



VANCOUVER
BOARD OF
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June 7, 2023

MEMO TO : Park Board Commissioners
FROM : Amit Gandha – Director of Parks
SUBJECT : **Showboat Building Update and Next Steps – Board Briefing Memo**

Dear Commissioners,

This memo aims to provide you with a status update and outline the next steps on the Showboat Facility in Kitsilano Park, as a follow-up to the memo the Board received on [May 8, 2023](#).

Upon inspection, it was determined that the damage to the Showboat building is beyond repair, and the demolition of the building is required. The estimated insurance reimbursement value does not cover replacing the structure. In addition, in the current [Capital Plan 2023-2026](#), all allocated funding is associated with an ongoing project prioritized by the Board and Council. A complete financial analysis is needed to illustrate the order of magnitude cost of a new building and potential funding sources.

There are many technical components to consider for siting a new Showboat building, including but not limited to investigating the connection with Kitsilano Outdoor Pool and its needed asset improvement, and sea-level rise and expected coastal floodplains.

Staff expect to report to the Board with preliminary findings this fall. The report will be framed as options for Board's input and direction for prioritizing and proceeding. In the meantime, Park Board staff will remain in regular communication with the Kitsilano Showboat Society and continue sharing updates and ensuring the provision of amenities needed to continue with their services and programming based on previous agreements.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Amit Gandha'.

Amit Gandha
Director of Parks

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