



GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Regular Park Board Meeting
Monday, January 24, 2022





- The City, through ACCS, ensures all residents have a safe place to come inside during cold winter months and other extreme weather.
- The approach includes a variety of winter only responses including temporary Shelters, Extreme Weather Response (EWR) shelters and Warming Centres.
- Working with our CCA partner, West End Community Centre was identified as a Warming Centre to support this citywide response and activated December 24 to January 7.



- Ice monitoring commenced December 26, 2021. Daily measurements taken until January 7, 2022.
- Ice Guarding was in place December 29, 2021 through January 7, 2022 at Lost Lagoon and Trout Lake.
- Ice thickness measured 4½ inches at the peak thickness. Ice needs to reach a thickness of 7 – 8 inches for safe public access.
- Lifeguards, Rangers and VPD were on site to provide education and direction reinforcing signage outlining the risk of going onto the partially frozen water bodies.

- Bright Nights in Stanley Park had derailments of trains, damaged equipment, resourcing issues and event closures due to extreme weather conditions.
- VanDusen Festival of Lights experienced closures due to burst pipes in the Visitor Centre and extreme winter weather. The Garden was also closed for ten days in January due to fallen and failed trees.
- Many trees at Queen Elizabeth Park have been largely impacted and Urban Forestry crews have prioritized maintenance of work to begin as soon as possible.



- Extreme weather and changing provincial health orders resulted in a very busy end of year and beginning to 2022 for many of our staff.
- The General Manager on behalf of all of the Park Board Leadership Team wish to extend our appreciation to all those staff who went above and beyond.
We recognize many made personal sacrifices to ensure our services were available to all those who rely on us day to day – Thank You!



A motion titled “Towards a Quieter and Emission-Free Landscape Maintenance Equipment Future in Vancouver” directing staff to report back with recommendations to meet the goal to phase out and transition personal and commercial use of gasoline-powered landscape maintenance equipment in the City of Vancouver by 2024, giving consideration to a timeframe that is workable for residents and landscape maintenance service providers alike.

Board Briefing Memos and Emails: Dec 13, 2021 to Jan 24, 2022



Date	Topic
Dec 10	2022 Budget Adjustments
Dec 17	2023-2026 Capital Plan Process
Dec 17	On Water Strategy Implementation Update
Dec 22	Updated Public Health Orders
Dec 23	Warming Centres at Park Board Facilities
Dec 30	Extreme Weather Response
Dec 30	Skating on Frozen Ponds/Lakes
Jan 4	Fire at Queen Elizabeth Park – Service Yard
Jan 6	Update – Queen Elizabeth Service Yard Fire
Jan 14	Seawall Damage
Jan 20	Community Centre Strategy – Second Engagement Phase

