
From: Park Board GM's Office
Sent: Thursday, January 07, 2021 2:44 PM
To: PB Commissioners
Cc: PB SLT (Senior Leadership Team) - DL
Subject: Strathcona Residents Association Meeting - Board Update

Dear Commissioners,

In recognition of the communication gaps and challenges regarding the Strathcona Park encampment, last night I attended the Strathcona Residents Association (SRA) meeting with Sandra Singh, General Manager of Arts, Culture & Community Services, to answer questions and respond to concerns. While we still have lots of work to do, the meeting went very well and I wanted to share the note we received from SRA President, Dan Jackson (see below).

I look forward to continuing to build on this important relationship and improving communications with the community.

Regards,

Donnie

Donnie Rosa | General Manager



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I live and work on the unceded, ancestral territories of the xʷməθkʷəjəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and salilwataʔ (Tseil-Waututh) peoples.

From: Strathcona Residents Assoc. <sra@strathcona-residents.org>
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Cc: Mochrie, Paul <Paul.Mochrie@vancouver.ca>
Subject: Last night's SRA meeting

Sandra and Donnie,

Thank you again for joining our meeting last night on short notice and for your willingness to talk us through the evolving plan for decamping Strathcona Park. It was especially encouraging for me to hear that the city is finally building one-on-one trust relationships with people living in the park and acknowledging that there's not a one-size-fits-all solution. The incremental decampment strategy combined with temporary support makes sense and it's refreshing to hear the details of how the city is addressing this complex problem.

It is also encouraging to hear that the plan is to reclaim a section of the park in the near future. Since the Prior St. Arterial Debate, there has been a strong desire to see the park not only restored but re-imagined as a more resident friendly greenspace. I hope we can start having that conversation soon.

We will convey what we learned last night in our upcoming newsletter and appreciate your desire to keep us in the loop moving forward.

Best,

Dan Jackson
President



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