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MEMO TO : Park Board Commissioners

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

SUBJECT : **COVID-19 SP Traffic Management Plan Update – Board Briefing Memo**

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Dear Commissioners,

Further to the Stanley Park Traffic Management Plan (TMP) update provided in the [briefing memo dated June 12, 2020](#), and in response to the direction provided at the Special Board meeting held on June 18, 2020, I writing to confirm that the reopening of Stanley Park to private motor vehicles is planned for this coming Monday, June 22.

At the Special meeting, the Board approved a motion titled [COVID-19 Pandemic – Stanley Park Transportation & Access Reopening Plan](#) directing staff to “continue to pursue the re-opening of Stanley Park... and that the detailed plan outlined at the Board Briefing held on June 18, 2020, which is being developed in collaboration with park partners to ensure vehicle access to all park facilities, be implemented on an urgent basis...”.

In response to this direction, staff have begun implementing a temporary Traffic Management Plan for Stanley Park. This plan incorporates a “laned” approach to traffic on Park Drive, where one lane will be dedicated to motor vehicle traffic and one to cyclist use. This approach addresses the urgent need for more park access for people with mobility challenges and for patrons of businesses within the park, while maintaining pedestrian capacity on the seawall to allow for the ongoing need for physical distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly in light of the expected increase in park visitation over the summer.

Staff are currently procuring the required traffic management components, such as traffic cones and signage, with installation on Park Drive scheduled to begin over the weekend (June 20-21). Staff anticipate opening Park Drive for private motor vehicles by Monday afternoon (June 22).

This plan is both flexible and temporary, and will be continuously reviewed through ongoing stakeholder engagement, observation, and as pandemic measures change. Adjustments to optimize parking, commercial partner needs, vehicle and cyclist movements, safety, and comfort will be ongoing as park-goers adapt to the new layout. Staff are making the reopening of Stanley Park to motor vehicles an urgent priority, and will keep the Board updated on progress.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shauna Wilton'.

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