



# GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Regular Park Board Meeting  
Monday, January 18, 2021





- Due to public health orders, the event was cancelled.
- 2 videos of train ride were produced – shared through the Park Board website, Burn Fund website and social media channels.
- Burn Fund raised \$525K in 50/50 tickets.
- Additional 75K raised through regular donation channels.

- FOL cancelled in December due to public health orders.
- FOL was reimagined in 2020- one way route illuminated 10 acres of the garden.
- Video shared on social channels on Christmas eve to give the community a preview of the holiday event.





- Staff created the “Reimagined Polar Bear Swim”, a virtual Polar Bear Dip.
- Participants chose to take Polar Bear Dip at home.
- Over 1,400 participants registered with 800 submitting images or videos in return for the collectors 2021 Badge and commemorative certificate.

- The goal of the VanDusen and Bloedel Strategic Plan is to facilitate the renegotiation of the Joint Operating Agreement (JOA) between the Park Board and the Vancouver Botanical Garden Association.
- Completed to date: analysis of current operations, review of comparable precedents, and engagement.
- Process restarting in early 2021 after a pandemic pause, and expected to be completed by the end of 2021.



- The John Hendry Park Master Plan was initiated in 2013, and was paused in 2015 to incorporate City-wide service planning in the People, Parks and Dogs Strategy, and recently restarted in the fall of 2019.
- The Master Plan will guide improvements and upgrades to serve the growing adjacent population in both the near term and long-term.
- Staff will bring an updated draft of the JHP Master Plan to the public for a final round of public engagement by mid 2021, followed by a Board report for decision.



# Dog Waste Pilot Program Update

- Bright red waste bins provide dog owners with a highly visible disposal option for dog waste only.
- Dog waste from the bins is diverted from landfills (31 tonnes in 2020), and sent to sanitary sewer.
- The program was initiated in 2016 and has expanded each year to 8 locations.
- Next Steps:
  - Support CoV and potential program expansion.
  - RFI for alternative processing methods issued in late 2019 paused due to COVID-19.
  - Program review anticipated 2021.



- A call for volunteers participants for an East Park Advisory Group to support the community engagement and design process for East Park is now open.
- This will be one of several ways the public can participate in the design process for East Park during 2021, with a broader public engagement process will commencing in the spring of 2021.
- The call is posted on the East Park Project page and closes January 25th





# Staff Highlights: Street Horticulture Team

- Street Horticulture Team maintains hundreds of locations across the city, with pride, enthusiasm and a rigorous strategy for putting safety first.
- Highlighted here are Supervisor Dane Lulic and Director Amit Gandha, GM Rosa.



## **Regular Council Meeting: January 19, 2021**

- Motion on Vancouver's First Public Safety Strategy

## **Standing Committee on City Finance & Services: January 20, 2021**

- Report on the Contract Award for PS20200434 – Provision of a Sewage and Rainwater Management Plan (SRMP) for Vancouver

Date	Topic
Dec 18	Stanley Park Heronry Remediation Work
Jan 7	Strathcona Residents Association Meeting
Jan 11	Strathcona Park Encampment Community Communications Plan

