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**Subject:** Public park washroom vandalism/mercury incidents - Board update

Good evening,

This note is to inform you of an incident that took place in Stanley Park today, and to update you on two similar incidents over the past two weeks. This afternoon a Park Board employee observed a thermostat that had been tampered with in the public washroom in Stanley Park, near the brewpub. The employee called VFRS who responded with hazmat to attend to the broken thermostat. A small amount of mercury had been spilled but was contained within the plastic thermostat casing. VFRS evacuated Stanley Park Brewing in an abundance of caution. There was no risk to the general public or staff.

As you know, a similar incident took place in the washroom at Second Beach on Sunday, Sept. 27. Park Rangers attended the scene where VFRS were already at work removing a small amount of mercury that had been spilled onto the ground when the thermostat was broken.

Today we became aware of a separate incident that took place at the Stanley Park Pitch & Putt. It was reported to 311 on Sept. 16. We are still working with 311 to obtain more information about that incident.

Amit Gandha has reached out to VPD to request they open a file on what seems to be a string of mischief in which park washrooms are being targeted. There has been a considerable amount of media interest in the incidents. We will keep you informed of any additional developments.

Thank you.

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