

COMMISSIONER ENQUIRIES - SUMMARY REPORT

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| May 17/21 | Stanley Park Beach Ave Exit Closure | As follow-up to a previous enquiry regarding the closure of Park Drive (Ceperley Meadows to Beach Ave), a Board member requested an update on when the Beach Avenue exit from Stanley Park would be re-opened. | In response to the previous enquiry, staff provided the following information on March 29, 2021: "In June of 2020, an operational decision was made to temporarily close the section of Park Drive between North Lagoon Drive and Park Lane (Ceperley Meadow to Beach Ave) to support the temporary changes in Stanley Park implemented in response to COVID-19. This temporary closure has continued to support the Beach Avenue interim design as there is currently no southbound vehicle access on Beach Avenue. Staff are currently developing new temporary options for this area in response to the Board motion approved on March 10/21, directing staff to implement a temporary dedicated bike path on Park Drive, and to ensure that any changes support the Beach Avenue Interim Design." | COMPLETE |
| | | | the development of new temporary options would be part of the process for Phase 3 of the temporary bike lane. | |
| May 17/21 | Stanley Park Temporary Bike Lane Estimated Costs | A Board member requested the estimated of costs for the temporary bike lane in Stanley Park, including planning, stakeholder engagement, materials, implementation, and installation for all three phases. | Staff plan to report back to the Board in Q4 of this year with the full costs of the Stanley Park Bike Lane implementation. The estimated costs are not available at this time as staff are still working on the detailed design for phases 2 and 3, as outlined in the Board memo entitled "SP Temp Bike Lane Implementation Update" dated April 30, 2021. Staff will be in a positon to provide estimates once this design work has been complete in July 2021. | IN PROCESS |
| May 17/21 | Fieldhouse Refurbishment | A Board member asked for the estimated costs for refurbishment of the Oppenheimer Park fieldhouse, along with a project timeline that includes the start date and any work already completed. | Given the nature of the anticipated future use of the Oppenheimer Park fieldhouse, more durable fixtures and finishes are being considered, as well as potential programmatic changes that might be required to accommodate additional programming. These needs are currently being assessed and reviewed with staff from Real Estate and Facilities Management. Staff anticipate they can provide a cost estimate and project timeline by the end of Q3, once these variables are more accurately understood. | IN PROCESS |
| May 17/21 | Oppenheimer Encampment Estimated Costs | A Board member requested an estimate of all costs incurred by the Park Board, City of Vancouver and Vancouver Police related to the Oppenheimer Park encampment, including fence & equipment rentals, private security, refuse and material disposal, and park remediation, from the start date of encampment until the park's full return to neighbourhood use. | Staff are currently working to collect and confirm the total City-wide costs (in addition to Park Board costs) related to the Oppenheimer Park encampment and subsequent park remediation. This consolidated information will be provided as soon as it is available. | IN PROCESS |
| May 17/21 | Strathcona Encampment Estimated Costs | A Board member requested an estimate of all costs incurred by the Park Board, City of Vancouver and Vancouver Police related to the Strathcona Park encampment, including fence & equipment rentals, private security, refuse and material disposal, and park remediation, from the start date of encampment until the park's full return to neighbourhood use. | In relation to the encampment in Strathcona Park, the City-wide costs incurred from June 2020 through April 2021 amount to approximately \$929K. Forecasted costs are estimated to be approximately \$818K, bringing total anticipated costs to approximately \$1.747M. | COMPLETE |
| May 17/21 | Preventing Anti-Mask Gatherings | A Board member asked what steps are being taken by Park Rangers, City of Vancouver Bylaw Officers, Vancouver Police, and Provincial Health to prevent continued anti-mask gatherings at Sunset Beach in violation of COVID-19 health orders. | Park Board staff are working closely with the Vancouver Police (VPD), Vancouver Coastal Health Authority (VCH), and several City of Vancouver departments (including Engineering and Parking Enforcement) to coordinate efforts aimed at mitigating risks associated with anti-mask demonstrations and other protests at Sunset Beach. Both Park Board staff and the VPD proactively contact organizers in advance of their events to share expectations and by-laws associated with the park space, and also to remind/inform organizers of applicable public health regulations. In particular, organizers are notified that staging and other infrastructure, amplified sound, and vehicle access to the park are not permitted. In an effort to prevent the setup of staging or other infrastructure on the field, the parking lots at Sunset Beach and at the foot of Jervis Street are closed with gates locked. On event days, Park Rangers and VPD members are deployed to demonstrations based on VPD risk assessments and resource availability. The expectation is that all protests and demonstrations take place in a peaceful manner and adhere to Park Board by-laws and guidance. | COMPLETE |

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| May 17/21 | Lot Bike Lane - Estimated Revenue | A Board member asked for an estimate of expected parking revenue loss due to the removal of parking stalls to accommodate a temporary bike lane through the lot adjacent to the tennis courts in Kits Beach Park. | Staff are estimating a range of \$144-\$240K annually in parking revenue loss for the Kitsilano Beach lot due to the removal of 48 stalls to accommodate the temporary separated bike path that was installed for safety purposes. The broad range reflects the overall high usage of this lot, however revenue is not tracked by individual stall locations and impact will vary seasonally. | COMPLETE |
| May 17/21 | | A Board member asked for a breakdown of the overall costs to the City of Vancouver, Province of BC, and Federal Government of Canada for the justice, healthcare, and social welfare systems due to not providing housing to people. | The Commissioner subsequently withdrew this enquiry. | WITHDRAWN |

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