
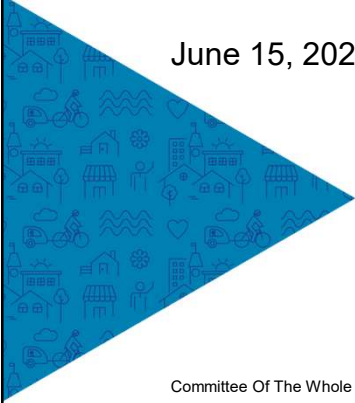


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# Parks Regulation Bylaw Amendments

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## Beacon Hill Park

- The Supreme Court has ruled that overnight sheltering is not a permitted use of the park under the terms of the Beacon Hill Park Trust
- The Bylaw prohibiting sheltering in BHP will automatically expire on July 8, 2023
- Permanent prohibition on sheltering in the park is recommended to align the Bylaw with recent court decisions



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## Central Park

- In January 2021, Central Park was temporarily closed due to flooding following a winter storm
- Large areas of the park remain susceptible to flooding during periods of heavy rain
- Temporary sheltering ban was in place for 2021-22
- Permanent prohibition on sheltering in the park is recommended to mitigate risks to safety of vulnerable citizens



Figure 1: Central Park Flood Prone Areas



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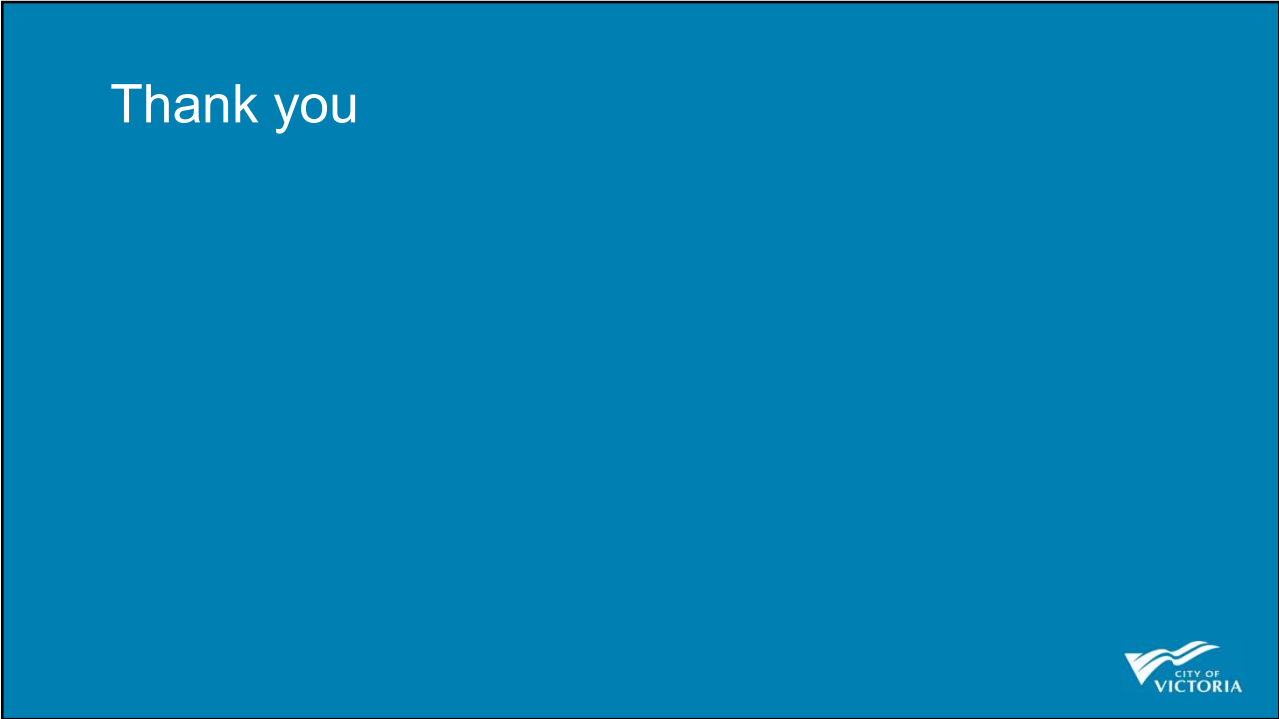
## Recommendation

That Council instruct the City Solicitor to bring forward bylaw amendments necessary to prohibit overnight sheltering at all times in Beacon Hill Park and Central Park.

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