



September 3, 2021

MEMO TO : Park Board Commissioners

FROM : Donnie Rosa - General Manager, Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation

SUBJECT : **Concerts in Stanley Park During Coyote Risk – Board Briefing Memo**

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Dear Commissioners,

The purpose of this memo is to inform you about the approach being taken with concerts in Stanley Park during the current period of ongoing conflict between coyotes and park users. As communicated publicly, Stanley Park businesses continue to operate, and this includes the delivery of concerts at Malkin Bowl (four concerts are scheduled between September 3 and September 18).

While Malkin Bowl is a fenced and secure venue, located at the entrance to Stanley Park in an area without recent aggressive coyote behaviour, Park Board staff are working closely with the venue operator and concert organizers to implement targeted mitigation measures aimed at further reducing risk and promoting safe event delivery. These measures are focused on safe ingress/egress through the park to the event venue and include:

- Guest Messaging
  - providing advance notification to attendees of the increased coyote activity in the park;
  - advising attendees to arrive before the 7:00pm park closure time (concert goes arriving after 7:00pm will still be permitted access similar to patrons of other park businesses);
  - discouraging walking or cycling to/from these events;
  - directing guests to proceed directly to the event venue (which is fenced and secure), and to not loiter outside the venue or go for walks in the park;
  - advising guests to not walk alone when moving to/from the venue, whether it is to parking lots, the bus terminal, or in/out of the park;
  - reinforcing these messages from the stage, particularly at the conclusion of the concert.
- Modified Ingress/Egress & Parking Lot Operations
  - positioning additional staff/security (with noise makers) along key ingress/egress routes to the venue; specific focus on access to parking lots, bus terminal, and Pipeline Road;
  - prioritizing use of the Railway parking lot;
  - avoiding use of Service Yard parking lot; if this lot must be used, position additional staff along ingress/egress routes from the lot to the venue;
  - providing enhanced lighting along key ingress/egress routes;
- Waste Management
  - immediately cleaning-up waste after the event (since this is the key attractor for coyotes).



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Park Board staff and organizers anticipate that these additional mitigation measures, in addition to regular operational procedures, will promote the safe delivery of upcoming concert initiatives in the park.

Please contact me should you have any questions or require additional information.

Regards,

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