



May 5, 2020

MEMO TO : Park Board Commissioners

FROM : Malcolm Bromley
General Manager, Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation

SUBJECT : **COVID-19 - Special Events & Filming Update – Board Briefing Memo**

Dear Commissioners,

The purpose of this memo is to inform you about the impacts to date on the Park Board's special event and filming operations due to the COVID-19 pandemic and related restrictions.

Major Special Events

On February 24, 2020, the Board approved the [2020 Calendar of Major Special Events](#). This calendar included 111 major special events to be delivered in Vancouver parks, plazas, and facilities to activate public spaces, foster community connectedness, enhance civic vibrancy, and provide enriching cultural experiences. However, due to the global COVID-19 outbreak, several public health directives aimed at limiting the spread of the virus have been introduced, including physical distancing requirements, limitations on public gathering sizes, and far reaching travel restrictions.

These restrictions have forced many of our event partners to review the feasibility of moving forward with their initiatives in 2020. While many organizers are still determining their next steps, and some perhaps are holding out hope that the aforementioned public health directives will be relaxed or removed altogether, others have concluded that proceeding with the delivery of their events under the current environment is simply not possible. As a result, many of the Park Board and City's marquee summer events have announced cancelations or postponements, including Bard on the Beach, Theatre Under the Stars, Honda Celebration of Light, and the Vancouver Folk Music Festival to name a few.

An updated major special events calendar noting the status of each event is attached as Appendix A, with a summary included below of the impacts to date:

- 39 major special events have been cancelled;
- 6 events have been postponed and are actively looking to reschedule for later in the year;
- 57 events are still reviewing and determining their next steps (although we anticipate the majority of them will also be canceled or postponed given Dr. Bonnie Henry's announcement in recent days that current public health directives are expected to remain in place for several more months, and that large events will not be happening this summer); and
- 9 events have been successfully delivered or are in the process of being delivered.



Minor Special Events & Other Activities

In addition to major special events, the Park Board also hosts over 1,000 smaller events and other activities across its network annually (such as weddings, picnics, private recreation, etc.). Due to the lower level of complexity and coordination required to plan and organize these initiatives, the application and processing timeline for these activities is significantly shorter than for major special events. However to date, the majority of the activities in this category have been cancelled or postponed (97% in April and 89% in May).

Motion Picture Filming

COVID-19 also forced the shut-down of Vancouver's thriving motion picture film industry in mid-March. As a result, filming activities at Park Board locations experienced a 75% reduction in March, and a decline of 100% in both April and May. Notwithstanding these significant reductions, there is some reason for optimism as motion picture industry stakeholders are working closely together and also with the provincial government (including the appropriate health authorities) to reactivate this important economic sector. Initial projections point to work being initiated on small productions as early as June, with work on larger productions starting up in July.

We will continue to provide updates as new information becomes available.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Malcolm Bromley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Malcolm Bromley
General Manager

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ATTACHMENT: Major Special Events Calendar – updated (Appendix A)

Copy to: PB Senior Leadership Team
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**VANCOUVER BOARD OF PARKS & RECREATION
2020 CALENDAR OF MAJOR SPECIAL EVENTS – COVID-19 IMPACTS**

Park Board Organized Events						
EVENT	SITE	ORGANIZATION	START DATE	END DATE	V – Vending L – Licensed T - Ticketed	EVENT STATUS (decision date if known)
Polar Bear Swim	English Bay	Vancouver Park Board	1-Jan	1-Jan	V	Delivered
Easter Train	Stanley Park Railway	Vancouver Park Board	9-Apr	13-Apr	V & T	Cancelled
Eggciting Easter Hop	VanDusen Botanical Garden	Vancouver Park Board	10-Apr	12-Apr	V & T	Cancelled
Symphony at Sunset	Sunset Beach	Vancouver Park Board & Vancouver Symphony Orchestra	4-Jul	4-Jul		TBD
Vancouver Symphony Orchestra in the Garden	VanDusen Botanical Garden	Vancouver Park Board	TBD	TBD	V & L & T	TBD
Ghost Train	Stanley Park Railway	Vancouver Park Board	9-Oct	31-Oct	V & T	TBD
Glow in the Garden	VanDusen Botanical Garden	Vancouver Park Board	16-Oct	31-Oct	V & T	TBD
Bright Nights	Stanley Park Railway	Vancouver Park Board & BC Professional Firefighters Burn Fund	26-Nov	3-Jan	V & T	TBD
Festival of Lights	VanDusen Botanical Garden	Vancouver Park Board	27-Nov	3-Jan	V & L & T	TBD
Holiday Heights	Bloedel Conservatory	Vancouver Park Board	11-Dec	3-Jan	V & T	TBD

