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To: "Direct to Mayor and Council - DL"
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Subject: Fwd: Statement on Movement of those sheltering on Hastings to CRAB Park

Good afternoon Mayor and Council,

In regards to Councillor Bligh's question regarding any increase in the number of people sheltering in CRAB Parks, please see the following statement issued by the Park Board on this matter.

Please let me know if you have any other questions.

Best,
Paul

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Sent: Saturday, April 8, 2023 1:17 PM
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Subject: RE: Statement on Movement of those sheltering on Hastings to CRAB Park

Hi Paul, please see the statement below about movement of individuals into CRAB park since Wednesday. This statement was provided to media

STATEMENT ON MOVEMENT OF THOSE SHELTERING ON HASTINGS TO CRAB PARK □

Vancouver Park Board

12pm Saturday April 8, 2023

Vancouver Park Board Park Rangers have been monitoring parks with a focus on areas closest to Hastings. While the situation is still fluid, **we have not seen a major increase in people sheltering in Crab Park.**

The scale of the homelessness crisis in Vancouver is such that there are people sleeping in tents and other structures in neighbourhoods across the city, and we have seen some new tents in parks throughout the City following Wednesday's action.

Park Rangers do and have requested compliance with the [Parks Control By-law](#), which allows for temporary overnight sheltering in parks, but asks that shelters must be taken down and moved by 8 a.m. each day. Temporary shelters cannot be within 25 metres of a playground or school, or at beaches, sports fields, golf courses, community centres, and off-leash dog areas.

Crab Park has an exception to this by-law. The General Manager has dedicated a temporary area for overnight and daytime sheltering. We have seen a small increase in this area of Crab Park – four new structures since last Wednesday. So there are now 49 structures in the sanctioned area of Crab Park up from 45 earlier in the week.

The remainder of Crab Park – outside of this special temporary area – will follow the Park Control Bylaw and allows for temporary overnight sheltering only. There were two tents in the general park area of Crab Park this morning and those sheltering did comply with the by-law and left the area.

With this said, we believe that people sheltering in parks is not an operational issue, but a pervasive and challenging issue that requires a humane approach. Our staff continue to work hard to connect those in need with various support services, including the City of Vancouver's Homelessness Services Outreach team among other agencies.



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