



COMMISSIONER ENQUIRIES - SUMMARY REPORT

Date Received	Topic	Summary of Request	Board Update	Status
7-Jun-22	South Memorial Park Pond	A Board member requested an update on why the large pond at South Memorial Park had its water source shut down. It is very disappointing to see the lack of water fowl at the pond; what was once teeming with ducks and songbirds is now a slimy pit of dead plants.	South Memorial Park pond has operated in a way that has consumed up to 15 million litres of drinking water each year. The pond has required the continuous use of potable water to maintain fill, which is a violation of By-law 4848 section 3.7 (b) and By-law 12086 section 6.2 (b) with respect to water wastage. Additionally, in response to increasing periods of drought, City of Vancouver By-Law 12086 prohibits the topping-up or filling of any aesthetic water feature during Stage 2, 3, and 4 water restrictions. Staff are currently assessing alterations to the pond's north drain/weir so that it can retain more rainwater on a seasonal basis, such that a continuous potable water feed is no longer required. A more comprehensive Board update on potable water conservation measures and related impacts on a variety of park water features is forthcoming.	COMPLETE
7-Jun-22	Luxury & Supercar Weekend at VanDusen	A Board member enquired about the number of years the Luxury & Supercar Weekend event has taken place at VanDusen Botanical Garden, the amount of revenue it generated, and why it relocated to Richmond this year.	The Luxury & Supercar Weekend event has been taking place at VanDusen Botanical Garden since 2011. Due to the pandemic, the organizers decided not to host the event at VanDusen in 2020 or 2021. At the beginning of 2022, they informed staff that they would like to push the event at VanDusen to 2023; a hold has been placed for September 2023. Staff were not informed nor provided any reason why the event was moved to Richmond for 2022. The event generates approximately \$35,000 to \$40,000 for the Park Board.	COMPLETE