Events at VanDusen Botanical Garden and Bloedel Conservatory						
EVENT	SITE	ORGANIZATION	START DATE	END DATE	V – Vending L – Licensed T - Ticketed	EVENT STATUS (decision date if known)
Sakura Days Japan Fair	VanDusen Botanical Garden	Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival & Japan Fair Assoc. of Vancouver	18-Apr	19-Apr	V & L & T	Cancelled
Plant Sale	VanDusen Botanical Garden	VanDusen Botanical Garden Assoc	26-Apr	26-Apr	V & T	Cancelled
All British Field Meet	VanDusen Botanical Garden	Westco Marketing Ltd	16-May	16-May	V & T	Postponed
Luxury Supercar Weekend	VanDusen Botanical Garden	Luxury Alliance Group Ltd	12-Sep	13-Sep	V & L & T	Cancelled

Events in Parks and Plazas						
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EVENT	SITE	ORGANIZATION	START DATE	END DATE	V – Vending L – Licensed T - Ticketed	EVENT STATUS (decision date if known)
City Tree Chipping Event	Kerrisdale Park Kitsilano Park John Hendry Park English Bay	City of Vancouver	4-Jan	5-Jan		Delivered
Winter Farmer's Market	Hillcrest Parking Lot	Local Farmers Market Society	4-Jan	25-Apr	V & L	Delivered
Spring Festival Celebration	Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Garden Plaza	Chinese Benevolent Association	25-Jan	26-Jan	V	Delivered
First Half Half Marathon & 5K	Roundhouse Turntable Plaza English Bay Seawall Stanley Park Seawall McBride Park	Pacific Roadrunners	9-Feb	9-Feb		Delivered
BMO St. Patrick's Day 5km Run	Stanley Park East	The Running Room	14-Mar	14-Mar		Cancelled
Bard on the Beach	Vanier Park Festival Site	Bard on the Beach	19-Mar	6-Nov	V & L & T	Cancelled
RecycleFest	Kerrisdale Overflow Lot	City of Vancouver Engineering	21-Mar	21-Mar		Cancelled
Pacific Populaire	Riley Park	BC Randoneurs	5-Apr	5-Apr		Cancelled

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Spring Light Illumination & The Big Picnic	Queen Elizabeth Park	Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival Society	8-Apr	12-Apr		Cancelled
Riley Park Farmers Market	Riley Park Plaza	Local Farmers Market Society	18-Apr	31-Oct	V & L	Proceeding
Vancouver Sun Run	Ceperley Area, Stanley Park	Vancouver Sun	19-Apr	19-Apr		Cancelled
Earth Day Celebration	Grandview Park	Youth for Climate Justice Now	18-Apr	18-Apr		Cancelled
Jericho Baseball League Midway Championship Days	Carnarvon Park	Jericho Little League Baseball Association	2-May	2-May	V	TBD
FCRCC Knockout Dragon Boat Regatta	Creekside Park	False Creek Racing Canoe Club	2-May	2-May	V	Postponed
BMO Vancouver International Marathon	Stanley Park	Vancouver International Marathon Society	2-May	3-May		Cancelled
Trout Lake Farmer’s Market	Trout Lake Parking Lot	Local Farmers Market Society	2-May	19-Dec	V & L	Proceeding
Kitsilano Farmer's Market	Kitsilano Parking Lot	Local Farmers Market Society	3-May	25-Oct	V & L	Proceeding
Khalsa Diwan Sports Day	Memorial South Park Oak Park Kensington Park Moberly Park	Khalsa Diwan Society	15-May	18-May	V	Cancelled
Vancouver International Children’s Festival	Sutcliffe Park	Vancouver International Children’s Festival Society	21-May	5-Jun	V & T	Cancelled
Womens Dragon Boat Regatta	Creekside Park	False Creek Women’s Dragon Boat Team	23-May	23-May	V	Postponed
PMC-Sierra Science Fun Run	Creekside Park David Lam Park	Science Fair Foundation	23-May	24-May	V	Cancelled
Salmonberry Days	Memorial Park West	Dunbar Community Centre	24-May	31-May	V	Cancelled
Fair in the Square	Victory Square	Central City Foundation	26-May	26-May	V	Cancelled
Collingwood Days Festival	Gaston Park	Renfrew Community Centre	30-May	30-May	V	Postponed
RBC Run for the Kids	Riley Park	BC Children's Hospital	2-Jun	2-Jun	V	Cancelled

