



COMMISSIONER ENQUIRIES - SUMMARY REPORT

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Feb 25/19	Prince Edward Street Road Closure by Sunset Park	A Board member enquired if the Park Board could help offset the costs borne by festival organizers to open Prince Edward Street for emergency services access when their events restrict access to Main Street.	Events that involve the closure or opening of city streets are coordinated through the CoV Special Events team. In 2018, when Prince Edward Street was opened at the request of an event organizer, festival attendees parked on the east and west boulevards resulting in considerable turf damage to Park Board property. As CoV emergency responders (VPD, VF&RS, and Public Safety) have confirmed that Prince Edward does not need to be opened during events to support their emergency service activities, the street will remain closed unless otherwise directed.	COMPLETE
Feb 25/19	East Park & Creekside Park (south)	A Board member requested the timeline proposed for development of the new Olympic Village park located between Ontario and Quebec Streets, north of East 1st Avenue.	<p>Following is a detailed timeline for the development of the new park east of the Olympic Village:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Winter 2019 - Project team is assembled and project planning work begins; - April 2019 - Developers (Concert Properties) to build a temporary walking path from Switchmen Street to Creekside Community Centre (once drainage issues resolved) - Spring 2019 - Open house to listen to community interests and needs and review initial park concept ideas with residents and community - Fall 2019 - Management of contaminated soils on site begins - Winter 2020 – Final Open houses to display park concept plans and invite feedback - Spring 2020 - Seek Board approval for concept design plan - 2020-21 – Prepare construction drawings and specifications for tender (subject to approval) - 2022 - East Park construction, phase 1 (1st and Quebec to the seaside pathway) <p>More information is available on the project webpage: https://vancouver.ca/parks-recreation-culture/east-park-and-creekside-park-south.aspx</p>	ONGOING INITIATIVE
Feb 25/19	MacLean Park Benches & Tables	A Board member enquired why the picnic tables and benches were removed from MacLean Park and whether they will be replaced as community members miss being able to use them.	The benches in the SE corner of MacLean Park were removed several years ago at the request of local residents; illegal activity in this location was confirmed by VPD. Seasonal picnic tables are removed from all park locations each fall and are returned mid-spring.	COMPLETE
Feb 25/19	Andy Livingstone Park Gates	A Board member enquired whether the gates on the north side of Andy Livingstone Park are being locked at certain times and if so, why?	Park Board staff currently lock the two gates in front of the washrooms located on the south side of Andy Livingstone Park. These gates are locked overnight when the washrooms are closed in order to provide an additional layer of security for the facility.	COMPLETE



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Feb 25/19	Daylighting Streams along Fraser River	A Board member requested information on the progress and possibility of daylighting streams at the south end of Cambie Street and in the parks along the Fraser River.	<p>There are a number of existing parks along the Fraser River including Musqueam, McCleery Golf Course, Deering Island, Fraser River Trail, Shaughnessy Street, Gladstone, and Riverfront Park. Both Musqueam and McCleery have natural creek channels, Fraser River Park has a diverse wetland area with a boardwalk, and the other parks offer magnificent views and natural habitat areas along a riverside path.</p> <p>In East Fraserlands (EFL), a number of new parks will have creek channels, wetlands, and biodiversity areas to support bird habitat in particular. The proposed Kinross Corridor and Foreshore Parks have a wetland and creek channel (construction targeted for 2020) and Avalon Corridor parks include a creek channel (design starts in 2021-2022). The EFL phase 1 guidelines provide a nice overview of the future wetland areas and creek channels: https://vancouver.ca/files/cov/east-fraserlands-phase-1-guidelines-a.pdf.</p> <p>There are future opportunities for new Fraser River parks to incorporate daylighting of streams. A Fraser River strategy has recently been initiated to plan for new park development opportunities along the river in which daylighting streams will be a key strategy, in support of the Park Board's Biodiversity strategy. Many of the industrial sites along the Fraser River have existing storm water outfalls in roadside ditches. Park Board staff have identified the potential to daylight these into streams to meander through park sites as a unique park feature. It is important to note that CP Rail runs the length of the waterfront (at varying offset distances) and acts as a barrier to natural functioning stream hydraulics, limiting the length of any natural flowing daylighted watercourses.</p>	ONGOING INITIATIVE
Feb 25/19	Oppenheimer Park Campers - Support Services & Washroom Access	A Board member asked what support Park Board staff currently provide to help resident campers with storage and safety of their belongings, accessing community services, and maintaining clean and operational washroom facilities.	Cleaning staff visit Oppenheimer Park twice daily, seven days a week. The washrooms are opened and cleaned around 6am, and then locked around 9pm. Rangers and community outreach workers help park users to access community services & local shelters. Park Rangers will also assist with short term storage of personal belongings if required, which is available on a limited basis. A Board Briefing Memo on this topic sent on Mar 8/19 provided more details on the community services available.	ONGOING INITIATIVE
Feb 25/19	420 Event Permit	A Board member enquired if the 420 event organizers were asked to pay a permit fee of \$5,000 after the 2018 protest, as recorded in the press by CBC.	The invoice issued to the 420 organizers in 2018 included an expense of \$5,450 for an event permit fee. Although no permit was ever contemplated or issued, the organizers repeatedly expressed that they want to ensure the Park Board is made whole from the event. The expense was included to inform/educate 420 organizers of all the expenses they would be expected to cover should this initiative ever be executed as a sanctioned event.	COMPLETE