



## COMMISSIONER ENQUIRIES - SUMMARY REPORT

Date Received	Topic	Summary of Request	Board Update	Status
7-Feb-22	Seaforth Peace Park "Flame of Peace"	A Board member requested an update on when the flame would be repaired on "The Flame of Peace" memorial fountain in Seaforth Peace Park.	<p>The Flame of Peace fountain in Seaforth Park, approved by the Park Board in July 1986, commemorates the 1945 atomic bombing of Hiroshima as a symbol of our commitment to world peace. Created by local artist Sam Carter, the fountain is comprised of a water-filled bronze cauldron resting on a granite pyramid topped by an eternal flame. Over the years, the control system for the natural gas supplying the flame became very unreliable, discharging natural gas into the atmosphere whenever the flame went out. In 2018, staff reviewed the condition of the fountain and determined that both the water and gas supply lines were severely corroded and both needed to be shut-off. Additionally, the recent theft of a large bronze sheet from one side of the fountain exposed sharp edges requiring the installation of modular fencing around the structure for public safety.</p> <p>Based on these challenges, staff began discussions with the artist and stakeholders to assess options. Work on this project was temporarily paused during the pandemic due to impacts on staff resources, however once discussions resume a more fulsome Board update will be provided.</p>	ONGOING INITIATIVE