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Thornton Park Farmer's Market	Thornton Park	Local Farmers Market Society	3-Jun	7-Oct	V & L	Proceeding
National Health and Fitness Day	David Lam Park	National Health and Fitness Foundation	6-Jun	6-Jun	V	Cancelled
Marpole Oakridge Community Day	Oak Park	Marpole Oakridge Community Association	6-Jun	6-Jun	V	TBD (May 22)
World Partnership Walk	Lumberman's Arch Stanley Park Seawall	Aga Khan Foundation	7-Jun	7-Jun	V	Cancelled
Boat for Hope	Hastings Mill Park	Variety - The Children's Charity	12-Jun	13-Jun	V	TBD (May 12)
Dragon Zone 500M Regatta	Creekside Park	Canadian International Dragon Boat Festival Society	12-Jun	13-Jun	V	Postponed
Summer Fair	Champlain Parking Lot	Champlain Heights Community Centre	13-Jun	13-Jun	V	TBD
The Awesome Grand Prix	Jonathan Rogers Park	Cycling BC/Bicicletta	13-Jun	13-Jun		Cancelled
Italian Day on the Drive	Grandview Park	Italian Day Festival Society	13-Jun	14-Jun	V	Cancelled
ICSF Soccer Tournament	Adanac Field	Italian Canadian Sports Federation	12-Jun	14-Jun	L	TBD
Ride Don't Hide	Queen Elizabeth Park	Canadian Mental Health Association	14-Jun	14-Jun		TBD
JDRF Walk to Cure Diabetes	Stanley Park	Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation	14-Jun	14-Jun	V & T	Cancelled
Point Grey Fiesta	West Point Grey Park	Point Grey Fiesta	17-Jun	19-Jun	V	Cancelled
Vancouver Dragon Boat Festival	Creekside Park	Canadian International Dragon Boat Festival Society	19-Jun	21-Jun	V & L	Postponed
The Gathering Festival	Emery Barnes Park David Lam Park	The Gathering Place Community Centre	19-Jun	24-Jun	V	TBD
Douglas Park Community Day	Douglas Park	Douglas Park Community Association	20-Jun	20-Jun	V	TBD
Zero Waste Reuse and Recycling Drop off Hillcrest	Hillcrest South Gravel Parking Lot	Hillcrest Community Centre	20-Jun	20-Jun		Cancelled

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Eastside Pride	Grandview Park	Vancouver Pride Society	20-Jun	20-Jun	V	Cancelled
Paddlefest Vancouver	Jericho Sailing Centre	MEC/Jericho Sailing Centre	20-Jun	20-Jun		TBD
Jericho Little League Midway	Carnarvon Park	Jericho Little League Baseball Association	20-Jun	20-Jun		TBD
Hillcrest Summer Festival	Riley Park	Riley Park-Hillcrest Community Centre Association	20-Jun	20-Jun	V	Cancelled
National Indigenous Peoples Day	John Hendry Park	Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre Society	21-Jun	21-Jun	V	TBD
National Indigenous Peoples Day	Oppenheimer Park	Carnegie Centre	21-Jun	21-Jun		TBD
Vancouver International Jazz Festival	David Lam Park	Coastal Jazz & Blues Society	26-Jun	28-Jun	V & L	Cancelled
Strawberry Festival	Barley Heritage Square	West End Seniors Network	27- Jun	27 Jun		TBD
Scotiabank Vancouver Half Marathon & 5K	Ceperley Park & Stanley Park Seawall	Canada Running Series	28-Jun	28-Jun		Cancelled
False Creek Canada Day Celebration	Sutcliffe Park	False Creek Community Centre	1-Jul	1-Jul	V	TBD (Jun 1)
Sunset Canada Day Celebration	Sunset Park	Sunset Community Centre	1-Jul	1-Jul	V	TBD
Canada Day Drumming	Creekside Park	Choice Communication	1-Jul	1-Jul	V	Cancelled
Stanley Park Open	Stanley Park Tennis Courts	Tennis BC	1-Jul	20-Jul	V & L	TBD
Summer Cinema Series	Ceperley Park	Cinema 4 Change	7-Jul	25-Aug	V & T	TBD
Vancouver Open Pro Beach Volleyball	Kitsilano Park	Volleyball BC	10-Jul	12-Jul	V & L	TBD (Jun 5)
Vancouver International Soccer Festival	Empire Fields	One Team United for Peace & Development	10-Jul	12-Jul	V & L	Cancelled
Union Gospel Mission BBQ	Portside Park	Union Gospel Mission	11-Jul	11-Jul		Cancelled
ILWU Pensioners Picnic	New Bright Park	ILWU Local 500	16-Jul	16-Jul		TBD

