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MEMO TO : Park Board Commissioners

FROM : Malcolm Bromley
General Manager, Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation

SUBJECT : **VanSplash Advisory Group Wrap-Up – Board Briefing Memo**

Dear Commissioners,

The purpose of this memo is to provide an update on the VanSplash Advisory Group wrap-up process, along with the next steps for the VanSplash Aquatics Strategy.

Staff met with the VanSplash Advisory Group (AG) on September 17, 2019 to report back on how its input was used to update the draft VanSplash strategy, and to provide one last opportunity for the group to provide feedback to be incorporated into the document. As part of the discussion, the facilitator sought feedback from the group on the process and outcomes to date. Following is a summary of those discussions, as written by the facilitator:

The group members were asked to rate the overall AG process and overall AG outcomes on a scale of 1-5, with 5 being great and 1 being poor. The average response across 16 members was 3.9 out of 5 for both process and outcomes. Individual members noted that the group's task was significant, and there were constraints, but a great deal was achieved and the process was as good as it could have been. Others noted the importance of compromise and the challenge of reaching consensus with a diverse group and with limited time.

Staff are now in the process of refining the strategy's recommendations based on feedback heard at that final AG meeting. As well, following the direction received from the Board on [January 29, 2018](#), [January 14, 2019](#), and from the input presented in the [July 30, 2019 AG report](#) and [presentation](#), the revised VanSplash Aquatics Strategy remains focused on increasing capacity and does not include recommendations for the closure of any pools.

Staff anticipate having the updated proposed strategy ready to present at a Special Board meeting currently planned for Monday, October 28, 2019. Meeting materials will be provided to Commissioners as far in advance as possible.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Malcolm Bromley'.

Malcolm Bromley
General Manager - Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation

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