



COMMISSIONER ENQUIRIES - SUMMARY REPORT

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| Jan 14/19 | Paint Policy | A Board member enquired if there is a Park Board policy that informs the choice of paint used for repainting Park Board facilities (i.e. low VOC, or no VOC versus oil paints of high VOC paints)? | Federal regulations outline the acceptable Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) levels for paint products produced and sold in Canada. The Park Board uses paint and coating products with the lowest VOC or with the lowest odour depending on the unique requirements presented with each project. Criteria for evaluation include: previous adhesions, ventilation, durability, etc. Additionally, Park Development Standards, which are an integral part of planning and executing projects, explicitly outline acceptable terms for exterior painting and powder coating, including: quality assurance; conformance to regulatory agencies; site conditions; inspections; mixing & tinting; application; protection; waste management, disposal, and cleaning. These specifications are based on industry reference standards that govern best practices. The Park Board also follows Work Safe BC Guidelines, Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) regulations, and Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's) for work involving paint. | COMPLETE |
| Jan 14/19 | Donated Toys | A Board member enquired if there is a policy in place regarding 'donated' toys, or usable plastic toys left in playground areas (based on the Granville Park issue, the change.org petition) | There is currently no Park Board policy specific to the removal of toys from parks – these and other items left in parks (sports equipment, household items, yard equipment, paint cans, propane tanks, etc.) are removed by park operations crews when they are deemed a safety hazard and/or impede staff from performing their duties in an efficient manner. In some cases, toys are left in the park if they are occupying a small space and not causing safety concerns, however it is difficult to have staff determine what is safe/usable. In many cases, toys left in parks are damaged, have sharp edges, or are not age appropriate and could pose a choking hazard. Toys and other items left on pathways can create a tripping hazard, especially for seniors and people using the path when dark. Staff are exploring options to address community requests to keep toys in playgrounds, including looking at the toy box pilot project in the District of North Vancouver and the play boxes introduced by the City of North Vancouver. | IN PROCESS |
| Jan 14/19 | Pickle Ball – Multi-use Outdoor Courts | A Board member enquired on the implementation of multi-use lining of courts to accommodate Pickle Ball and if it is easily achieved in order to keep pace with the desired increase of outdoor courts for this sport? | Park Board staff are keen to help this growing community gain access to more outdoor and indoor court space and continue to work with the Pickleball community to increase opportunities. In 2016/17, pickleball lines were added to 9 outdoor tennis courts at Queen Elizabeth Park, Memorial Park West, and John Hendry Park when they were resurfaced. In 2019, the court improvements planned for Pandora Park will include adding pickleball lines, and staff will be engaging the Slocan Park community over the summer to determine if there is support to add multi-use lines to the existing courts. In order to consult the broader community on possible locations and numbers of courts, plans for future pickleball courts will be wrapped into a sport court plan that is targeted to evolve following the completion of VanPlay. | ONGOING INITIATIVE |



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| Jan 14/19 | Small Engine Equipment Inventory | A Board member enquired if a list of small engine equipment could be made available prior to the next meeting. The list should include all hand held and backpack two stroke equipment as well as lawn mowing equipment and should note if they require gas or diesel. | Park Operations staff provided the following count of gas & electric equipment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Line Trimmers: 122 gas; 2 electric - Hedge Trimmers: 39 gas; 3 electric - Long Pole Saws: 38 gas; 10 electric - Chain Saws: 76 gas; 1 electric - Leaf Blowers: 142 gas; 3 electric | COMPLETE |
| Jan 14/19 | Memorial West Park - dead Cedar Trees | A Board member enquired whether an investigation has been conducted on the death of at least three large isolated cedar trees in Memorial West Park and whether there is a plan to address the situation | The three trees noted died due to phytophthora lateralis, which is a soil borne pathogen that causes cedar root disease. The trees are not hazardous, but will be scheduled for removal in the spring of 2019. They will be replaced with a different species to avoid the new trees being impacted by the disease. Similiar species can be impacted, dependent upon the slope in the park that allows water to move downstream -- there are several additional cedar trees in the park that have died and there is potential for the remaining 8 trees in the vicinity to be effected. | COMPLETE |