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Vancouver Folk Music Festival	Jericho Beach Park Locarno Picnic Site	Vancouver Folk Festival Society	17-Jul	19-Jul	V & L & T	Cancelled
African Descent Festival	Thornton Park	African Descent Society	17-Jul	19-Jul	V & L	TBD
Punjabi Mela	Moberly Park	Vancouver Punjabi Mela Society	19-Jul	19-Jul		TBD
Beedie Presents	Malkin Bowl Area	BrandLIVE	24-Jul	26-Jul	L & T	Cancelled
Celebration of Light	English Bay Beach Park Vanier Park Alexandra Park Sunset Beach Park Ceperley Park	Vancouver Fireworks Festival Society	25-Jul	1-Aug	V & L & T	Cancelled
Powell Street Festival	Oppenheimer Park	Powell Street Festival Society	2-Aug	4-Aug	V	TBD
Vancouver Dyke March	McSpadden Park Granview Park	Vancouver Dyke March & Festival Society	1-Aug	1-Aug	V	TBD (Jun 15)
Vancouver International Pride Tennis Tournament BBQ	Stanley Park	Vancouver Tennis Association	2-Aug	2-Aug	L	TBD
Vancouver Pride Sunset Beach Festival	Alexandra Park English Bay Beach Park Sunset Beach Park Stanley Park	Vancouver Pride Society	2-Aug	3-Aug	V & L	Cancelled
Creekside Movie Night	Milton Wong Plaza	Creekside Community Centre	6-Aug	6-Aug		TBD
The Park Show	Jonathan Rogers Park	Live Nation	7-Aug	8-Aug	V & L & T	TBD
KitsFest	Kitsilano Park	Canada One Foundation	7-Aug	9-Aug	V & L	TBD (Jul 15)
Beach Soccer Blast	Spanish Banks Beach Park	Beach Soccer Blast	7-Aug	9-Aug	V	TBD
SeaWheeze Run & Festival	Stanley Park	Lululemon Athletica	15-Aug	15-Aug	V & L & T	Cancelled
Festival of India	Ceperley Park Second Beach	ISKCON of Western Canada	14-Aug	15-Aug	V	TBD
Cascade Ride	David Lam Park	Cascade Bicycle Club	22-Aug	22-Aug		TBD

