

From: ["Levitt, Karen" <karen.levitt@vancouver.ca>](mailto:karen.levitt@vancouver.ca)  
To: ["Direct to Mayor and Council - DL"](#)  
Date: 8/26/2021 11:01:56 AM  
Subject: [Circles Music Concert - Andy Livingstone Park - Board Briefing Memo](#)  
Attachments: PB - GMO - Circles Music Concert - Andy Livingstone Park - Board Briefing Memo - 2021-08-26.pdf

---

Dear Mayor and Council,

Attached is a letter that was sent by the GM, Park Board to the Park Board Commissioners today, concerning the Circles Music Concert – a youth and family-focused Indigenous hip hop event – that will take place in Andy Livingstone Park this coming Saturday, fyi.

Thanks,

Karen

---

**Karen Levitt**, Deputy City Manager (she/her)  
[karen.levitt@vancouver.ca](mailto:karen.levitt@vancouver.ca)

The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm/Musqueam, Skwxwú7mesh/Squamish and səliłwətaʔ/Tsleil-Waututh nations

---

**From:** Park Board GM's Office <[pbgmo@vancouver.ca](mailto:pbgmo@vancouver.ca)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2021 9:58 AM  
**To:** PB Commissioners <[PBCommissioners@vancouver.ca](mailto:PBCommissioners@vancouver.ca)>  
**Cc:** PB Communications <[PB.Communications@vancouver.ca](mailto:PB.Communications@vancouver.ca)>; PB SLT (Senior Leadership Team) - DL ; Silva, Octavio <[Octavio.Silva@vancouver.ca](mailto:Octavio.Silva@vancouver.ca)>  
**Subject:** Circles Music Concert - Andy Livingstone Park - Board Briefing Memo

Dear Commissioners,

The purpose of this memo is to inform you about the Circles Music Concert (Circles), which will be taking place at Andy Livingstone Park on Saturday, August 28, 2021. This initiative was originally moving forward as an unsanctioned event, however, the Park Board has intervened in order to show support for Vancouver's Indigenous and arts & culture communities, as well as to mitigate potential impacts to the surrounding neighbourhood and park assets.

Circles is a youth and family-focused Indigenous hip hop event that will feature live performances, food for community, and a number of Indigenous vendors. This is a dry initiative (no alcohol).

With the discoveries of unmarked graves on the grounds of residential schools, ongoing challenges related to the pandemic, and extreme climate change weather events affecting communities across Canada, 2021 has been a time of incredible hardship for Indigenous Peoples. This project responds to a real need for Indigenous youth to gather, process, and heal from this past year, in spaces where community strength and solidarity can be fostered and cultural practices can be shared.

As part of our ongoing commitment to Reconciliation and Decolonization, the Park Board recognizes the need to provide this space. The event is facilitated through our work to support Indigenous cultural practitioners interested in hosting large and small gatherings in parks, by assisting in navigating permitting processes, public safety

considerations, sanitation requirements, COVID safety plan development, and supporting event production, on a case-by-case basis.

Headline act, Dakota Bear, has a strong commitment to supporting and inspiring Indigenous youth and we hope our support of the Circles event will strengthen and enable future pathways for Indigenous youth to connect across the city.

Event load-in will begin at 7:00am on August 28, with performances/speeches occurring between 1:00pm and 10:00pm. Load-out will take place at the conclusion of the concert and continue until 11:00pm. If required, additional load-out will take place early morning on August 29. No other permitted events or activities are being displaced to accommodate this initiative, and Park Board staff are working closely with key FEST Committee members, including the Vancouver Police Department and Vancouver Fire & Rescue Services, on safe event delivery.

We welcome you to drop by and support, as a community, this Indigenous-led cultural initiative. We are grateful to do this work on the unceded, ancestral territories of the xʷməθɬɿɬəm (Musqueam), {ŕÖšwú7mesh (Squamish) and səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

Please contact me should you have any questions or require additional information.

Regards,

Donnie Rosa (*they/she*)  
General Manager - Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation



August 26, 2021

MEMO TO : Park Board Commissioners

FROM : Donnie Rosa - General Manager, Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation

SUBJECT : **Circles Music Concert – Andy Livingstone Park – August 28, 2021**

---

Dear Commissioners,

The purpose of this memo is to inform you about the Circles Music Concert (Circles), which will be taking place at Andy Livingstone Park on Saturday, August 28, 2021. This initiative was originally moving forward as an unsanctioned event, however, the Park Board has intervened in order to show support for Vancouver's Indigenous and arts & culture communities, as well as to mitigate potential impacts to the surrounding neighbourhood and park assets.

Circles is a youth and family-focused Indigenous hip hop event that will feature live performances, food for community, and a number of Indigenous vendors. This is a dry initiative (no alcohol).

With the discoveries of unmarked graves on the grounds of residential schools, ongoing challenges related to the pandemic, and extreme climate change weather events affecting communities across Canada, 2021 has been a time of incredible hardship for Indigenous Peoples. This project responds to a real need for Indigenous youth to gather, process, and heal from this past year, in spaces where community strength and solidarity can be fostered and cultural practices can be shared.

As part of our ongoing commitment to Reconciliation and Decolonization, the Park Board recognizes the need to provide this space. The event is facilitated through our work to support Indigenous cultural practitioners interested in hosting large and small gatherings in parks, by assisting in navigating permitting processes, public safety considerations, sanitation requirements, COVID safety plan development, and supporting event production, on a case-by-case basis.

Headline act, Dakota Bear, has a strong commitment to supporting and inspiring Indigenous youth and we hope our support of the Circles event will strengthen and enable future pathways for Indigenous youth to connect across the city.

Event load-in will begin at 7:00am on August 28, with performances/speeches occurring between 1:00pm and 10:00pm. Load-out will take place at the conclusion of the concert and continue until 11:00pm. If required, additional load-out will take place early morning on August 29. No other permitted events or activities are being displaced to accommodate this initiative, and Park Board staff are working closely with key FEST Committee members, including the Vancouver Police Department and Vancouver Fire & Rescue Services, on safe event delivery.



VANCOUVER  
BOARD OF  
PARKS AND  
RECREATION

Page | 2

We welcome you to drop by and support, as a community, this Indigenous-led cultural initiative. We are grateful to do this work on the unceded, ancestral territories of the  $x^m\theta k^w\acute{e}y\acute{e}m$  (Musqueam),  $Skwxw\acute{u}7mesh$  (Squamish) and  $s\acute{e}lilw\acute{e}ta\acute{t}$  (Tseil-Waututh) Nations.

Please contact me should you have any questions or require additional information.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Donnie Rosa (*they/she*)  
General Manager - Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation

/os

Copy to: PB Senior Leadership Team  
PB Business Development  
PB Communications