



COMMISSIONER ENQUIRIES - SUMMARY REPORT

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May 13/19	Stanley Park Ecology Society (SPES) Nature House Rebuild	A Board member asked if it is possible to have the Stanley Park Ecology Society (SPES) Nature House rebuilt by Metro Vancouver as part of their construction project at Chilco street?	Staff are engaged in ongoing discussions with Metro Vancouver regarding potential impacts to Stanley Park related to the Stanley Park Water Supply Tunnel project, including the Nature House, and are also identifying opportunities for actions that may be taken by Metro Vancouver to offset these impacts and provide park benefits. This effort ensues as Metro Vancouver progresses through the preliminary design phase and staff will report back to the Board once the impacts assessment and opportunities analysis is complete.	ONGOING INITIATIVE
May 13/19	2019 Budgetary Increase for Horticulture	A Board member requested a report back on how and where the \$600,000 granted by City Council to Park Board for horticulture and garden maintenance is being invested.	Based on the additional funding approved by Council in December 2018, a total of \$610,000 has been allocated to Park Operations to support horticulture and garden maintenance, both directly and indirectly. \$162,800 has funded the creation and staffing of two regular full-time Park Attendant positions to increase the maintenance level at Andy Livingstone Park and Creekside Park. In the recent years, both these parks have seen significant increases in homelessness, camping, open drug use, littering, loitering, and vandalism. These two new positions supplement the Park Operations workforce and create a safer and cleaner environment for everyone using these public spaces. The remaining funding supports horticulture by covering previously unbudgeted overtime, materials, and fleet costs in Park Operations: \$200,000 has been allocated to the overtime labour budget, which will help reduce unscheduled labour costs (e.g. snow removal) from being subsidized by other labour budgets (such as horticulture); \$122,200 will fund the rising cost of materials such as fertilizer, growing medium, and plant material, which was previously subsidized by other budgets; and \$125,000 of funding has been added to fleet and equipment budgets to cover costs related to core services such as grass cutting and litter picking. The Park Operations team is continuing to review operating budgets to ensure funding allocations are reflective of actual and evolving needs.	COMPLETE
May 13/19	Vanier Park Pump Track	A Board member enquired about the proposed next steps and expected schedule for the re-opening of the Vanier Park Pump Track and the approval and construction of its kid-friendly extension.	Staff are hosting an open house along the seawall in Vanier Park between the Coast Guard Station and Burrard Civic Marina on Thursday, May 30, from 4pm-7pm to provide an opportunity for residents and park visitors to learn more about Park Board plans to integrate a bike pump track into the Vanier Park forest, along with a proposed eagle nest pole in a new location in the Vanier Park woodlot. Staff will present project details related to the management of wildlife, forest health, and recreation, developed with the support of the Provincial Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development biologists and consulting biologists from Environmental Dynamic Inc. Staff will report back to the Board in the coming months to present the results of the engagement and biological studies, and to seek Board direction regarding how to proceed.	ONGOING INITIATIVE



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May 13/19	Vanier Park Archives & Squamish Nation Rental Development	A Board member enquired if any there are any park considerations related to the City Archives move from Vanier Park and the proposed Squamish Nation rental development.	<p>The Vancouver Archives are tentatively slated to move to VPL's Central Library in late 2022. No new tenant for this space has been identified. There are currently no known park impacts. Park Board staff will continue to work with Real Estate and Facilities Planning, as well as with Arts, Culture, and Community Services, to assess future impacts on Vanier Park as more information becomes available.</p> <p>The Squamish Nation is not required to follow the City of Vancouver's development approval process for its lands next to Vanier Park. However, Park Board staff hope to be involved in future discussions about this development proposal in order to understand the park and recreation needs of the new residents and to assess how to collaborate and best deliver services at Vanier Park and other neighbouring parks.</p>	ONGOING INITIATIVE
May 13/19	VanSplash Advisory Group Process	A Board member asked whether the VanSplash Advisory Group received presentations regarding the potential closure of Templeton and Lord Byng pools, and if they were advised that they would not be fettered by the Board's direction for the group to consider only expansion and improvements.	The VanSplash Advisory Group has been adhering to the direction that was given to them by the Board in January 2019, and has not been advised otherwise by Park Board staff. The Group did not receive any presentations regarding the closure of Templeton and Lord Byng pools. A briefing memo on this topic was also sent to the Board on May 15, 2019.	COMPLETE
May 13/19	Kerrisdale Pool Renewal	A Board member enquired if there is any prospect that the Kerrisdale rebuild would be included in the next capital budget, with the application of existing Community Amenity Contribution funds from previous developments in the Kerrisdale area.	<p>The DRAFT VanSplash Aquatic Strategy, currently under review by the VanSplash Advisory Group, proposes to replace Kerrisdale Pool with a new community scale pool (a multi-tank pool - fitness & leisure - with a capacity 400,000 swims/year) as part of a possible future community centre and/or arena renewal to take advantage of co-location synergies. The DRAFT Strategy's 10-Year Implementation Plan does not currently include Kerrisdale Pool. The revised VanSplash Strategy is anticipated to be brought to the Board for decision in Fall 2019.</p> <p>The use of Community Amenity Contribution funds for a new building is possible, however, CACs can only be applied to building portions that are constructed to address population growth, not for the renewal of existing facilities. Eligibility for CACs would also require finalization of the facility requirements.</p>	ONGOING INITIATIVE