



March 31, 2022

TO: Park Board Chair and Commissioners
FROM: General Manager – Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation
SUBJECT: Special Events Calendar 2022 – Major Events

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve the 2022 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 2022 Calendar of Major Special Events for the Board's review and approval.

BOARD AUTHORITY, POLICY, PREVIOUS DECISIONS/UPDATES

As per the [Vancouver Charter](#), the Park Board has exclusive jurisdiction and control over all areas designated as permanent and temporary parks in the City of Vancouver, including any structures, programs and activities, fees, and improvements that occur within those 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 [Guidelines for Special Events](#), the [Special Events Policy \(2003\)](#), as well as current practices, the Park Board reviews and approves new major special events, as well as significant 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 and engagement 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 and 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 numerous events for the benefit and enjoyment of Vancouverites and visitors to the city.

Special Events 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 Policy & 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 Process

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 2022 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 2022 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 2022 or are still awaiting confirmation.

After the devastating impacts of the pandemic on the event sector in 2020 and 2021, which resulted in the cancellation of all but a few initiatives during this period, the 2022 Calendar anticipates a significant recovery of major events over the coming year. Accordingly, the Calendar contains 89 major special events, including:

- 6 Park Board organized and delivered events;
- 2 events delivered by external partners at VanDusen Botanical Garden; and
- 81 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 2022, and are confident that they can be executed successfully and as intended. Accordingly, staff recommend that the Board approve the 2022 Calendar of Major Special Events attached as Appendix A.

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**VANCOUVER BOARD OF PARKS & RECREATION
2022 CALENDAR OF MAJOR SPECIAL EVENTS**

Park Board Organized Events

EVENT	SITE	ORGANIZATION	START DATE	END DATE	VENDING (V)
					LICENSED (L)
					TICKETED (T)
Easter Train	Stanley Park Railway	Vancouver Park Board	15-Apr	18-Apr	V & T
Symphony at Sunset*	Sunset Beach	Vancouver Park Board & Vancouver Symphony Orchestra	To be determined	To be determined	
Vancouver Symphony Orchestra in the Garden	VanDusen Botanical Garden	Vancouver Park Board	To be determined	To be determined	V & L & T
Ghost Train	Stanley Park Railway	Vancouver Park Board	07-Oct	31-Oct	V & T
Bright Nights	Stanley Park Railway	Vancouver Park Board & BC Professional Firefighters Burn Fund	25-Nov	1-Jan	V & T
Festival of Lights	VanDusen Botanical Garden	Vancouver Park Board	25-Nov	3-Jan	V & L & 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
All British Field Meet	VanDusen Botanical Garden	Westco Marketing Ltd	16-May	16-May	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	8-Jan	9-Jan	
Winter Farmer's Market	Nat Bailey Stadium Parking Lot Hillcrest Parking Lot	Vancouver Farmers Markets	8-Jan	16-Apr	V & L
Spring Festival Celebration	Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Garden Plaza	Chinese Benevolent Association	30-Jan	30-Jan	V
First Half Half Marathon & 5K	David Lam Park English Bay Seawall Stanley Park Seawall	Vancouver International Marathon Society	13-Feb	13-Feb	
Bard on the Beach	Vanier Park Festival Site	Bard on the Beach	17-Mar	4-Nov	V & L & T
Pacific Populaire	Riley Park	BC Randoneurs	3-Apr	3-Apr	
The Big Picnic	David Lam Park	Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival Society	2-Apr	2-Apr	
Riley Park Farmers Market	Riley Park Plaza	Vancouver Farmers Markets	23-Apr	29-Oct	V & L

