



May 17, 2019

MEMO TO : Park Board Commissioners

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

SUBJECT : **Women Deliver Conference – Board Update**

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Dear Commissioners,

As follow-up to the March 11, 2019 Board decision to [support the Women Deliver Conference](#), I am writing to update you on the Park Board related activities and initiatives for this upcoming event (June 3 to 6, 2019).

### **Remarkable Women Series Revival**

The previous Remarkable Women Poster Series has been revived through re-issuing the original series as large 3-sided pillar towers. These will be on display at all community centres, with a full set of all posters at key Women Deliver programming sites: Roundhouse, Vancouver Public Library, and at Jack Poole Plaza for Culture Night (June 5). Electronic versions of the poster series will also be featured on screens at community centres and other key city locations.

### **Roundhouse Events**

The Roundhouse Community Arts & Recreation Centre will be hosting two events on Tuesday, June 4, in celebration of women and the arts. The first event will be a book launch for “The Witching Hours”, an anthology of comics about magical women written, illustrated, and edited by women and non-binary persons. This will be followed by Women’s Cultural Performance Night, an evening of cultural dance performances from many communities across Vancouver. Additional information about these events will be provided in the Commissioners’ Communique.

### **Longhouse Dialogues**

Harbour Green Park will play host to the Longhouse Dialogues from May 31 to June 5. The British Columbia Council for International Cooperation (BCCIC) is erecting four non-permanent, traditional bighouses/longhouses (in the style of the Coast Salish, Nuuchahnulth, Kwakwaka’wakw and Pacific Island peoples) to create a village-like setting. These longhouses will provide a backdrop to a series of timely and exciting events and dialogues that will explore issues pertinent to women and girls in BC and Canada. We received letters of support from the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations for the installation of the temporary longhouses in their traditional territories. The Nations’ participation will include blessing of the location, opening and closing protocol support, and engagement in the displays, programming, and hosting within the longhouses.

### **emPOWER Walk**

Women Deliver delegates will have an opportunity to participate in the emPOWER Walk along the seawall on Saturday, June 1. The walk will begin at Harbour Green Park, travel west along the seawall to Devonian Park, and then return to the Vancouver Convention Centre. The walk will focus on diversity and inclusion to create a legacy and empower women and girls.



### **Live Streaming**

Eleven (11) community centres are tentatively scheduled to live-stream plenary sessions of the Women Deliver Conference, pending final technical issues.

Other highlights include: the selection of the Community Sport Champions grant recipients (to be announced at Culture Night); the addition of a satellite conference at Vancouver Public Library, including an art display of local women artists; a volunteer program for staff participation; and the successful community event “Family Day”, which featured City and Park Board vehicles and careers.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Regards,

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