



COMMISSIONER ENQUIRIES – SUMMARY REPORT

Date Received	Topic	Submitted By	Summary of request	Board Update
June 25, 2024	VPD Beach Sweeps - Seasonal Timing Adjustment	Commissioner Bastyovanszky	Could staff please advise if the timing of the VPD beach sweeps could be adjusted around the summer solstice to reflect daylight hours, rather than the 10PM closing time?	<p>Staff are currently reviewing our bylaws regarding the 10 pm closing time and addressing inconsistencies in signage across the park system, which varies to include parks that have signage reflecting from 'Dusk to Dawn.'</p> <p>Our Park Rangers, in line with our existing bylaws, conduct patrols along our beaches. When non-compliant behavior occurs—such as smoking, open pit fires, or alcohol on non-designated beaches—our approach involves engaging individuals to ensure compliance. The Vancouver Police Department (VPD) supports our Park Rangers in enforcing these bylaws.</p> <p>We are not aiming to close beaches and parks to the public. Instead, our focus is on maintaining safe, clean, and accessible parks. Staff will continue to coordinate with VPD and Park Rangers to ensure these priorities top of mind and that their efforts aren't perceived as a closure or a directive for the public to leave.</p>
June 25, 2024	Security Direction to Speakers at the June 24 Committee Meeting (posed during the June 25 Committee Meeting)	Commissioner Howard	During the June 24, 2024 Committee meeting, Commissioners heard from the public that staff had directed speakers to leave the meeting and return home.	<p>Staff present the evening of June 24, included City Corporate Security, Paladin Security, Park Rangers, and Park Board staff. Each of these groups have been asked about providing direction to speakers to go home – all these parties advised they did not give direction to speakers to go home. For attendees that were asking how long it would be until they were heard, staff did offer they may participate by phone if that was more convenient for them; however, no one was told to go home.</p> <p>On June 24, at approx. 9:27pm, the Chair responded to a Point of Order [Information] and advised speakers about the meeting's typical end time of 10pm, and that given the number of speakers remaining, those further down on the list would likely be heard the following day [Chair's comments summarized]. <a href="#">Video clip at 9:27pm</a>.</p> <p>On June 24, at approx. 9:33pm, a motion was moved to extend the meeting to finish the business on the agenda, which was defeated. Subsequently, a motion to extend the meeting to hear from speakers was moved and carried with the required majority. <a href="#">Video clip at 9:33pm</a>.</p> <p>On June 25, at the start of the reconvened meeting, Commissioners questioned why the Board was not hearing from speakers who missed their turn the night prior, to which the Chair advised the Board concluded hearing from speakers last evening per the Board's decision.</p> <p>It is incumbent on members to familiarize themselves with the Procedure By-law and to raise points, request clarification, or challenge the Chair on rulings made during the meeting, at the time of the issue. As no concern was raised at the time of the vote to extend the meeting to hear</p>

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