

COMMISSIONER ENQUIRIES - SUMMARY REPORT

Date Received	Topic	Submitted By	Summary of request	Board Update
27-Feb-23	Crosstown Elementary School - Playground	Commissioner Jensen	Can staff review the fence at Crosstown School to consider making the playground space larger? Could this be achieved by working with engineering services to move the fence closer to Pacific Boulevard?	Park Board staff are presently reviewing this request with staff in the City's Engineering Department and will provide a further enquiry update when more information becomes available. UPDATE May 2, 2023: Staff conferred with the City's Engineering Department who support the concept of extending the existing playground fence southwards to the edge of the existing sidewalk along Expo Blvd. The next steps are to develop a concept diagram and cost estimate, scope viability with internal/external (VSB) stakeholders, develop a memorandum of understanding with the Engineering Department, and advance the work. As there are several priority playground projects underway already, this project will be placed in the queue for delivery and the timeline will be shared when confirmed.
27-Feb-23	Riley Park Farmers Market - Location	Commissioner Jensen	Has staff worked with Riley Park Farmers market to consider other suitable locations, for example the top of QE park?	Park Board staff have had discussions in recent years with the Vancouver Farmers Market (VFM) to explore other locations in the Hillcrest/Riley Park neighbourhood for this event. Unfortunately, no other sites were identified with the necessary physical footprint and operational flexibility, as well as proximity to the market's core customer base and the city's active transportation network. VFM also expressed concern that it would take significant time, effort and resources to rebuild customer loyalty at a new location.
24-Apr-23	Private Donations for Park Water Feature Reactivation	Commissioner Digby	Can staff advise on whether reactivation of decorative water features could be a suitable focus for private donations and a fundraising campaign under the recently reactivated Parks and Recreation Foundation?	Reactivating decorative water features could be considered as a funding opportunity. Staff will need to determine the funding requirements for this initiative and assess the potential for donor interest as part of an overall fundraising priority needs assessment.
24-Apr-23	Kitsilano Showboat Fire - Severity of Damage and Timeline for Repairs	Commissioner Virdi	Can staff provide an update on the severity of the damage done to the Kitsilano Showboat venue and a timeline of how quickly it can be operational again?	Please see May 8, 2023 Memo
24-Apr-23	Seasonal or Permanent Coverage of Sport Courts - QE Park	Commissioner Bastyovanszky	Is it feasible to add a seasonal or permanent cover or bubble on tennis and pickleball courts in Queen Elizabeth park?	The Pickleball and Tennis courts at QE are located on Metro Vancouver's Kersland Reservoir Water Supply infrastructure. Metro Vancouver, as the owner and operator of this water supply reservoir has previously advised that it is not possible to install any infrastructure on or near the reservoir in order to protect the reservoir's integrity, therefore is unfortunately not possible to add a seasonal or permanent cover or bubble on these particular courts.
24-Apr-23	Stanley Park Temporary Bike Lane - Removal Update	Commissioner Haer	Can staff provide an update on the removal of the Stanley Park Bike Lane removal and advise if the May 2023 deadline for removal will be met?	As noted in the Memo provided to the Board on April 17, 2023, staff are working with the Engineer of Record and meeting with stakeholders to refine the design of key areas for safety as outlined in the staff report. Pending construction contractors availability, bike lane removal is targeted to begin in May with the construction of safety improvements continuing in June. Staff will provide additional updates to the Board as the work progresses including a GM's Report scheduled for the May 8th Board Meeting.
24-Apr-23	Stanley Park Train - Update	Commissioner Haer	Can staff advise if the Stanley Park Train be operational by Summer 2023?	The consultant's final report was shared on April 19, 2023 with Fleet Operations, who are currently reviewing the one train recommissioning plan, and will be providing a project timeline and cost estimates. As previously noted, the timeline is contingent on parts availability. Staff are consulting with TSBC to determine feasibility of multiple inspections so that recommissioned units can be returned to service in a phased approach.
24-Apr-23	Transit - Stanley Park & Western Beaches	Commissioner Howard	Can staff advise if there have been any discussions with Translink regarding returning public transit to Stanley Park and the western beaches?	Staff have not had any discussions with Translink regarding returning public transit to Stanley Park and the western Beaches as transit is in service to Stanley Park via the #19 Stanley Park Bus route (to the Stanley Park Bus Loop) and the #23 Beach Ave Bus route (to the West End Beaches). These routes were operational prior to and during the Covid-19 pandemic. The #23 Beach Avenue Bus route was slightly adjusted at the start of the pandemic from two way service on Beach Avenue to one way service on Beach Avenue westbound (between Thurlow and Davie) and then eastbound on Davie Street only to Thurlow then back down to Beach Avenue. In the spring of 2021, two-way service on Beach Avenue was reinstated. Like Stanley Park, bus service has not ceased servicing all West End beaches.