



COMMISSIONER ENQUIRIES - SUMMARY REPORT

Date Received	Topic	Summary of Request	Board Update	Status
Sep 16/19	Dunbar Lawn Bowling	A Board member enquired about when the remaining side boards will be replaced at the Dunbar Lawn Bowling facility and if there are any facility upgrades planned to resolve health and safety issues.	The inner and outer boards on the north side of the Dunbar Lawn Bowling facility were replaced earlier this year. Park Operations staff undertook a condition assessment of the other three sides and determined that those boards did not require replacement at this time. While the boards are leaning inwards, they do not present a safety concern and so it is expected they will remain useable for the next year, and quite possibly the year following. No other facility upgrades are planned at this time.	COMPLETE
Sep 16/19	Bloedel Conservatory Temporary Education Centre	A Board member enquired if there has been any progress made on the proposed temporary education centre at Bloedel Conservatory.	Staff have explored options for providing a temporary education centre and are currently preparing a board briefing memo to report back on their findings. It is expected that this memo will be ready for distribution soon.	ONGOING INITIATIVE
Sep 16/19	Grace McCarthy Plaza Commemoration	A Board member asked if a date has been set for the commemorative naming of Grace McCarthy Plaza in Queen Elizabeth Park.	Staff will be working with Grace McCarthy's family to confirm the details and arrangements for the commemorative naming of the QE plaza. Once those details are finalized, a date for a naming ceremony will be set.	ONGOING INITIATIVE
Sep 16/19	Tree Sales	A Board member requested information on the supplier/nursery selection process for the Park Board's tree sales, as well as a cost benefit and impact analysis.	<p>Since October 2015, the Park Board has held tree sales twice per year, offering a variety of trees to Vancouver residents for a subsidized cost of \$10 each. These popular community stewardship events support the Urban Forest Strategy's goal to expand the city's tree canopy by encouraging residents to plant and maintain more trees on their private property.</p> <p>The trees are sourced from 6 to 8 different Fraser Valley wholesale nurseries in 2 to 5 gallon pots, which are easier to handle and offer cost savings. Varieties are selected for adaptability to Vancouver's climate and to offer a range of benefits: fruit bearing, flowering, shade, specimen, evergreen, native, wildlife value, adaptable to container culture, etc. Based on figures from the Sep 2019 event where 1822 trees were sold, the net subsidy per tree averages about \$21, which includes incremental staff costs to support the event. While the long term success of trees planted on private property is not monitored, the cost for the Park Board to plant and maintain a tree on public property for the life of the tree is significantly higher than the subsidized cost per tree planted on private land.</p>	COMPLETE
Sep 16/19	Stanley Park Rock Garden - Historic Places	A Board member noted that the Stanley Park Rock Garden was added to Canada's Historic Places registry and asked if staff were planning to celebrate this recognition.	Staff are currently considering how the rock garden and its potential commemoration fits with the Park Board's ongoing Stanley Park Comprehensive Plan and Reconciliation efforts. A report back will be provided at a future date.	ONGOING INITIATIVE
Sep 16/19	Hillcrest Park Baseball Hazard	A Board member noted that foul balls from the NW baseball diamond at Hillcrest Park are landing in the new turf field and asked if any steps are being taken to mitigate the hazard.	In 2018, Park Operations reviewed this issue with Risk Management and as a result, increased the height of the backstop and added a six foot overhang along first base up to the start of the batting cage. Staff are continuing to monitor the situation to determine if additional netting is required.	ONGOING INITIATIVE
Sep 16/19	Tatlow Creek Daylighting	A Board member requested an updated timeline and logistical details for the creek daylighting project at Tatlow Park that had been previously approved by the Board.	Following public engagement in 2018, when a draft concept plan for the creek restoration was shared, Park Board staff realized a missed opportunity to better involve the Musqueam Nation in the conceptual design phase. Staff are presently working with Musqueam Nation staff to envision how the project may be delivered in partnership. Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations will also be further consulted, and staff anticipate the concept plan and revised delivery approach will be brought to the Board for consideration in the spring of 2020.	ONGOING INITIATIVE