

District of Barriere
REPORT TO COUNCIL
Memorandum

Date: June 9, 2025	File: 530.20/Rpts
To: Council	From: Public Works Manager
Re: Park Vandalism Update	

Purpose

To provide Council with an update on recent vandalism incidents at Fadear Park, specifically related to the bandshell washroom facility, and to report on the current status of repairs.

Background

Multiple acts of vandalism have been reported at Fadear Park over the past several months, with significant damage caused to public infrastructure and washroom facilities. These recurring incidents have prompted community concerns and required staff intervention.

Incident Summary - Refer to spreadsheet on Page 2

Repair and Response Status

Bandshell Women's Washroom Repairs:

- Contracted Service Master to complete repairs through MIA \$2500 deductible paid
- Temporary closures have been implemented – open weekdays 7am-3pm. Closed weekends & holidays.
- Estimated repair completion: June 30, 2025

Community Engagement

- Staff submitted an article to the Star Journal regarding park vandalism and Council's "District News" communicating the issue sent out via E-News.

Next Steps

- Continue with locking the washrooms at 3pm, monitoring its effectiveness and reassess at a future meeting. Staff will continue researching other potential strategies and make recommendations to Council going forward, including possible security upgrades and community response initiatives.

Attachments

- Incident Summary

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Reviewed by: T. Buchanan, Acting CAO

2025 Parks Vandalism Events to date					
Date	Description	RCMP File	Staff Hours*	Material Cost	Insurance Claim
March 9, 2025	Bandshell washroom fire - washroom closed	yes	3.0		\$2500 deductible
March 31, 2025	Cemetery storage facilities. Locks cut, but no apparent damage or loss	no	1.0		
April 17, 2025	Washroom & bandshell graffiti	no	2.0		
April 27, 2025	Bandshell graffiti. Skatepark littered with garbage		3.0		
April 28, 2025	Bandshell washroom trashed. More graffiti	no	4.0		
May 3, 2025	Attempted break-in at cemetery sea can	yes	5.0	\$70 for new lock	
May 4, 2025	Bandshell washroom vandalized	yes	2.0		
May 22, 2025	Bandshell washroom trashed again. Flowers damaged	no	2.0		
May 23, 2025	Bandshell washroom vandalized	no	3.0		
May 28, 2025	Fadear park outdoor exercise equipment damaged	no	3.0	\$100 for new parts	
June 2, 2025	Bandshell stage graffiti & garbage	no	3.0		
	Totals to Date		31.0	\$170	\$2,500

* staff hours include regular and overtime hours