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BMO Vancouver International Marathon	Stanley Park	Vancouver International Marathon Society	1-May	1-May	
Trout Lake Farmers Market	Trout Lake Parking Lot	Vancouver Farmers Markets	7-May	29-Oct	V & L
Kitsilano Farmers Market	Kitsilano Community Centre Parking Lot	Vancouver Farmers Markets	1-May	30-Oct	V & L
Khalsa Diwan Sports Day	Memorial South Park	Khalsa Diwan Society	20-May	23-May	V
Women's Dragon Boat Regatta	Creekside Park	False Creek Women's Dragon Boat Team	28-May	28-May	V
Salmonberry Days	Memorial Park West	Dunbar Community Centre	28-May	28-May	V
Vancouver International Children's Festival	Sutcliffe Park	Vancouver International Children's Festival Society	30-May	5-Jun	V & T
Dragon Zone 500M Regatta	Creekside Park	Canadian International Dragon Boat Festival Society	4-Jun	5-Jun	V
Music in Oak Park	Oak Park	Marpole-Oakridge Community Association	4-Jun	8-Sep	
Boat for Hope*	Hastings Mill Park	Variety - The Children's Charity	11-Jun	11-Jun	V
Summer Fair	Champlain Parking Lot	Champlain Heights Community Centre	11-Jun	11-Jun	V
Italian Day on the Drive	Grandview Park	Italian Day Festival Society	11-Jun	12-Jun	V
RBC Run for the Kids	Riley Park	BC Children's Hospital	12-Jun	12-Jun	V
Fair in the Square	Victory Square	Central City Foundation	12-Jun	12-Jun	V
JDRF Walk to Cure Diabetes	Stanley Park	Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation	12-Jun	12-Jun	V & T
ICSF Soccer Tournament	Adanac Field	Italian Canadian Sports Federation	17-Jun	19-Jun	L
Point Grey Fiesta	West Point Grey Park	Point Grey Fiesta	17-Jun	19-Jun	V
Jericho Baseball League Midway Championship Days	Carnarvon Park	Jericho Little League Baseball Association	18-Jun	18-Jun	V
Recyclefest Hillcrest	Nat Bailey Stadium South Gravel Parking Lot	Hillcrest Community Centre	18-Jun	18-Jun	

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					TICKETED (T)
Paddlefest Vancouver*	Jericho Sailing Centre	MEC/Jericho Sailing Centre	18-Jun	18-Jun	
Jericho Little League Championship Day	Carnarvon Park	Jericho Little League Baseball Association	18-Jun	18-Jun	
Hillcrest Summer Festival	Riley Park	Riley Park-Hillcrest Community Centre Association	18-Jun	18-Jun	V
Strawberry Festival	Barley Heritage Square	West End Seniors Network	18-Jun	18-Jun	
World Partnership Walk	Lumberman's Arch Stanley Park Seawall	Aga Khan Foundation	19-Jun	19-Jun	V
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 Dragon Boat Festival	Creekside Park	Canadian International Dragon Boat Festival Society	24-Jun	26-Jun	V & L
Eastside Pride	Grandview Park	Vancouver Pride Society	25-Jun	25-Jun	V
Canadian E-Fest (Formula E)	Creekside Park	One Stop Strategy Group	1-Jul	2-Jul	V & L & T
July 1 at Canada Place	Harbour Green Park	Canada Place	1-Jul	1-Jul	
Vancouver International Jazz Festival	David Lam Park	Coastal Jazz & Blues Society	1-Jul	3-Jul	V & L
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
Summer Cinema Series	Ceperley Park	Cinema 4 Change	5-Jul	23-Aug	V & T
Recyclefest Trout Lake*	Trout Lake Park	Trout Lake Community Centre	8-Jul	8-Jul	
Stanley Park Open	Stanley Park Tennis Courts	Tennis BC	8-Jul	24-Jul	V & L
Union Gospel Mission BBQ	Portside Park	Union Gospel Mission	9-Jul	9-Jul	
Vancouver Open Pro Beach Volleyball	Kitsilano Beach Park	Volleyball BC	15-Jul	17-Jul	V & L

