



COMMISSIONER ENQUIRIES – SUMMARY REPORT

Date Received	Topic	Submitted By	Summary of request	Board Update
May 12, 2025	Stanley Park Intergovernmental Working Group	Commissioner Digby	Would the Stanley Park (Intergovernmental) Working Group be willing to engage a discussion about whether Stanley Park might be considered as a candidate for a National Urban Park?	The Stanley Park Intergovernmental Working Group met on Friday, May 30, 2025, and this question was brought forward for discussion during that meeting. Members of the Group, which includes staff from the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations, expressed a desire for more information about the Parks Canada National Urban Park program and wish to discuss it with Host Nations senior committee members before making a recommendation. It was suggested that this topic be added to the agenda for the upcoming Stanley Park Intergovernmental Committee meeting, currently being scheduled for September 2025. Park Planning staff will reach out to Parks Canada for information to share at this Committee meeting and respond again at that time.
June 2, 2025	Fence at Crosstown Elementary	Commissioner Digby	The Crosstown Elementary school has a wonderful schoolyard that opens directly onto Andy Livingston Park. Unfortunately, ongoing incidents with unsheltered users of the park are causing concerns for safety of children in the schoolyard. Has the park board been asked by the school board to add a separator fence? Is an additional fence likely to contribute overall to safety of the children?	Staff have discussed the ongoing issues at Andy Livingstone Park—used by Crosstown Elementary as a school yard during school hours—with staff representatives from the Vancouver School Board (VSB). One option currently under consideration is installing a fence around the playground area to complement existing measures, which include daily safety inspections, on-site supervision by VSB school staff, and frequent cleaning. Staff will provide further updates to the Board as discussions with VSB progress. A report to the Board on recommended mitigations will come for decision.
June 2, 2025	Revitalize the Park Board Motion - Update	Commissioner Bastyovanszky	In light of the City's pause on Park Board transition planning, can staff provide a progress update on the implementation of the September 23, 2024 motion titled " Revitalizing the Park Board " :	Answer in progress. Planning and Park Development staff are targeting a report back on part of part B of this motion " to reclassify the parks currently listed as "Temporary" to be redesignated as "Permanent" parks" in Q4 2025.

June 16, 2025	Possible Greenhouse Site at Nelson Park	Commissioner Digby	The new BC Hydro sub-station at Nelson Park will be installed in the coming years. It is known that the substation will be venting heat to the atmosphere. What would be required to begin consideration of whether an all season greenhouse could be installed at Lord Nelson Park to use the energy of the substation to create a beautiful and verdant public greenhouse facility?	The new BC Hydro substation at Lord Roberts Elementary School Annex is currently in the planning phase and is behind the originally anticipated schedule. A greenhouse is an interesting concept that could be considered should the Board direct staff to explore it. That said, space within the park is limited, as the proposed electrical underground infrastructure constrains opportunities for new facilities, and as many existing features and mature trees are highly valued by the community. Community engagement for Nelson Park is anticipated in 2027, in alignment with the targeted start of BC Hydro's substation construction.
June 16, 2025	RFP Process – Park Board Booking Software	Commissioner Virdi	How was the RFP process followed for selecting the company to make software for the park board booking system? Were Canadian vendors approached? Did Canadian vendors apply? I am aware of some local companies that do this. Were they considered? Was there a company selected already?	Answer in progress
June 16, 2025	VPB Info Session Invite – Safe Motorized Transportation	Commissioner Jensen	In light of the increase usage of electric bicycles and e-scooter along the Seaside Greenway and along the Stanley Park seawall, could the Park Board Chair invite the Vancouver Police Department to hold an informational opportunity to educate the public on safe, motorized transportation.	Answer in progress