



# SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR 2022

## Major Events

Park Board Committee Meeting  
Monday, April 11, 2022



## PURPOSE/OBJECTIVES

- Present and review the 2022 Calendar of Major Special Events
- Seek Board approval for the calendar



## **BOARD AUTHORITY, POLICY & PREVIOUS DECISIONS**

- Board authority:
  - Jurisdiction and control over all areas designated as permanent and temporary parks (Vancouver Charter)
- Policy:
  - Park Board compiles and reviews annual list of major special events
  - Board approval required for new events and/or events in variance of by-laws (Special Event Guidelines)
- Previous decisions:
  - May 2019 – moratorium approved on new commercial events/initiatives

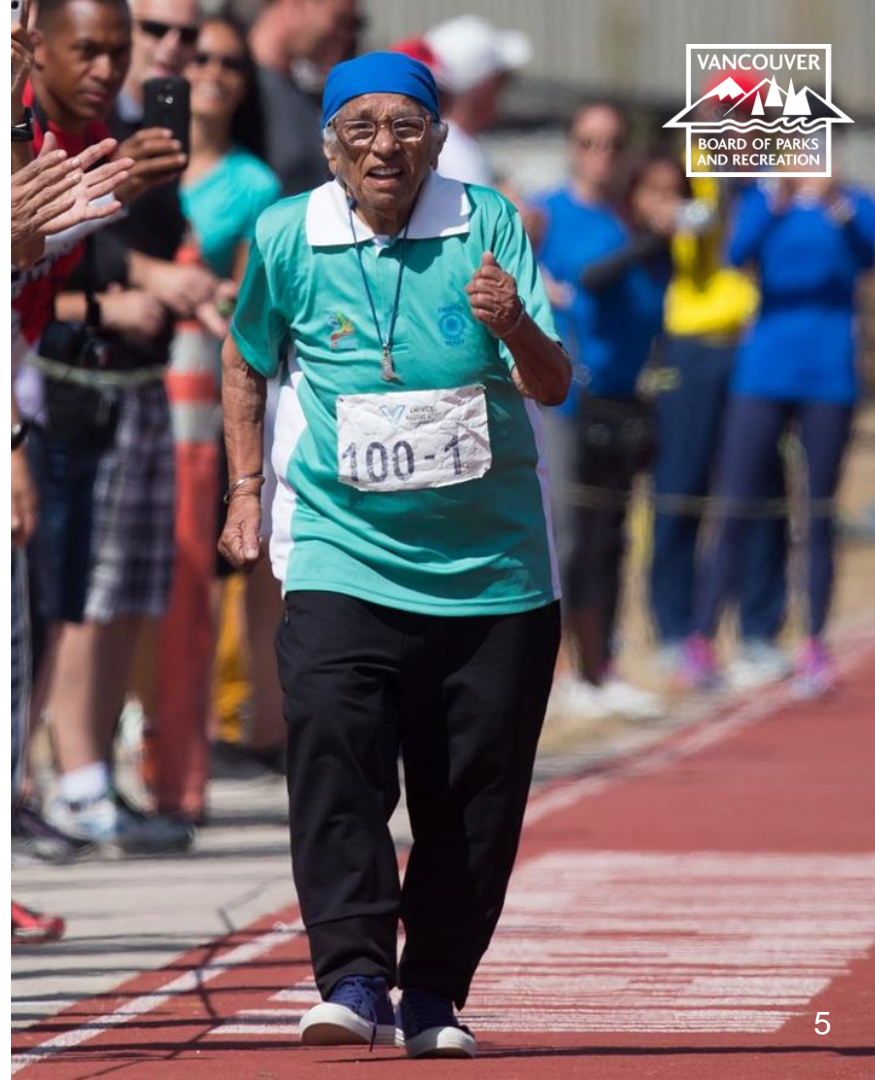
## BACKGROUND | Events in Parks

- Parks are popular locations for entertainment and celebrations
- These activities fall within the Park Board's mandate
- Special events:
  - Activate public spaces, foster community connectedness, provide enriching cultural experiences
  - Enable economic benefits
- Park Board's role is largely that of a host (1,200+ events/year); also deliver several community events



## BACKGROUND | Permit Process

- Designating use of park space accomplished via special event permit process
- Special Event Guidelines and current practices set out:
  - Permit application requirements
  - Define process for evaluation
  - Inform terms and conditions
- Events with needs outside of Park Board jurisdiction coordinated with City FEST Committee



## BACKGROUND | Approval Process

- Park Board reviews and approves:
  - New major special events
  - Changes to existing events
- Major events defined:
  - Significant impacts on public access to park space
  - Neighbourhood impacts
  - Require approval of specific event features
- Events added to annual calendar pending successful execution



## BACKGROUND | 2022 Calendar

- Includes events which confirmed intention to move forward in 2022 at time report prepared
- Calendar also includes approved annual special events without confirmed 2022 dates
- 2022 Calendar anticipates a significant recovery of major events over the coming year



## BACKGROUND | 2022 Calendar

- Contains 89 major special events
- Events distributed throughout the year and the Park Board network:
  - 6 Park Board organized events
  - 2 events at VanDusen Garden
  - 81 events across Vancouver parks
- Seasonal peak in spring/ summer; concentration in Stanley Park
- Calendar also sets out road closures in Stanley Park to host marquee events





## BACKGROUND | Summary

- Major special events provide a range of public benefits
- Park Board staff have carefully considered requirements and potential impacts of the 2022 major events calendar
- Confident they can be executed successfully and as intended



## RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the 2022 Calendar of Major Special Events as outlined in this report and attached as Appendix A.



