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Dear Commissioners,

Out of an abundance of caution, the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation will not be moving forward with the Ghost Train event, held at the Stanley Park Railway, this year. Given this event takes place in the evening, and Stanley Park is temporarily closed during these hours in response to coyote activity, staff made the decision to cancel the event in the interest of public safety. Staff are now refocusing their efforts and are in the planning process for the Bright Nights event this winter.

Glow in the Garden, held at VanDusen Botanical Garden, will also not be proceeding this year. Staff made this decision some time ago due to resource constraints and uncertainties around COVID-19 restrictions. They are also refocusing their efforts and preparing for Festival of Lights.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thanks,
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