

SUBJECT: PARK CONTROL BY-LAW - CETACEANS

BACKGROUND

At the Board's meeting of September 30, 1996 resolutions were made with respect to the Aquarium lease and the implementation of a by-law controlling cetaceans in parks.

DISCUSSION

As per the Board's resolution a Park Control By-law has been prepared and enclosed (Appendix A). Also, a variation to the above By-law (Appendix B) has been enclosed for the Board's consideration. The basis for this variation is the clause which deals with the taking of a cetacean from the wild for rehabilitation. In the Board's resolution, approval for bringing said cetacean into the park would require Board approval. The Aquarium has stated that the need to bring in a cetacean in distress could occur at all hours of the day. Therefore under such emergency conditions they indicated that obtaining Board approval could be problematic. Hence, they want to be able to act immediately and notify the Board after the fact. Appendix B provides for placing before the Board the Aquarium's desired process.

Notwithstanding that emergencies can occur at all hours of the day, and that by their nature they need to be acted upon swiftly, a telephone poll of the Commissioners could be obtained or certain powers could be vested in the General Manager to act quickly under said circumstances.

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FOR A COPY OF APPENDIX A AND B CALL 257-8448
