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Subject: Stanley Park Ghost Train Update - Embargoed Until 10 AM October 4, 2023

EMBARGOED UNTIL OCTOBER 4, 2023 @ 10 AM

Dear Mayor and Council,

Sharing with you here a bulletin update on the Stanley Park Ghost Train from the Acting GM, Board of Parks and Recreation.

Thanks,

Karen

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From: Jackson, Steve
Sent: Tuesday, October 3, 2023 5:24 PM
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Cc: PB Communications <PB.Communications@vancouver.ca>; PB LT (Leadership Team) - DL
Park Board GM's Office <pbgmo@vancouver.ca>
Subject: Update from GM - Ghost Train Bulletin

Good afternoon Commissioners,

On Wednesday, October 4 at 10:00am, the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation will be releasing an update on the Stanley Park Train, specifically in regards to Ghost Train not going ahead this year as we continue to focus on train repairs. We expect this news may generate some concern over the status of the train and the likelihood of the train being operational in time for Bright Nights. While it is still early to make a firm announcement with respect to Bright Nights, the team is pleased with the progress and the milestones achieved to date.

Here is a preview of what will be shared in tomorrow's information bulletin:

- The Stanley Park Ghost Train will not operate this Halloween due to ongoing restoration work aimed at ensuring its safe and efficient performance.
- Over the past year, the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation has remained steadfast in its dedication to restoring the train to operation after its temporary closure.
- The train's vintage equipment, some of which dates back over 60 years, requires specialized parts that were challenging to procure.
- All necessary parts have been secured, and repairs are in progress.
- Additional testing will be conducted to ensure the train's safety.
- The goal is to complete repairs by November, subject to approval from Technical Safety BC.
- For your awareness, Bright Nights will be proceeding with their VIP night on November 30, 2023 regardless of the status of the Stanley Park Train.

This information is confidential, we ask that you do not forward this email in advance of tomorrow morning's announcement. Due to the considerable media interest on this topic, please refer any media inquiries to

pb.communications@vancouver.ca for response.

Thank you,

Steve



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