



COMMISSIONER ENQUIRIES - SUMMARY REPORT

Date Received	Topic	Summary of Request	Board Update	Status
Jul 19/21	English Bay Parking Lots	A Board member asked for details on why parking lots along English Bay are closed sometimes, noting that many people rely on this parking during peak hours and finding lots closed upon arrival can present difficulties.	Staff are often made aware of large unsanctioned events planned for the parks and beach areas along English Bay. When these plans include staging and other large equipment for performances, parking lot gates may be closed to prevent organizers from setting-up unauthorized and potentially unsafe infrastructure in the park. While these temporary closures are generally successful at limiting the impact of unpermitted events, it also blocks public use of parking, including accessible stalls. When appropriate (balancing safety and risk concerns), advance public notice of any temporary lot closures will be provided, identifying alternative parking options (where available) to help park users plan their visit accordingly.	COMPLETE
Jul 19/21	Grace McCarthy Plaza Opening	A Board member requested an update on when the Grace McCarthy plaza opening dedication ceremony will take place.	At the request of Grace McCarthy's family, the plaza dedication ceremony in Queen Elizabeth Park has been postponed until a later date in the fall. The Board will be invited to attend the ceremony once the date has been confirmed.	IN PROCESS
Jul 19/21	Playground Openings	A Board member enquired if there will be any opening celebrations planned for new playgrounds and park amenities.	In recognition that public health restrictions for outdoor events and gatherings have begun to loosen, staff will be reviewing projects nearing completion (and those newly completed) to identify good opportunities for holding opening ceremonies. The Board will be informed of any upcoming events.	COMPLETE
Jul 19/21	Seaside bike route - Hornby to Stanley Park	A Board member enquired if the seaside bike route on the seawall from Hornby to Stanley Park entrance will it be restored to cycling use as COVID-19 restrictions are no longer in effect outside.	The Beach Avenue Interim Design and the seawall from Hornby to Burrard Bridge is managed by the City's Engineering department. The seawall from Burrard Bridge through Stanley Park is managed by the Park Board. The current plan is to allow bikes back onto seawall, at least between Hornby and Bidwell Streets, following the completion of construction at 1000 Beach Avenue early next year. West of Bidwell Street, where the interim lane is immediately parallel, bikes will continue to be directed to the Beach Avenue lane giving more space to both walking and cycling to minimize conflicts through the English Bay area. Engineering plans to gather more resident and stakeholder feedback on how to proceed with the Beach Avenue Interim Design in the coming months. Opportunities for residents to provide input on the longer-term vision will be available through the West End Waterfront Master Plan design process over the next year. Park Board staff will be providing an update to the Board in early 2022 following the first round of engagement.	COMPLETE