



COMMISSIONER ENQUIRIES - SUMMARY REPORT

Date Received	Topic	Summary of Request	Board Update	Status
Jun 24/19	Lawn Fertilizers Used in Parks	In reference to a May 10/19 tweet stating that the Park Board uses about 110,000 pounds of organic lawn fertilizers per year, a Board member requested if this can be broken down to differentiate between organic-based fertilizers (only a portion is organic) vs. fully organic.	Staff have advised that the majority of fertilizer used by the Park Board is fully organic vs. organic-based. In 2018, the Park Board used 75.46 metric tonnes (~166K lbs) of organic based products, of which nearly 80% was fully organic (60.4 t / ~133K lbs of Sustane 5-2-4). The amount tweeted in May (110K lbs) did not include golf operations, which are almost completely run on organic based fertilizer products. This practice is supported by Greenest City scholar fertilizer trials that found using all-organic Sustane fertilizer was far superior to using the synthetic fertilizers also trialed.	COMPLETE
Jul 22/19	Park Bench Inventory	A Board member requested the following information on park benches: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - # of divided benches (arm rests between seats); - # number of undivided/long benches; and - replacement protocol, i.e., is there a standard design 	Staff have advised that according to an asset inventory completed in 2017, there are 5224 benches in parks. While the inventory did not categorize benches by whether they were divided, staff have advised that the majority of them are undivided (long benches), and estimate that less than 3% would be divided. A new hard asset inventory is underway that may be able to categorize by this attribute. In general, benches are replaced with the same style unless it is no longer available.	COMPLETE