



COMMISSIONER ENQUIRIES - SUMMARY REPORT

Topic	Summary of Request	Board Update	Status
CRAB Park Advisory Committee	A Board member enquired about the status of the CRAB Park advisory committee.	A Board update on CRAB (Portside) Park, which will include an update on the working group, is being prepared and is expected to be provided in the coming months.	ONGOING INITIATIVE
Indigenous Cultural Centre in CRAB Park	A Board member asked whether staff had considered applying to Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada for Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples (UPIP) funding to support the establishment of the proposed Indigenous Cultural Centre in CRAB Park.	Staff will consider the suggestion to explore additional funding options for the proposed Indigenous Cultural Centre.	ONGOING INITIATIVE
Portland Loo Pilot Project in CRAB Park	A Board member asked if the Portland Loo pilot project for CRAB Park could be deferred until the advisory committee meets, and possible funding is sought for other infrastructure.	The provision of washroom facilities at CRAB (Portside) Park are a critical priority, particularly for the upcoming summer season, and the Portland Loo project is already well underway with consultants retained and equipment ordered.	CLOSED
Vancouver Botanical Gardens Association (VBGA) members admission to Bloedel Conservatory.	A Board member enquired about the current admission limits to the Bloedel Conservatory for members of the Vancouver Botanical Gardens Association (VBGA); whether the number of available spots per hour could be increased, and if this could be safely accommodated by increasing the overall number of patrons admitted, rather than by reducing the number of public admissions allowed.	When the Bloedel Conservatory reopened to the public in July of 2020, capacity was very conservatively limited to 20 people per entry time with new COVID-19 pandemic safety protocols implemented. Over time, as staff and visitors adapted to the new processes and flow of traffic could be monitored, staff were able to increase capacity to a maximum of 30 people per entry time. In order for visitors to safely enjoy their experience on the one way narrow pathways, as well as to ensure sufficient space for staff, no further capacity increases are possible under the current health orders. Park Board staff continue to work closely with the Vancouver Botanical Garden Association (VBGA) to allow flexibility to increase member spots, which includes allowing members to call ahead to book unsold public spots. Recognizing that the current situation is not ideal, staff and VBGA are working hard to try and balance everyone's needs, while being mindful of financial responsibilities and providing as much access as possible.	CLOSED