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Subject: Stanley Park Train

Hi Mayor and Council –

Circulating the response to a question from Councillor Kirby-Yung concerning the Stanley Park train, as I'm not sure staff will be making a Council q&a distribution before the break ...

Question: Connecting with a question about the Stanley Park Train. I know it's not back to full capacity. I am hearing that the accessible car isn't back. Is that the case? And if so, can it be brought back? What is the status of that car that has historically provided accessibility accommodation?

Staff response

Per the consultant's assessment earlier this year, it was discovered that the two accessibility carriages had structural issues and were taken out of service. In order to find a cost-effective solution, operations explored different options and discovered that the train manufacturer offers an accessibility kit that can be used to modify a regular carriage to accommodate a wheelchair.

Operations proceeded to order the kit along with the other necessary parts to recommission the first train. Our purchasing team worked closely with the manufacturer to expedite the fabrication of the kit, which took longer than expected to be completed. Unfortunately, we did not receive the kit until the end of November.

Since installing the kit involves significant modifications and it is crucial to ensure that all adjustments are approved by our engineering consultants, we were unable to outfit the carriage in time for the event. Our consultants must provide a stamped report of the recommissioning work to TSBC, and once this is done, the carriage will need to undergo test drives and inspections by TSBC before it can be certified for service.

Fleet Management Services(FMS) anticipate that the carriage will not be completed and returned to the train for testing and inspection until Q1 of 2024.

Thanks and happy holidays ...

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