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To: "Direct to Mayor and Council - DL"
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Subject: Cathedral Square Park - Update

Dear Mayor and Council,

Below is an email sent today from the Acting GM, Board of Parks and Recreation to the Park Board Commissioners, concerning Cathedral Square Park, for your information.

Thanks,

Karen

From: Park Board GM's Office <pbgmo@vancouver.ca>
Sent: Thursday, August 1, 2024 11:14 AM
To: Park Board Commissioners - DL
Cc: PB LT (Leadership Team) - DL
Subject: Cathedral square park

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Hello Commissioners,

We are reaching out to provide an update on repairs and maintenance currently being done for Cathedral Square Park. Global recently ran [this story](#) on the state of the park and you may receive inquiries from the public.

Located at 566 Richards Street @ Dunsmuir Street, Cathedral Square Park is a popular park that comes with the challenges of a Downtown space and a fountain with aging parts. There are cross departmental responsibilities within Park Operations and REFM. Here is an update on past and immediate work by the collaborative:

Fountain: The decorative fountain's drain line had an issue, leading to a blockage and algae growth. REFM (Real Estate & Facilities Management) has cleared the drain, allowing Park Operations to pressure wash the algae. REFM will then refill the fountain, with completion expected by the end of today or tomorrow.

Graffiti: Contractor Goodbye Graffiti was onsite yesterday to remove graffiti throughout the park. This service is performed regularly due to the persistent graffiti issues in the park.

Gardening and general maintenance: Park Board crews regularly visit the site weekly, recognizing its importance to the area. To address the current situation, we temporarily increased support yesterday in removing all leaves, trimming overgrown paved surface weeds as well as the encroaching vegetation at the back of the park. Additionally, the broken pavers were removed and replaced. All paved surfaces were cleaned before their departure but two crews will be back today in addressing the garden planters and turf areas.

Thank you,

Sarah



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