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Subject: RE: Enquiry: Grays Park

Good Afternoon Mayor and Council

I have discussed this issue with the Shauna Wilton, Acting GM of the PB. Amit Gandha, the Acting Director of Parks, was in the park yesterday and spoke with a number of parents and teenagers who have been using/set up the bike ramp. They discussed the safety concerns with it and will work together to see if it can be retained but address the safety issues. In the meantime it will be left in place.

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From: Dominato, Lisa
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 9:48 AM
To: Johnston, Sadhu; Wilton, Shauna
Cc: Councillors - DL; Stewart, K; Zaenker, Anita
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Thanks Sadhu. I appreciate you looking into this further.

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“The two skills of the warrior are compassion and insight. Compassion is easy - it arises spontaneously from an open heart. Insight or discernment requires more skill. We have to choose our battles.”

— Margaret J. Wheatley

From: Johnston, Sadhu
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 9:28 AM
To: Dominato, Lisa; Wilton, Shauna

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Hi Lisa

I was thinking the exact same thing when I heard the stories about this. I'll be connecting with Shauna on this issue to further understand the situation. I'll circle back once we've had a chance to connect.

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Hi Shauna and Sadhu,

I'm writing with respect to the news story below.

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/grays-park-bike-park-to-be-removed-1.5657707>

While I appreciate the safety considerations, I'm wondering if there is some compromise here. Are we able to adapt the existing track instead of removing it? What would it take to make it safer from a park board perspective so that kids can continue to use the pump track over the summer?

The last number of months have been really hard on families and kids. Kids have been cooped up - no playgrounds to play on - and now when they can socialize outdoors with our limited good weather - they still need to safely distance. Bike riding is a great activity for this and it seems like they've devised a fun bike track.

It seems to me that an all-or-nothing approach is not what residents want in this city. We don't have the kind of open green space or industrial spaces where we can just let kids dirt bike like families do in some of our neighbouring metro communities or in the interior.

It would be a nice gesture to work with the kids who developed the bike track to sanction something temporary for the summer and then establish a more permanent pump track.

Sincerely,

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