Dear Commissioners,

I am pleased to share news that we have just finalized plans to resume outdoor sport and recreation permitting throughout our network beginning July 1.

We will be informing our sporting organization partners via an email update this evening, and then sending out a public announcement by way of an information bulletin on Monday, June 15.

The Park Board cancelled all sports field permits in mid-March in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This cancellation was extended to June 14. In the spirit of collaboration and being good partners, we feel it is essential to let our sport organizations know they will be able to resume their bookings in a few weeks, especially in light of a new ministerial order announced on Wednesday. That order addressed one of the major barriers facing volunteer led organizations – that of liability.

We will be relying on our sport partners to observe public health recommendations, as well as any specific facility usage requirements that have been developed in response to COVID-19.

Please feel free to reach out should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Shauna Wilton, Acting General Manager Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation