area, and/or require approval of specific conditions of use as outlined under Park Board by-laws (e.g. notification requirements, sponsorship, vending, licensed/alcohol service, ticketing, etc.). Subject to successful execution, new and modified events are added to the Park Board's annual Calendar of Major Special Events.

DISCUSSION

The 2020 Calendar of Major Special Events is attached for the Board's review and approval (see Appendix A). The Calendar is based on events which have confirmed their intention to move forward in 2020 at the time this report was prepared. Also included in the Calendar are annual special events that have been approved in past years but do not yet have confirmed dates for 2020.

The 2020 Calendar contains 111 major special events, including:

- 10 Park Board organized and delivered events;
- 4 events delivered by external partners at VanDusen Botanical Garden; and
- 97 events delivered by external partners across Vancouver parks and plazas.

These events are distributed throughout the year and throughout the Park Board network, with a noticeable seasonal peak during the spring and summer months, and a concentration of activity in Stanley Park. The Calendar also sets out the required road closures in Stanley Park to accommodate marquee events.

CONCLUSION

Large scale special events in Vancouver parks, plazas, and facilities activate public spaces, foster community connectedness, enhance the vibrancy of our city, and provide enriching cultural experiences. Park Board staff have carefully considered the requirements and potential impacts of the major special events planned for 2020, and are confident that they can be executed successfully and as intended. Accordingly, staff recommend that the Board approve the 2020 Calendar of Major Special Events, attached as Appendix A.

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**VANCOUVER BOARD OF PARKS & RECREATION
2020 CALENDAR OF MAJOR SPECIAL EVENTS**

Park Board Organized Events

EVENT	SITE	ORGANIZATION	START DATE	END DATE	VENDING (V)
					LICENSED (L)
					TICKETED (T)
Polar Bear Swim	English Bay	Vancouver Park Board	1-Jan	1-Jan	V
Easter Train	Stanley Park Railway	Vancouver Park Board	9-Apr	13-Apr	V & T
Eggciting Easter Hop	VanDusen Botanical Garden	Vancouver Park Board	10-Apr	12-Apr	V & T
Symphony at Sunset	Sunset Beach	Vancouver Park Board & Vancouver Symphony Orchestra	4-Jul	4-Jul	
Vancouver Symphony Orchestra In the Garden	VanDusen Botanical Garden	Vancouver Park Board	To be determined	To be determined	V & T
Ghost Train	Stanley Park Railway	Vancouver Park Board	9-Oct	31-Oct	V & T
Glow in the Garden	VanDusen Botanical Garden	Vancouver Park Board	16-Oct	31-Oct	V & T
Bright Nights	Stanley Park Railway	Vancouver Park Board & BC Professional Firefighters Burn Fund	26-Nov	3-Jan	V & T
Festival of Lights	VanDusen Botanical Garden	Vancouver Park Board	27-Nov	3-Jan	V & L & T
Holiday Heights	Bloedel Conservatory	Vancouver Park Board	11-Dec	3-Jan	V & T

Events at VanDusen Botanical Garden and Bloedel Conservatory

EVENT	SITE	ORGANIZATION	START DATE	END DATE	VENDING (V)
					LICENSED (L)
					TICKETED (T)
Sakura Days Japan Fair	VanDusen Botanical Garden	Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival & Japan Fair Association of Vancouver	18-Apr	19-Apr	V & L & T
Plant Sale	VanDusen Botanical Garden	VanDusen Botanical Garden Assoc	26-Apr	26-Apr	V & T
All British Field Meet	VanDusen Botanical Garden	Westco Marketing Ltd	16-May	16-May	V & T
Luxury Supercar Weekend	VanDusen Botanical Garden	Luxury Alliance Group Ltd	12-Sep	13-Sep	V & T

Events in Parks and Plazas

** events denoted in bold text require road closures in Stanley Park; additional details are provided at the end of Appendix A*

EVENT	SITE	ORGANIZATION	START DATE	END DATE	VENDING (V)
					LICENSED (L)
					TICKETED (T)
City Tree Chipping Event	Kerrisdale Park Kitsilano Park John Hendry Park English Bay	City of Vancouver	4-Jan	5-Jan	
Winter Farmer's Market	Hillcrest Parking Lot	Local Farmers Market Society	4-Jan	25-Apr	V & L
Spring Festival Celebration	Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Garden Plaza	Chinese Benevolent Association	25-Jan	26-Jan	V
First Half Half Marathon & 5K	Roundhouse Turntable Plaza English Bay Seawall Stanley Park Seawall McBride Park	Pacific Roadrunners	9-Feb	9-Feb	
BMO St. Patrick's Day 5km Run	Stanley Park East	The Running Room	14-Mar	14-Mar	
Bard on the Beach	Vanier Park Festival Site	Bard on the Beach	19-Mar	6-Nov	V & L & T
RecycleFest	Kerrisdale Overflow Lot	City of Vancouver Engineering	21-Mar	21-Mar	

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Pacific Populaire	Riley Park	BC Randoneurs	5-Apr	5-Apr	
Spring Light Illumination & The Big Picnic	Queen Elizabeth Park	Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival Society	8-Apr	12-Apr	
Riley Park Farmers Market	Riley Park Plaza	Local Farmers Market Society	18-Apr	31-Oct	V & L
Vancouver Sun Run	Ceperley Area, Stanley Park	Vancouver Sun	19-Apr	19-Apr	
Earth Day Celebration	Grandview Park	Youth for Climate Justice Now	18-Apr	18-Apr	
Jericho Baseball League Midway Championship Days	Carnarvon Park	Jericho Little League Baseball Association	2-May	2-May	V
FCRCC Knockout Dragon Boat Regatta	Creekside Park	False Creek Racing Canoe Club	2-May	2-May	V
BMO Vancouver International Marathon	Stanley Park	Vancouver International Marathon Society	2-May	3-May	
Trout Lake Farmer's Market	Trout Lake Parking Lot	Local Farmers Market Society	2-May	19-Dec	V & L
Kitsilano Farmer's Market	Kitsilano Parking Lot	Local Farmers Market Society	3-May	25-Oct	V & L
Khalsa Diwan Sports Day	Memorial South Park Oak Park Kensington Park Moberly Park	Khalsa Diwan Society	15-May	18-May	V
Vancouver International Children's Festival	Sutcliffe Park	Vancouver International Children's Festival Society	21-May	5-Jun	V & T
Womens Dragon Boat Regatta	Creekside Park	False Creek Women's Dragon Boat Team	23-May	23-May	V
PMC-Sierra Science Fun Run	Creekside Park David Lam Park	Science Fair Foundation	23-May	24-May	V
Salmonberry Days	Memorial Park West	Dunbar Community Centre	24-May	31-May	V
Fair in the Square	Victory Square	Central City Foundation	26-May	26-May	V
Collingwood Days Festival	Gaston Park	Renfrew Community Centre	30-May	30-May	V
RBC Run for the Kids	Riley Park	BC Children's Hospital	2-Jun	2-Jun	V
Thornton Park Farmer's Market	Thornton Park	Local Farmers Market Society	3-Jun	7-Oct	V & L
National Health and Fitness Day	David Lam Park	National Health and Fitness Foundation	6-Jun	6-Jun	V

2020 CALENDAR OF MAJOR SPECIAL EVENTS

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					LICENSED (L)
					TICKETED (T)
Marpole Oakridge Community Day	Oak Park	Marpole Oakridge Community Association	6-Jun	6-Jun	V
World Partnership Walk	Lumberman's Arch Stanley Park Seawall	Aga Khan Foundation	7-Jun	7-Jun	V
Boat for Hope	Hastings Mill Park	Variety - The Children's Charity	12-Jun	13-Jun	V
Dragon Zone 500M Regatta	Creekside Park	Canadian International Dragon Boat Festival Society	12-Jun	13-Jun	V
Summer Fair	Champlain Parking Lot	Champlain Heights Community Centre	13-Jun	13-Jun	V
The Awesome Grand Prix	Jonathan Rogers Park	Cycling BC/Bicicletta	13-Jun	13-Jun	
Italian Day on the Drive	Grandview Park	Italian Day Festival Society	13-Jun	14-Jun	V
ICSF Soccer Tournament	Adanac Field	Italian Canadian Sports Federation	12-Jun	14-Jun	L
Ride Don't Hide	Queen Elizabeth Park	Canadian Mental Health Association	14-Jun	14-Jun	
JDRF Walk to Cure Diabetes	Stanley Park	Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation	14-Jun	14-Jun	V & T
Point Grey Fiesta	West Point Grey Park	Point Grey Fiesta	17-Jun	19-Jun	V
Vancouver Dragon Boat Festival	Creekside Park	Canadian International Dragon Boat Festival Society	19-Jun	21-Jun	V & L
The Gathering Festival	Emery Barnes Park David Lam Park	The Gathering Place Community Centre	19-Jun	24-Jun	V
Douglas Park Community Day	Douglas Park	Douglas Park Community Association	20-Jun	20-Jun	V
Zero Waste Reuse and Recycling Drop off Hillcrest	Hillcrest South Gravel Parking Lot	Hillcrest Community Centre	20-Jun	20-Jun	
Eastside Pride	Grandview Park	Vancouver Pride Society	20-Jun	20-Jun	V
Paddlefest Vancouver	Jericho Sailing Centre	MEC/Jericho Sailing Centre	20-Jun	20-Jun	
Jericho Little League Midway	Carnarvon Park	Jericho Little League Baseball Association	20-Jun	20-Jun	
Hillcrest Summer Festival	Riley Park	Riley Park-Hillcrest Community Centre Association	20-Jun	20-Jun	V

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National Indigenous Peoples Day	John Hendry Park	Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre Society	21-Jun	21-Jun	V
National Indigenous Peoples Day	Oppenheimer Park	Carnegie Centre	21-Jun	21-Jun	
Vancouver International Jazz Festival	David Lam Park	Coastal Jazz & Blues Society	26-Jun	28-Jun	V & L
Strawberry Festival	Barley Heritage Square	West End Seniors Network	27- Jun	27 Jun	
Scotiabank Vancouver Half Marathon & 5K	Ceperley Park & Stanley Park Seawall	Canada Running Series	28-Jun	28-Jun	
False Creek Canada Day Celebration	Sutcliffe Park	False Creek Community Centre	1-Jul	1-Jul	V
Sunset Canada Day Celebration	Sunset Park	Sunset Community Centre	1-Jul	1-Jul	V
Canada Day Drumming	Creekside Park	Choice Communication	1-Jul	1-Jul	V
Stanley Park Open	Stanley Park Tennis Courts	Tennis BC	1-Jul	20-Jul	V & L
Summer Cinema Series	Ceperley Park	Cinema 4 Change	7-Jul	25-Aug	V & T
Vancouver Open Pro Beach Volleyball	Kitsilano Park	Volleyball BC	10-Jul	12-Jul	V & L
Vancouver International Soccer Festival	Empire Fields	One Team United for Peace & Development	10-Jul	12-Jul	V & L
Union Gospel Mission BBQ	Portside Park	Union Gospel Mission	11-Jul	11-Jul	
ILWU Pensioners Picnic	New Bright Park	ILWU Local 500	16-Jul	16-Jul	
Vancouver Folk Music Festival	Jericho Beach Park Locarno Picnic Site	Vancouver Folk Festival Society	17-Jul	19-Jul	V & L & T
African Descent Festival	Thornton Park	African Descent Society	17-Jul	19-Jul	V & L
Punjabi Mela	Moberly Park	Vancouver Punjabi Mela Society	19-Jul	19-Jul	
Beedie Presents	Malkin Bowl Area	BrandLIVE	24-Jul	26-Jul	L & T
Celebration of Light	English Bay Beach Park Vanier Park Alexandra Park Sunset Beach Park Ceperley Park	Vancouver Fireworks Festival Society	25-Jul	1-Aug	V & L & T
Powell Street Festival	Oppenheimer Park	Powell Street Festival Society	2-Aug	4-Aug	V

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Vancouver Dyke March	McSpadden Park Granview Park	Vancouver Dyke March & Festival Society	1-Aug	1-Aug	V
Vancouver International Pride Tennis Tournament BBQ	Stanley Park	Vancouver Tennis Association	2-Aug	2-Aug	L
Vancouver Pride Sunset Beach Festival	Alexandra Park English Bay Beach Park Sunset Beach Park Stanley Park	Vancouver Pride Society	2-Aug	3-Aug	V & L
Creekside Movie Night	Milton Wong Plaza	Creekside Community Centre	6-Aug	6-Aug	
The Park Show	Jonathan Rogers Park	Live Nation	7-Aug	8-Aug	V & L & T
KitsFest	Kitsilano Park	Canada One Foundation	7-Aug	9-Aug	V & L
Beach Soccer Blast	Spanish Banks Beach Park	Beach Soccer Blast	7-Aug	9-Aug	V
SeaWheeze Run & Festival	Stanley Park	Lululemon Athletica	15-Aug	15-Aug	V & L & T
Festival of India	Ceperley Park Second Beach	ISKCON of Western Canada	14-Aug	15-Aug	V
Cascade Ride	David Lam Park	Cascade Bicycle Club	22-Aug	22-Aug	
Roundhouse Fun Fair	David Lam Park	Roundhouse Community Arts and Rec. Centre	23-Aug	23-Aug	V
Pinoy Fiesta	South Memorial Park	Phillipine Canadian Cultural Society	23-Aug	23-Aug	V
Victory Square Concert Festival	Victory Square Park	The Student Radio Society Of UBC (CiTR 101.9FM)	6-Sep	6-Sep	
Vancouver Triathlon	Ceperley Park	Multisport Canada	7-Sep	7-Sep	V
Westward Street Party	Yaletown Park	Yaletown BIA	11-Sep	12-Sep	V & L
RBC GranFondo Whistler	Stanley Park	GranFondo Canada	12-Sep	12-Sep	
Paws for a Cause	David Lam Park	BC SPCA	13-Sep	13-Sep	V & L
McSpadden Country Fair	McSpadden Park	McSpadden Country Fair	13-Sep	13-Sep	V
Terry Fox Run	Ceperley Park Stanley Park Seawall	Four Seasons Hotel	15-Sep	15-Sep	
DTES Pow Wow	Portside Park	PHS Community Services Society	19-Sep	19-Sep	

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Renfrew Ravine Moon Festival	Renfrew Park Slocan Park	Renfrew Park Community Centre	24-Sep	26-Sep	V
Day of the Longboat	Jericho Sailing Centre Beach Area	UBC Recreation	26-Sep	4-Oct	V
Grandville Island Turkey Trot	Creekside Park	Vancouver International Marathon Society	12-Oct	12-Oct	
Light the Night	Lumberman's Stanley Park Seawall East Lost Lagoon	Leukemia & Lymphoma Society	16-Oct	18-Oct	V
James Cunningham Seawall Race	Stanley Park Ceperley Park Seawall	Lions Gate Road Runners	1-Nov	1-Nov	
Remembrance Day Ceremony	Japanese War Monument, Stanley Park	Japanese Canadian Memorial	11-Nov	11-Nov	
Remembrance Day Ceremony	Memorial South Park	South Vancouver Veterans Association	11-Nov	11-Nov	
Remembrance Day Ceremony	Victory Square	Vancouver Park Board	11-Nov	11-Nov	
Burn Fund Santa Run	Stanley Park Seawall	BC Professional Firefighters Burn Fund	28-Nov	28-Nov	
Santa Shuffle	Lumberman's Arch, Stanley Park	The Salvation Army	5-Dec	5-Dec	
Winter Solstice Festival	Various Locations	Secret Lantern Society	21-Dec	21-Dec	

- Vending requests are subject to standard terms and conditions, unless otherwise approved by the Board.
- Licensed areas are subject to VPD, VF&RS, and BCL&CRB approval.
- Ticketed events are subject to Board approval.

Stanley Park Road Closures

The following recurrent annual events require a morning road closure in Stanley Park. Historically, traffic closures in Stanley Park have been limited to once a month between 6:00am and 10:00am during the months of March, April, May, June and September, and between 6:00am and 11:30am during the month of October. Closures are generally not permitted in July and August; there are no restrictions during other months of the year. Early morning road closures prior to 10:00am tend to have minimal impacts on Stanley Park operations. Organizers are strongly encouraged to ensure their events have concluded by 10:00am and Park Board staff work closely with event organizers to inform all Park stakeholders in advance of event dates.

Run/Walk Events

Mar 14, 2020	BMO St. Patrick's Day 5km 9:30am to 10:30am Limited closure - Road closures on the east side of Stanley Park, from the Georgia Street entrance around Brockton Point to Pipeline Road	Running Room Attendance - 2,000
Apr 19, 2020	Sun Run 6:30am to 11:00am Limited closure - City street road closures will delay access to Stanley Park - Race route starts on Georgia Street, turns left onto Denman Street, right on Lagoon Drive and enters Stanley Park along the road adjacent to the Park Board Administration Building and exits via the English Bay entrance	Vancouver Sun Run Attendance - 50,000
May 3, 2020	BMO Vancouver International Marathon 6:30am to 10:30am - Road closure on West Side of Stanley Park	Vancouver International Marathon Society Attendance - 17,500
June 28, 2020	Scotia Bank 5K Run 6:30am to 9:30am - Full road closure on the east side clockwise from Pipeline Road, Stanley Park Drive East to HCMS Discovery	Canada Running Series Attendance - 2,000
	Scotia Bank Half Marathon 5:30am to 12:00noon Limited closure - Road closure from the Second Beach crosswalk to the Beach Avenue entrance of Stanley Park; this portion of Park Drive will be closed to vehicle traffic	Canada Running Series Attendance - 6,000
September 7, 2020	Vancouver Triathlon 6:00am to 10:00am Full road closure	Multisport Canada Attendance - 1,000

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September 12, 2020	RBC GranFondo Whistler 3:00am to 10:00am Limited closure	GranFondo Canada Attendance - 4,000
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Concert Events

The following large concert event requires a road closure in Stanley Park at the end of the event (post 10:00pm). Park Drive east will be closed to traffic from the roundabout to Brockton Fields to allow for safe pedestrian egress out of the park. The road will re-open after the egress has been completed. This closure has very little impact on park operations and staff will work closely with event organizers to inform all stakeholders in advance of the event.

August 15, 2020	SeaWheeze Run & Festival Post 10:00pm Limited closure	Lululemon Athletica Attendance - 15,000
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- Closure required for egress from the roundabout to Brockton Fields on Stanley Park Drive East