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BOARD OF
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March 5, 2019

MEMO TO : Park Board Commissioners

FROM : Shauna Wilton
Deputy General Manager, Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation

SUBJECT : **Symphony at Sunset 2019 Event Date – Board Update**

Dear Commissioners,

The Vancouver Park Board and Vancouver Symphony Orchestra (VSO) joined forces to present the first ever free, open-air symphony concert at Sunset Beach Park on Saturday, July 14, 2018. The Symphony at Sunset concert was set amongst the sweeping views of English Bay and kicked-off the VSO's 100th anniversary season. This free and truly accessible family event, proved extremely popular and attracted approximately 10,000 Vancouverites to this iconic park location.

During the presentation of the 2019 Major Special Events Calendar on February 11, 2019, staff informed Commissioners that the Symphony at Sunset event would be returning in 2019, but that a date had not yet been determined. I am writing to advise you that an event date has now been confirmed and that this year's free symphony concert will be delivered at Sunset Beach Park on Sunday, July 7, 2019. A public announcement of this exciting initiative is actively being planned and is expected to take place later this week. In the meantime, we would appreciate if you could treat this information as confidential until the VSO's summer program is announced.

It is anticipated that the 2019 Symphony at Sunset concert will be executed in much the same manner as the 2018 event. Additional updates on the initiative will be provided to the Board as the detailed planning process unfolds and new information becomes available.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shauna Wilton".

Shauna Wilton
Deputy General Manager

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