



VANCOUVER
BOARD OF
PARKS AND
RECREATION

May 8, 2023

MEMO TO : Park Board Commissioners
FROM : Amit Gandha – Director of Parks
SUBJECT : **Update - Showboat Fire – Kitsilano Park**

Dear Commissioners,

The purpose of this memo is to provide you with a status update on the Showboat Facility in Kitsilano Park, and associated programming impacts.

A fire broke out on April 22, 2023, and upon inspection, it has been determined that the damage is beyond repair. The main building has suffered 60% fire damage, with 50% of the roof timber and 70% of the cracked brick masonry walls being affected.

Demolition will not be scheduled during the swimming season to avoid any impact to public accessing the pool.

Park Board staff is in regular communication with the Kitsilano Showboat Society and will continue to share updates, recognizing the impact to their operation. At this time, staff are working closely with the lessee to ensure this summer's performances can continue on the stage, with alternate arrangements made for power and storage. This is all pending REFM (Real Estate & Facilities Management) inspection outcome of the structural integrity of the Showboat stage.

Staff is waiting for the City of Vancouver Risk Management department to assess insurance coverage and available funding to determine next steps for the facility.

Staff will provide updates as information is received and thank you for your attention to this matter.

Regards,

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

Amit Gandha
Director of Parks

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