City of Victoria Parks Division

Sheltering-Related Damage Report

Updated: December 2024

Picture	Location	Date discovered	Description	Cost to repair
	Irving Park	Oct 2024	New Horizons Pollinator garden vandalized	·
	Oaklands Park	Sept 2024	Feces smeared on tennis courts, furniture, nets	
	Multiple parks – BHP, Cecelia Ravine, Dallas bluffs, Banfield, Pemberton, Topaz, etc	Ongoing	Damage to natural area vegetation and habitat	
	Multiple parks – BHP, Cecelia Ravine, Dallas bluffs, Banfield	Ongoing	Constant refuse being left in parks	
	Irving Park	Sept 2024	Turf restoration	
	VicWest Park	Aug 2024	Turf restoration	

Topaz wire theft	June 2024	Lighting wire cut and removed
Cecelia Ravine Park	May 2024	Natural features damaged, rocks in creek removed and stolen
Johnson St bridge	March 2024	Fencing cut
Topaz wire theft	Feb 2024	Damage to power outlets
Topaz wire theft	Feb 2024	Field storage box stolen wire, damaged door

Royal Athletic Park	Jan 2024	Chain link fencing cut
Topaz Park	Jan 2024	Field lighting wire theft
Stadacona	Nov /23	Splice into lamppost
Park Operations	Sept/23	Fence cut, intruder found in yard by staff — not apprehended
Topaz ATF	July-Aug/23	33 irrigation sprinklers
Topaz Glasgow building	July 6/23	Building locks cut off, door damaged, nothing missing
Topaz ATF	July 1/23	Net storage kiosks broken into, doors damaged to gain access to power

Topaz ATF	June 29/23	Doors to storage area	
		broken into, will require replacing doors/locks	
Topaz Skatepark	May 29 2023	600V electrical panel, 10' above ground level, found open, someone had cut off the lock, presumably to gain access to power, no other evidence of tampering but a serious safety risk	\$250
Topaz skatepark	May 2023	People sheltering in park cutting locks and connecting personal devices to special events power kiosks; staff in turn disconnected power	
Cecelia Ravine Park	May 2023	Person cut hole in Community garden fence	
Tolmie Green	April 2023	Resident reported fence had been vandalized by people sheltering in area and trespassing	
Franklin Green	April 2023	Individual cut hole in private fence leading to private property, fence protects 16' drop off	
Topaz ATF	April 2023	Multiple incidents of locks being cut off in new field – storage bunker, gates, kiosks	
Topaz skatepark	April 2023	Person lit fire next to washroom, ongoing issue ay multiple washrooms	
Beacon Hill Park	April 2023	Individual started screaming at public and staff, broke tree branch and ripped flowers out of the gardens. Was apprehended by VicPD	

Park Operations Yard, 100 Cook Cecelia Ravine Park Kings Road	April 2023 April 2023 April 2023	Person cut hole in perimeter fence to gain access to Yard, nothing reported missing Person cut hole in fence to gain access to private property Person set fire to PW porta-potty	
Oswald Park	April 2023	Person set community garden shed on fire, destroyed	
Stadacona Park	April 2023, June 2023	person dumped paint onto tennis court, will require re-surfacing	
Royal Athletic Park	March 9, 2023	Multiple junction boxes opened. Wire stripped and stolen.	\$5,000
Topaz Park – Lacrosse Box	March 7, 2023	Conduit exposed and smashed to access wires. Live jumper wire hot wired onto leads. Traced and shut off at breaker.	~\$500
Topaz Park – Glasgow Bathroom west side outlet	March 7, 2023	Lock on outdoor electrical switch cut. No power as shut off at breaker	~\$50
Topaz Park	Feb 2023	Restoration site vandalized. Many shrubs pulled out, stakes and caging destroyed, garbage and	\$1,000

		sheltering garbage left behind	
Stadacona Park	Jan 20, 2023	Hand plates forced open and wires stolen.	\$1,200
Topaz Bike Park	Jan 9, 2023	Junction box wire stolen after anti theft bolts installed on hand plates	\$60
Topaz Bike Park	Dec 31, 2022	11 lights tampered with and extensive wire theft	\$3100
Napier Lane Bike Park	Nov 29, 2022	Hand plates forced open and wires stolen.	\$250
Central Park – Score Booth	Nov 1, 2022	Broken wire connection on score booth.	\$250
Finlayson Hut	Fall 2022, multiple incidents	Damage to hut structure, benches, by hammer	\$10,000
Central Park – Junction Box	Oct 15, 2022	Damaged junction box with cut wires in asphalt	\$500

	Summit Park	October, 2022	Sheltering related Brushfire	\$500 for staff time. No restoration completed.
	Topaz park – vandalized sprinklers	Summer 2022	Sprinklers kicked off near tents multiple times	\$1,500
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	Cecelia Ravine Community Garden	May 25, 2021	Camper exposed electrical at junction box and trenched it to campsite	\$1,000
	Topaz Park	October 10, 2021	Individual dismantling lights on washroom at South end. VicPD 21-40755	~\$200

Irving Park	March 10, 2021	Electrical wires exposed at handplate	\$100
Beacon Hill Park	June 17, 2020	Base of lamp standard tampered with. Electrical outlet added to hot wire.	\$200