
From: Park Board GM's Office
Sent: Friday, August 05, 2022 4:38 PM
To: PB Commissioners
Cc: PB LT (Leadership Team) - DL; PB Communications; Peterson, Darren
Subject: Portable Toilets at CRAB Park - Board Update

Importance: High

Dear Commissioners,

The purpose of this email is to provide an update regarding the portable washrooms in CRAB Park, which are being removed this afternoon. Maple Leaf, the company that has been providing and servicing these toilets, advised staff yesterday that they will be ending the contract due to safety concerns for their staff involving threats, violence, and ongoing vandalism to the toilets. Park Board staff have notified the people currently living in the park of this change, with a reminder that the two Portland loos are still available for their use.

With the unplanned removal of these additional toilets, some of the anticipated impacts include: increased traffic through the play area to access the Portland loos; increased use of outdoor areas as toilets; increased substance use in the Portland loos; and increased complaints from neighbours, local businesses and park users. To meet environmental health guidelines, four washrooms are needed to support the number of people currently living in the park. As such, staff will continue to explore options with Maple Leaf for resuming their portable toilet service, including providing ranger or security support during servicing, and will also be working with Procurement to identify other potential service providers.

Thank you
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