

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Regular Park Board Meeting Monday, September 27, 2021



Bloedel Conservatory and VanDusen Botanical Garden



- Park Board's Titan Arum, otherwise known as Uncle Fester, bloomed at Bloedel Conservatory on the evening of August 18, 2021.
- Vancouver Botanical Gardens Association hosted 8 weeks of sold out Nature Camps at VanDusen and Bloedel throughout the summer.
- A documentary on the history of Bloedel Conservatory was released this week and already has over 7,000 views.
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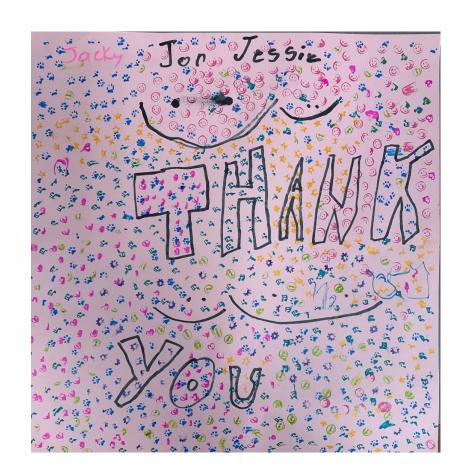




Stanley Park Train Update



- Urban Forest Train concluded a successful season with 25,000 rides from May 22 to September 12.
- The train partnered with Kids Up Front to provide 20 families with complimentary tickets for the summer train experience.
- Ghost Train 2021 was cancelled due to public safety concerns with the ongoing coyote management work in Stanley Park.
- Staff have begun the planning process with the Burn Fund to deliver this year's Bright Nights in Stanley Park. Planned operating dates are November 26 to January 2.



Stanley Park Temporary Bike Lane Project



Upcoming Public Engagement

- Shape Your City Public Survey (on the improvements made from 2020's project)
- Survey will be launched on September
 30 to October 14 (open for two weeks)
- Survey will be shared with stakeholders and distributions lists from the 2020 survey

Next Board Update

 Data Summary, Survey Results and Next Steps to be presented to the Board in November 2021



Skateboard Amenities Strategy - Aug 28/29 Pop-Up



Temporary Skateboard Ramp at Sunset Beach Plaza

- Programs included:
 - Kids and Adult lessons
 - Open Skate sessions
 - Kids and Women's Skate Contests
 - Engaging the public on citywide skate amenities
- Panel Discussion included:
 - Members of the BIPOC and Queer skate communities, a Late Bloomer, and a Women's Skate advocate.



Collingwood Park Renewal



- Collingwood Park is a 1.27ha neighborhood park located in the Renfrew Collingwood area.
- An RFP for consultant services for the park renewal will be posted publicly on BC Bids in October 2021.
- Anticipated schedule includes a Public Engagement in late 2021, with a Board Decision of the preferred concept in early 2022.
- Construction is targeted for Summer/Fall 2022.



Park location



Existing condition - View of wading pool and playground

Vancouver Sport Permit Relief Fund



- Not-for-profit child and youth based aquatic and ice organizations experienced additional financial burdens during COVID.
- The City and the Park Board worked collaboratively to provide \$142,933 in financial relief to 15 sport rental groups who met the minimum criteria.
- Sport Hosting provided the funding;
 Park Board staff created a formula and administrative process.





Board Briefing Memos and Emails: July 22 to September 27, 2021



Date	Topic
Jul 22	Parking Lot Inspection Program
Jul 22	Urban Forest Climate Emergency Communications Plan
Jul 23	Stanley Park Temporary Bike Lane Implementation
Aug 3	Stanley Park Fire Concerns & Temporary Overnight Closure
Aug 10	Beedie Presents Event in Stanley Park
Aug 10	Public Engagement for Community Centre Strategy
Aug 11	Outdoor Lifeguard Shortage – Management Plan
Aug 13	Metro Vancouver Stanley Park Water Supply Tunnel Project Update
Aug 16	Golf Course Water Use
Aug 19	Community Engaged Arts in Andy Livingstone Park
Aug 23	Political Campaigning at City & Park Board Facilities

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Aug 24	Vancouver Coastal Health COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics at Park Board Facilities and Parks
Aug 25	West End Waterfront Parks Master Plan Pop Up Events
Aug 26	Circles Music Concert – Andy Livingstone Park
Aug 26	Promontory Park- Request for Proposals for Detail Design and Construction Administration Release
Sep 1	Update on Provincial Announcement (from PB Comms)
Sep 1	Management of Coyote Population in Stanley Park (from PB Comms)
Sep 3	Concerts in Stanley Park During Coyote Risk
Sep 8	Communications Update: All Trails Closed in Stanley Park (from PB Comms)
Sep 9	CRAB Park Update
Sep 15	CRAB Park Update
Sep 16	Air Force Garden of Remembrance Relocation Project Advisory Group

