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**From:** Park Board GM's Office  
**Sent:** Friday, April 09, 2021 9:00 AM  
**To:** PB Commissioners  
**Cc:** PB SLT (Senior Leadership Team) - DL; PB Communications  
**Subject:** Strathcona Park Encampment Update- GM Order  
**Attachments:** GM ORDER - Strathcona Park Encampment - Full Park Restrictions - 2021-04-09.pdf

Good Morning Commissioners,

This morning, I will be issuing a General Manager's Order for the whole of Strathcona Park stating that all existing tents, temporary shelters, and structures must be removed by April 30, 2021. This order is a necessary next step to allow us to end the encampment in the park, facilitate the transition of people into indoor spaces and return the park to community use. A copy of the GM order, including a map, is attached for your reference.

The City and BC Housing continues to work together to prepare spaces and incrementally move people into housing that matches their needs, as it becomes available over the following weeks. Once people have moved from the park into accommodation, staff from the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation will erect a fence barrier to temporarily close off the area, assess the condition of the park and develop a remediation plan.

Staff will be speaking to people in the park about the order at 9.30am this morning and will then post signage about it. We will also be issuing an information bulletin to media at 10.30am and including the news in the bi-weekly update to the local community.

We will continue to update you on any new developments with regard to the current GM Order, as well as any other significant activities related to Strathcona Park and the people experiencing homelessness in the park.

Regards,

Donnie

**Donnie Rosa | GM**



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pronouns: she/her they/them

*I acknowledge that we are on the unceded territories of the Coast Salish Nation, the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) and səliłwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh)*



## Order from the General Manager of the Park Board

Effective Friday, April 9, 2021, pursuant to the Parks Control By-law, the General Manager of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation orders that temporary shelters and structures will not be permitted anywhere in Strathcona Park, as shown in the attached map, to allow the Park Board to remediate and return the entire park to recreational use and programming for all park users.

The Parks Control By-law states:

11. *No person shall erect, construct or build or cause to be erected, constructed or built in or on any park any tent, building, shelter, pavilion or other construction whatsoever without the permission of the General Manager, except that this provision does not apply to a temporary shelter that complies with the provisions of this by-law.*

11B. *A temporary shelter:*

*(a) must not be erected:*

- i. within 25 metres of a playground or school;*
- ii. in, on or within a:*
  - A. beach, pond, lake or dock;*
  - B. trail, bridge, seawall, roadway or park entrance;*
  - C. natural area;*
  - D. garden or horticultural display area;*
  - E. pool or water park;*
  - F. sports field, sports court, skate park, fitness amenity or golf course;*
  - G. community centre or fieldhouse;*
  - H. bleacher, stage, gazebo, public monument, designated picnic site, picnic shelter or washroom;*
  - I. designated off-leash dog area; or*
  - J. designated special event area for which permission has been given in accordance with this by-law;*

**Temporary shelters, which are currently not permitted on the west side or northeast corner of Strathcona Park, will also not be permitted in any other area of the park effective immediately. All existing tents, temporary shelters, and temporary structures must be removed from Strathcona Park by 10:00am on Friday, April 30, 2021.**

**Date:** Friday, April 9, 2021

**Address/location:** Strathcona Park, 857 Malkin Avenue, Vancouver, BC

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

General Manager  
Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation

**April 9, 2021**

Date



People experiencing homelessness and living in Strathcona Park are encouraged to talk to Outreach Staff who are in the park daily and to accept offers of indoor accommodation being provided by BC Housing. Temporary shelters are currently not permitted on the west side or northeast corner of the park and, by 10am on April 30, 2021, any temporary shelters or structures located elsewhere in the park must be removed.

If you would like information on housing availability or other supports, please contact Carnegie Outreach 604-665-3318 or BC Housing Orange Hall 604-648-4270.