

October 20, 2021

MEMO TO : Park Board Commissioners

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

SUBJECT : **Metro Vancouver Kersland Reservoir Upgrades in QE Park - Board Memo**

Dear Commissioners,

The purpose of this memo is to inform you of upcoming work by Metro Vancouver to upgrade the Kersland Reservoir located at the southwest corner of Queen Elizabeth Park beneath the sport courts. The upgrade will extend the lifespan of the Kersland Reservoir to ensure clean, safe drinking water to residents and businesses of the region into the future. Construction activities will include repairing the internal structure of Unit #1 of the reservoir and upgrading pipes and valves inside the reservoir. The work will be completed in two phases: Phase 1 from fall 2021 to spring 2022, and Phase 2 from fall 2022 to spring 2023.

In preparation for Phase 1 this fall, Metro Vancouver and Park Board staff have been working together to minimize the impact of this project on park land and park users; however, to ensure the safety of the public during construction, there will be partial closures of the sport facilities on top of the reservoir. During Phase 1, the north hockey and basketball courts will be closed from the end of October until the end of November 2021. The south hockey and basketball courts will be closed from late November until early April 2022. The impacted areas are illustrated in the project site plan shown in Figure 1 below.



Figure 1: Metro Vancouver Kersland Reservoir Upgrade Project in QE Park - Site Plan



A temporary driveway will be constructed to provide construction access to the south side of the reservoir from Kersland Drive, and a crane will be installed next to the reservoir to help move construction equipment and materials. Affected trees have been reviewed by the arboriculture team and a plan for replanting is being developed for the project area. All other areas within the park will be restored to the satisfaction of Park Board staff prior to completion of each project phase.

Metro Vancouver's Community Engagement team, including a Community Liaison, is leading public communication for the work and will be available to answer any questions about the project. Park and sports facilities users and adjacent residents will be informed of construction activities and timing through mailed letters, locally posted information signage, and an information website that will be updated throughout the project.

Regards,

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