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Vancouver Folk Music Festival	Jericho Beach Park	Vancouver Folk Festival Society	15-Jul	17-Jul	V & L & T
African Descent Festival	Thornton Park	African Descent Society	15-Jul	17-Jul	V & L
Punjabi Mela*	Moberly Park	Vancouver Punjabi Mela Society	17-Jul	17-Jul	
ILWU Pensioners Picnic	New Bright Park	ILWU Local 500	21-Jul	21-Jul	
Collingwood Days Festival	Gaston Park	Renfrew Community Centre	23-Jul	23-Jul	V
Celebration of Light	English Bay Beach Park Vanier Park Alexandra Park Sunset Beach Park	Vancouver Fireworks Festival Society	23-Jul	30-Jul	V & L & T
Powell Street Festival	Oppenheimer Park	Powell Street Festival Society	29-Jul	31-Jul	V
Vancouver Dyke March	McSpadden Park Grandview Park	Vancouver Dyke March & Festival Society	30-Jul	30-Jul	V
Vancouver International Pride Tennis Tournament BBQ	Stanley Park	Vancouver Tennis Association	30-Jul	30-Jul	L
Pride in Chinatown	Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Gardens	Dr. Sun Yat Sen Classical Chinese Garden	30-Jul	30-Jul	L & T
Vancouver Pride Sunset Beach Festival	Alexandra Park English Bay Beach Park Sunset Beach Park Stanley Park	Vancouver Pride Society	31-Jul	31-Jul	V & L
Creekside Movie Night*	Milton Wong Plaza	Creekside Community Centre	4-Aug	4-Aug	
KitsFest	Kitsilano Beach Park	Canada One Foundation	5-Aug	7-Aug	V & L
Roundhouse Fun Fair	David Lam Park	Roundhouse Community Arts & Recreation Centre	7-Aug	7-Aug	V
Beach Soccer Blast	Spanish Banks Beach Park	Beach Soccer Blast	12-Aug	14-Aug	V
Pinoy Fiesta*	South Memorial Park	Phillipine Canadian Cultural Society	21-Aug	21-Aug	V
Festival of India	Creekside Park	ISKCON of Western Canada	26-Aug	28-Aug	V

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Bike the Night*	David Lam Park	HUB Cycle	27-Aug	27-Aug	
DTES Pow Wow*	Portside Park	PHS Community Services Society	3-Sep	3-Sep	
Victory Square Concert Festival	Victory Square Park	The Student Radio Society Of UBC (CiTR 101.9FM)	4-Sep	4-Sep	
Vancouver Triathlon	Ceperley Park	Multisport Canada	4-Sep	5-Sep	V
RBC GranFondo Whistler	Stanley Park	GranFondo Canada	10-Sep	10-Sep	
Renfrew Ravine Moon Festival	Renfrew Park Slocan Park	Renfrew Park Community Centre	10-Sep	17-Sep	V
McSpadden County Fair	McSpadden Park	McSpadden Country Fair	11-Sep	11-Sep	V
Day of the Longboat	Jericho Sailing Centre Beach Area	UBC Recreation	24-Sep	2-Oct	V
National Day of Truth & Reconciliation Orange Shirt Day	John Hendry Park	Nisga'a Ts'amiks Vancouver Society	30-Sep	30-Sep	
Butterfly Run Vancouver	Milton Wong Plaza False Creek Seawall	BC Women's Health Foundation	1-Oct	1-Oct	
Grandville Island Turkey Trot*	Creekside Park	Vancouver International Marathon Society	10-Oct	10-Oct	
Light the Night	Lumberman's Arch Stanley Park Seawall East Lost Lagoon	Leukemia & Lymphoma Society	22-Oct	22-Oct	V
James Cunningham Seawall Race*	Stanley Park Ceperley Park Seawall	Lions Gate Road Runners	30-Oct	30-Oct	
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	City of Vancouver External Relations & Protocol Office	11-Nov	11-Nov	
Santa Shuffle	Lumberman's Arch, Stanley Park	The Salvation Army	3-Dec	3-Dec	
Winter Solstice Festival*	Various Locations	Secret Lantern Society	21-Dec	21-Dec	

- Events denoted with an '**' are subject to confirmation.
- Vending requests are subject to standard terms and conditions, unless otherwise approved by the Board.
- Licensed areas are subject to VPD, VFRS, 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

May 1, 2022	BMO Vancouver International Marathon 6:30am to 10:30am - Road closure on East Side of Stanley Park	Vancouver International Marathon Society Attendance - 20,000
September 5, 2022	Vancouver Triathlon 6:00am to 10:30am - Full road closure	Multisport Canada Attendance - 1,000
September 10, 2022	RBC GranFondo Whistler 3:00am to 10:00am - Limited closure	GranFondo Canada Attendance - 4,000