



GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Regular Park Board Meeting
Monday, January 20, 2025



- On November 27, Muncie Booth – Golf Operator at McCleery Golf Course was honored for his 33-year partnership with the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation.
- Muncie was a community leader and was instrumental in creating opportunities for underprivileged kids to access the game of golf.
- He represented Vancouver Parks Golf for over 30 years and has left a positive impact in the community.
- The Park Board and Golf Operations team would like to express their thanks to Muncie Booth for his contributions to the organization and community



- 2025 marks the 105th anniversary of the Polar Bear Swim at English Bay
- Attendance records broken with an estimated 28,000 attendees and 13,265 registered participants.
- Event enhanced by sponsorships from Destination Vancouver, Vancouver Hotel Destination Association, Sleemans, West End BIA and Native shoes.
- New features included a licensed polar ‘beer’ lounge and costume contest.





- The VanDusen Festival of Lights celebrated its 40th anniversary
- New lighting displays included an interactive mycelium installation, salmon run and forest floor, inspired by BC's Great Bear Rainforest
- Conde Nast Traveller included Festival of Lights as one of the world's best holiday light displays in the world for 2nd year in a row
- Wet weather and shorter event run contributed to 30% decrease in visitation
- Despite lower attendance, many accolades were received from the public on the new lighting elements

Bloedel Conservatory Pathway Reconstruction

- Bloedel Conservatory reopened its doors to the public on January 4, 2025, following a 2-month pathway reconstruction project
- Upgrades include expanded pathway access and smoother levelled surfaces to improve accessibility
- 900 new basalt flagstones installed within 2700 sq ft of pathways



- Council to receive a report on January 21, 2025, titled “[Local Government By-election 2025](#)”, which would approve the appointment of the City Clerk at the Chief Election officer for the conduct of a by-election to fill two vacancies on Vancouver City Council arising from Councillor resignations.
- Council to receive a report for information on January 22, 2025, titled “[Contract Award for Tree Removal and Associated Services in Stanley Park](#)” regarding the change order with a value of \$3 million awarded by the Bid Committee
- Council to consider a motion on January 22, 2025, titled “[Effective Water Use in the City of Vancouver](#)”, which would direct staff to report back on opportunities to reduce water usage and increase the installation of water meters throughout Vancouver.

Date	Topic
December 18	Stanley Park Seawall
December 20	Stanley Park Train Update
January 6	Commissioner Liaison Appointments

