



COMMISSIONER ENQUIRIES - SUMMARY REPORT

Date Received	Topic	Summary of Request	Board Update	Status
May 27/19	Synthetic Turf on Sports Fields	<p>A Board member asked if Commissioners and the public can be provided with the most up-to-date information on synthetic turf used on Park Board sports fields, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - an inventory of all current & approved synthetic turf sport fields in PB recreation system, including those shared with the Vancouver School Board; - installation & maintenance materials (turf, infill, base prep, etc.); - scientific & technical data regarding human health implications; - longevity, degradation, runoff materials & end-of-life disposal; - environmental & water mgmt impacts (compared to natural grass); - playability & financial considerations (compared to natural grass). 	<p>The Park Board maintains 147 natural grass play fields that provide approximately 27,000 hours of use, and 12 synthetic turf fields that provide approximately 29,000 hours (which includes 3 fields on Vancouver School Board lands), based on 2018 bookings.</p> <p>Information on installation, maintenance & disposal, materials, environmental & health implications, and financial considerations was included in a May 2, 2016 Board report (https://parkboardmeetings.vancouver.ca/2016/20160502/REPORT-SyntheticTurfReplacementContract-20160502.pdf).</p> <p>In response to ongoing concerns regarding synthetic turf, staff are creating an internal working group to look at synthetic turf options/approaches, and are aiming to form a public advisory group (by end of 2019) to review city-wide playing field needs, sports field facility siting considerations, and synthetic turf material options.</p> <p>A report back to the Board targeted for Q2 2020 will include an updated substantive technical report to address questions regarding installation, maintenance, technical & scientific data, materials and life cycle, environmental /storm water run-off, and financial considerations.</p> <p>The Park Board maintains 147 natural grass play fields that provide approximately 27,000 hours of use, and 12 synthetic turf fields that provide approximately 29,000 hours (which includes 3 fields on Vancouver School Board lands), based on 2018 bookings.</p>	IN PROCESS
May 27/19	Urban Horse Project	<p>A Board member requested information on the Urban Horse Project, including any background and updates on their requests to use space in the livestock building at Hastings Park.</p>	<p>The Livestock Building is under the jurisdiction of the Pacific National Exhibition, which is a wholly owned subsidiary of the City of Vancouver. PNE staff indicated that the last discussions regarding an urban horse project was 2017 and the project advocates have not been heard from since.</p>	COMPLETE
May 27/19	Public Participation Report	<p>A Board member enquired about when the revised Public Engagement Standards Policy will be coming back to the Board.</p>	<p>The Park Board's Public Engagement Standards Policy was initially presented to the Board for approval on November 20, 2017, at which time it was "referred back to staff to develop explicit references and tactics to engage the City's diverse community groups". Staff have since identified the need to align oversight and coordination of engagement activities within the broader scope of the Park Board Communications Team. Recruitment is underway for the Communications Manager, and once this position is filled, review of the draft strategy will continue. It is currently targeted to come back to the Board for consideration in early 2020.</p>	IN PROCESS