



Strathcona Park Decampment Plan

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT, in response to the October 8, 2020 City Council decision regarding “Emergency COVID-19 Relief for Unsheltered Vancouver Residents”, which directed staff to: “secure location(s) and immediately activate temporary Pandemic Shelter(s), working with Vancouver Coastal Health to triage unsheltered people and explicitly facilitate supplanting unmanaged encampments including Strathcona Park, with carefully considered, safe, indoor facilities”,

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to develop a decampment plan, in collaboration with the City, BC Housing, Portland Housing Society, and representatives from the Strathcona Park homeless encampment that addresses health, safety, and shelter needs, while aligning to the Park Board’s VanPlay Framework and Reconciliation Mission, Vision and Values;
- B. THAT, subject to indoor shelter options being available, the Park Board support the General Manager issuing an Order for campers to vacate Strathcona Park (the “Order”) so that staff, with support from the City, can clear the encampment and secure the park for remediation;
- C. THAT the Park Board authorize the General Manager to initiate the process to seek an injunction if needed to enforce the Order for campers, subject to the General Manager being satisfied that the conditions outlined in Recommendations A & B above have been met
- D. THAT this In Camera decision be shared In Camera with City Council in order to advance direction.
- E. THAT the Board Chair issue a media statement that releases this In Camera decision and outlines the actions to be taken.