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Title	Increased Waste Generated At Public Garbage Receptacles		
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Recommendation:

THAT the Information Report, presented at the September 1, 2020 Special Council meeting, “Increased Waste Generated At Public Garbage Receptacles” be received for information purposes.

Attachments:

None

Key Information:

The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in an influx of people using our parks, trails, and facilities. This has led to and exacerbated issues with respect to solid waste particularly at the Sunset Trailhead but also at the Kelvin Grove and Lions Bay Avenue bus stops, and at the Isleview Park and Ride.

Sunset Trailhead

The garbage receptacle at the Sunset Trailhead is a 45-gallon drum with a garbage receptacle lid on it. This can isn't bear proof; however, historically it has been suitable for the trailhead because most of the garbage deposited was pet waste which is not an attractant for bears. With the onset of the recovery phases of the Covid-19 pandemic, Lions Bay, along with many other municipalities has experienced an influx of recreational users resulting in much more garbage being generated.

Two new double (garbage and recycling), bear-proof containers were ordered near the beginning of summer but have yet to arrive. To address the issues at Sunset, Public Works relocated a bear-proof garbage can from the temporarily closed Kelvin Grove Parking Lot to the



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Sunset Trailhead a few weeks ago but it has not been enough. Even with our increased summer weekly pick up, the cans are overflowing. To this end, Public Works has stepped up our service and have begun checking the cans on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays before the end of our workday to ensure the cans are empty and ready for use. As an aside, we have also increased the portable washroom cleaning to twice weekly instead of once per week. Again, this is due to the increase in use of this facility.

Kelvin Grove Bus Stop, Lions Bay Avenue Bus Stop, Isleview Place Park & Ride

Historically, Public Works have continually responded to calls for overflowing garbage at the respective bear proof garbage cans located at the Kelvin Grove Bus Stop (KGBS), the Lions Bay Avenue Bust Stop (LBABS), and at the Isleview Place entrance, just adjacent to the Park and Ride. Public Works has often found these bins full of individual garbage bags containing residential or household garbage. In an effort to curtail this, Public Works has installed restrictor plates that limit the size of waste that can be inserted into the can. The restrictor plates will allow paper cup sized objects to be inserted but larger items like bags of garbage cannot. Public Works will continue to monitor the situation and report back at the end of the season.

Follow Up Action:

Continue to monitor these and other challenging issues we have had to address since the onset of the pandemic.