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Good morning Mayor and Council,

I am writing further to a question from Councillor Kirby-Yung regarding the current status of the Parks Control By-law and enforcement of that By-law. Park Board staff have provided the following update on that matter.

Please let me know if you require any additional information.

Best,
Paul

The [Parks Control By-law amendment regarding temporary shelter in parks](#) was enacted by the Board on Sep 15/20. Park Operations staff have already begun to apply where appropriate (and possible), while more comprehensive plans for sustainable long term application/enforcement are developed.

There was a member motion requesting that the new by-law for [daily removal of temporary shelters be suspended during COVID](#), but it was deferred with the understanding that staff would apply the by-laws only as needed, being sensitive to the current converging crises. The decision was deferred vs. being defeated so that if the Board felt staff were not applying the by-laws appropriately, the motion could easily be revisited. FYI, there were also discussions confirming that the daily removal by-laws would not be applied to the existing encampment at Strathcona Park until an appropriate plan to suitably house those requiring housing was put in place.

For your reference, following are related links from the Sep 15 Board meeting:

BY-LAWS

1. [Parks Control By-laws - Temporary Shelters in Parks](#) *(for enactment)*
 - [Video Clip](#) 
 - [Enacted By-Law](#) 

MOTIONS ON NOTICE

1. [Request for Non-Park Site for the Strathcona Park Encampment](#)

MOVER: Commissioner Demers

- [Video Clip](#) 
- [Decision](#)  (Withdrawn)

2. [Suspending Daily Removal of Temporary Shelters During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

MOVER: Commissioner Irwin

- [Video Clip](#) 
- [Decision](#)  (Deferred)

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