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Roundhouse Fun Fair	David Lam Park	Roundhouse Community Arts and Rec. Centre	23-Aug	23-Aug	V	TBD
Pinoy Fiesta	South Memorial Park	Phillipine Canadian Cultural Society	23-Aug	23-Aug	V	TBD
Victory Square Concert Festival	Victory Square Park	The Student Radio Society Of UBC (CITR 101.9FM)	6-Sep	6-Sep		TBD
Vancouver Triathlon	Ceperley Park	Multisport Canada	7-Sep	7-Sep	V	TBD
Westward Street Party	Yaletown Park	Yaletown BIA	11-Sep	12-Sep	V & L	Cancelled
RBC GranFondo Whistler	Stanley Park	GranFondo Canada	12-Sep	12-Sep		TBD
Paws for a Cause	David Lam Park	BC SPCA	13-Sep	13-Sep	V & L	TBD
McSpadden Country Fair	McSpadden Park	McSpadden Country Fair	13-Sep	13-Sep	V	TBD
Terry Fox Run	Ceperley Park Stanley Park Seawall	Four Seasons Hotel	15-Sep	15-Sep		TBD
DTES Pow Wow	Portside Park	PHS Community Services Society	19-Sep	19-Sep		TBD
Renfrew Ravine Moon Festival	Renfrew Park Slocan Park	Renfrew Park Community Centre	24-Sep	26-Sep	V	TBD
Day of the Longboat	Jericho Sailing Centre Beach Area	UBC Recreation	26-Sep	4-Oct	V	TBD
Grandville Island Turkey Trot	Creekside Park	Vancouver International Marathon Society	12-Oct	12-Oct		TBD
Light the Night	Lumberman's Stanley Park Seawall East Lost Lagoon	Leukemia & Lymphoma Society	16-Oct	18-Oct	V	TBD
James Cunningham Seawall Race	Stanley Park Ceperley Park Seawall	Lions Gate Road Runners	1-Nov	1-Nov		TBD
Remembrance Day Ceremony	Japanese War Monument, Stanley Park	Japanese Canadian Memorial	11-Nov	11-Nov		TBD
Remembrance Day Ceremony	Memorial South Park	South Vancouver Veterans Association	11-Nov	11-Nov		TBD

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Remembrance Day Ceremony	Victory Square	Vancouver Park Board	11-Nov	11-Nov		TBD
Burn Fund Santa Run	Stanley Park Seawall	BC Professional Firefighters Burn Fund	28-Nov	28-Nov		TBD
Santa Shuffle	Lumberman’s Arch, Stanley Park	The Salvation Army	5-Dec	5-Dec		TBD
Winter Solstice Festival	Various Locations	Secret Lantern Society	21-Dec	21-Dec		TBD

- Vending requests are subject to standard terms and conditions, unless otherwise approved by the Board.
- Licensed areas are subject to VPD, VF&RS, 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

Mar 14, 2020	BMO St. Patrick's Day 5km 9:30am to 10:30am Limited closure	Running Room Attendance - 2,000				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Road closures on the east side of Stanley Park, from the Georgia Street entrance around Brockton Point to Pipeline Road 					
Apr 19, 2020	Sun Run 6:30am to 11:00am Limited closure	Vancouver Sun Run Attendance - 50,000				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - City street road closures will delay access to Stanley Park - Race route starts on Georgia Street, turns left onto Denman Street, right on Lagoon Drive and enters Stanley Park along the road adjacent to the Park Board Administration Building and exits via the English Bay entrance 					

May 3, 2020	BMO Vancouver International Marathon 6:30am to 10:30am - Road closure on West Side of Stanley Park	Vancouver International Marathon Society Attendance - 17,500
June 28, 2020	Scotia Bank 5K Run 6:30am to 9:30am - Full road closure on the east side clockwise from Pipeline Road, Stanley Park Drive East to HCMS Discovery	Canada Running Series Attendance - 2,000
	Scotia Bank Half Marathon 5:30am to 12:00noon Limited closure - Road closure from the Second Beach crosswalk to the Beach Avenue entrance of Stanley Park; this portion of Park Drive will be closed to vehicle traffic	Canada Running Series Attendance - 6,000
September 7, 2020	Vancouver Triathlon 6:00am to 10:00am Full road closure	Multisport Canada Attendance - 1,000
September 12, 2020	RBC GranFondo Whistler 3:00am to 10:00am Limited closure	GranFondo Canada Attendance - 4,000

Concert Events

The following large concert event requires a road closure in Stanley Park at the end of the event (post 10:00pm). Park Drive east will be closed to traffic from the roundabout to Brockton Fields to allow for safe pedestrian egress out of the park. The road will re-open after the egress has been completed. This closure has very little impact on park operations and staff will work closely with event organizers to inform all stakeholders in advance of the event.

August 15, 2020	SeaWheeze Run & Festival Post 10:00pm Limited closure - Closure required for egress from the roundabout to Brockton Fields on Stanley Park Drive East	Lululemon Athletica Attendance - 15,000
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