

From: **"Singh, Sandra"**  
To: **"Qereshniku, Natasha"**  
**"Direct to Mayor and Council - DL"**  
Date: 2024-04-16 9:43:05 AM  
Subject: RE: Upcoming information bulletin: Update on Parks Control By-law compliance in CRAB Park (April 16, 2024)

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Hello Mayor and Council,

I am sorry for the multiple emails on this matter, but there is one item I need to clarify in the cover email to the Information Bulletin below.

The Temporary Sheltering Area (TSA) in CRAB Park was actually closed last week on April 8 with the re-opening of the Designated Area. This closure was stated in the April 8<sup>th</sup> General Manager's Notice along with clear information that people sheltering on the southside of the park would need to comply with the broader By-law requirements related to temporary overnight sheltering in parks moving forward. We have allowed a week for people on the southside – many who came to the TSA during the clean-up and who were not associated with the Designated Area – to proactively comply with the By-law. Every day for the last week, Park Rangers have been reminding people of the need to start complying with the By-law and informed them that the enforcement work would start this week.

Please note that this is an important nuance related to the operation as we believe we have demonstrated an abundance of reasonableness in terms of communications and schedule for restarting the daily By-law compliance work in CRAB Park outside of the Designated Area.

My apologies to Paul and Council for this inaccuracy in the cover email. We will ensure clarity on these points for cover emails moving forward.

Thank you,

Sandra

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**From:** Qereshniku, Natasha <Natasha.Qereshniku@vancouver.ca>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 16, 2024 9:30 AM  
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**Cc:** City Manager's Correspondence Group - DL <CMCG@vancouver.ca>; Mochrie, Paul  
**Subject:** RE: Upcoming information bulletin: Update on Parks Control By-law compliance in CRAB Park (April 16, 2024)

Dear Mayor & Council,

As follow up to Paul's earlier note, please see a link to the [information bulletin](#) related to the Update on Parks Control By-law compliance in CRAB Park.

Thank you,  
Natasha

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**From:** Mochrie, Paul  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 16, 2024 8:43 AM  
**To:** Direct to Mayor and Council - DL  
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**Subject:** Upcoming information bulletin: Update on Parks Control By-law compliance in CRAB Park (April 16, 2024)

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to inform you that today, we will be issuing a joint Park Board and COV information bulletin regarding the upcoming closure of the Temporary Sheltering Area at CRAB Park. This area of the park will be returned to regular park use. Please keep the below information bulletin embargoed until it goes live from the City's media account.

Park Rangers will be working to ensure people who are still sheltering on the south side take down their tents and structures during the day in compliance with the Parks Control By-law. This will maintain community daytime use of and access to the park while still allowing for temporary sheltering overnight by those residents without housing.

We welcome you to refer any media inquiries to [media@vancouver.ca](mailto:media@vancouver.ca) so we may provide the latest updates. Sandra Singh and Steve Jackson continue to take media requests, as best fits the nature of the inquiry.

Natasha will reply to this email with the relevant Vancouver.ca link once it is live.

Best,  
Paul

**Paul Mochrie** (he/him)  
City Manager  
City of Vancouver



The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səlilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

**Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation  
City of Vancouver  
Information Bulletin  
April 16, 2024**

**Update on Parks Control By-law compliance in CRAB Park**

With the relocation of intended users back into the cleaned and repaired CRAB Park Designated Area now complete, the Temporary Sheltering Area on the south side of the park is now ended.

Last week, Park Rangers distributed the GM Notice to people on the south side informing them that the Temporary Sheltering Area was ended, returning the park area to regular park use. As part of these daily conversations, Rangers encouraged people to start to take down their structures during the day and advised them that daily By-law compliance work would start up again this week.

Beginning today, April 16, 2024, Park Rangers from the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation, accompanied by VPD to ensure staff safety and to keep the peace, will be working to ensure people who are still sheltering on the south side take down their tents and structures during the daytime in compliance with section 11 of the Parks Control By-law.

Section 11 allows for temporary sheltering overnight in parks by individuals without housing and

requires that tents and structures be taken down during the day to balance the needs of the community to use during the day and access parks. As always, the shared goal of the Park Board and the City is to support those sheltering outdoors to come inside. Since last week, the Designated Area has been reduced from 16 to 14 sheltering spaces as two more intended users moved indoors. As people sheltering in the Designated Area move inside, the Park Board will continue to incrementally reduce the Designated Area until the whole area can be returned to regular park use.

Park Board and City staff recognize that the new Designated Area has more structure and rules compared to the previous area. This is being done to keep conditions in the Designated Area clean and safe and prevent it from growing. Use of the Designated Area remains voluntary – people can decide to stop using the area at any time if they do not wish to comply with the General Manager's Notice.

If people sheltering in CRAB Park have ongoing concerns, they are invited to speak to Park Rangers who attend the site daily or contact 3-1-1 who will forward any questions or comments to Park Rangers for follow-up.

The City of Vancouver's Homelessness Services Outreach team continues to connect with people sheltering outdoors across the city, supporting them to access income, support services and housing and shelter spaces as they become available.

Staff at the City and Park Board appreciate the patience of the broader community as we work to return CRAB Park back to daytime use.

### **Related Materials**

- March 18: [Final cleanup process shared for CRAB Park](#) (information bulletin)
- March 25: [Cleanup and compliance work in CRAB Park underway](#) (information bulletin)
- April 3: [City and Park Board complete cleanup at CRAB Park](#) (information bulletin)
- April 8: [Relocation into cleaned and repaired CRAB Park Designated Area now complete](#) (information bulletin)
- [CRAB Park Cleanup and Compliance Plan](#) and related materials (Google Drive link)

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