



June 18, 2020

MEMO TO : Park Board Commissioners

FROM : Shauna Wilton  
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SUBJECT : **Freedom from Hate Rally at Sunset Beach Park – Board Briefing Memo**

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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to update you on the Freedom from Hate March initiative that will be taking place in Vancouver on Friday, June 19, 2020. Anti-racism demonstrators will be gathering at Jack Poole Plaza at 4:00pm and then marching to Sunset Beach Park where a rally will be held.

The rally will take place between 5:30pm and 9:00pm and is moving forward as an unsanctioned and unpermitted event. The role of the Park Board and other responding agencies in this initiative will be to protect the park and ensure the safety of participants and the general public.

The march and rally are being organized by Nova Stevens and Shamika Mitchell, and promoted by Black Vancouver and other local groups. Although difficult to predict, it is estimated that up to 15,000 demonstrators may participate in these initiatives.

Based on information received yesterday from the organizers, we understand the rally at Sunset Beach Park will take the following form:

Date: June 19, 2020

Location: Sunset Beach Park (including Sunset Beach Park parking lot and the Jervis Street parking lot)

Event time: 5:30pm to 9:00pm

Equipment: SL-100 stage to support speeches and entertainment, sound system with remote speakers, mobile LED platform display screen, power generators, broadcast truck, 40 portable toilets

Vendor booths: Approximately 10 Black-owned vendors showcasing local Black culture

Set-up for the rally at Sunset Beach Park will take place on June 19, 2020, between 7:00am and 2:00pm; tear down will take place immediately after the conclusion of the event between 9:00pm and 12:00midnight. It is anticipated that the park will be available for use by the general public on the morning of June 20, 2020.

The Vancouver Police Department has been notified of the protest and will be present at the event. The Park Board's Park Rangers, Park Operations, Special Events, and Communications teams have also developed operational protocols with key partners at the City to ensure to we mitigate risks associated with this event.



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

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shauna Wilton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

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