



**Council Member Motion  
For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of July 15, 2021**

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**To:** Committee of the Whole of July 15                      **Date:** July 12, 2021  
**From:** Councillor Andrew and Councillor Thornton-Joe  
**Subject:** **Opening Roads in Beacon Hill Park**

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**BACKGROUND**

Road closures in Beacon Hill Park were initially advanced by staff during the City Manager's COVID-19 Update at the Committee of the Whole meeting on April 9, 2020.

At the May 14, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting Mayor Helps and Councillor Loveday brought forward a motion for a 12-18 month road closure in the park to support physical distancing.

On July 1, 2021 the Province of British Columbia entered Stage 3 of its COVID Reopening Plan that relaxes restrictions on citizens in outdoor spaces and therefore eliminates the need for physical distancing requirements that council proposed on April 9, 2020.

The road closures inadvertently restricted use by people with physical disabilities to certain facilities and amenities in Beacon Hill Park.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Council direct:

1. As soon as possible to open the following roads in Beacon Hill Park;
  - i. Arbutus Way,
  - ii. Bridge Way,
  - iii. Heywood Way from Heywood Avenue to Bridge Way.
2. To work with the disability community to meet equitable access to facilities and amenities in Beacon Hill Park through any future road closures.
3. To ensure any future closures adhere to British Columbia Human Rights Legislation.

Respectfully submitted,

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