



VANCOUVER
BOARD OF
PARKS AND
RECREATION

September 26, 2019

MEMO TO : Park Board Commissioners

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

SUBJECT : **Global Climate Strike September 2019 – Report Back**

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to report back on the [Park Board Support for the September 2019 Global Climate Strike](#) motion that was approved by the Board on September 16, 2019. Council approved a similar [motion](#) on September 11, 2019.

In collaboration with the City of Vancouver Sustainability team, staff have reached out to Sustainabiliteens Vancouver to discuss ways in which the Park Board could support the youth-initiated non-violent Global Climate Strike event being held on Friday, September 27, 2019. The event starts at 1pm at Vancouver City Hall, with participants later marching across the Cambie Street Bridge to finish at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre downtown by around 5pm.

The organizers requested assistance with event clean-up and with the provision of audio equipment for a press conference outside of the Union of BC Municipalities convention, prior to the main strike event. Park Operations has confirmed that a park attendant will ensure the City Hall plaza and grounds are cleaned after the marchers leave the area, and Park Board Communications has offered use of a portable microphone and speaker system.

All City and Park Board staff have been invited to participate in the Global Climate Strike via the “City Highlights” staff newsletter (distributed by email and posted on the staff website Sep 19). A separate email was sent to all Park Board staff (Sep 24) that included a printable poster (attached) for managers and supervisors to share with outdoor workers and staff who do not have regular email access. Staff who wish to participate in the event during their regular work schedule may do so where operationally feasible, with prior approval of their direct supervisor:

- *participation in the event at City Hall from 1-2 pm - time treated as paid working time;*
- *participation in the event after 2 pm (i.e.; the march downtown) - time to be coded to available banks (e.g. vacation, leave without pay, etc.).*

Additionally, Park Board staff have been working with City staff on our combined [Climate Emergency Response](#), which includes efforts to restore forests and coasts, and reduce carbon pollution from our corporate operations. Further updates will be provided as this work progresses.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Malcolm Bromley'.

Malcolm Bromley
General Manager - Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation

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