



Date: September 12, 2000

TO: Board Members - Parks and Recreation
FROM: General Manager - Parks and Recreation
SUBJECT: Boundary Adjustments: Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Park and Chinese Cultural Centre

RECOMMENDATION

- A. That the Board revoke the permanent park designations of the two areas adjacent to Pender Street shown hatched and labeled "Permanent Park" on Appendix A to the attached Council Report;
- B. That the Board revoke the temporary park designation of the area adjacent to Carrall Street shown outlined and labeled "Temporary Park" on Appendix A to the attached Council Report;
- C. THAT the Park Board revoke the permanent park designation of certain minimal areas between the bold black line marked "Proposed Permanent Park Boundary" and the dotted line marked "Present Permanent Park Boundary" where the dotted line runs north or east of the bold black line (as shown in Appendix A to the Council Report); and
- D. THAT the resolutions approving Recommendations A, B and C take effect upon:
 - (i) the passage of similar resolutions by Vancouver City Council;
 - (ii) the designation by Vancouver City Council of the Temporary Park Area as permanent public park under section 488(5) of the Vancouver Charter; and
 - (iii) the designation as permanent public park under section 488(5) of the Vancouver Charter by Vancouver City Council of certain minimal areas between the bold black line marked "Proposed Permanent Park Boundary" and the dotted line marked "Present Permanent Park Boundary" (as shown on Appendix A to the Council Report) where the dotted line runs to the south or west of the bold black line.

POLICY

A two-thirds (2/3) majority of both Council and Park Board is required to revoke a permanent park designation (Vancouver Charter, Part XXIII, 488 (1)).

BACKGROUND

The attached Council Report, scheduled for Council consideration on October 3, 2000, makes several recommendations to address certain boundary and lease issues within a parcel of land ("Parcel C") occupied by the Chinese Cultural Centre and Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Park. Some of these issues also fall within the jurisdiction of the Park Board, and these are addressed by the above recommendations to the Board. Assuming Council and the Park Board approval of their respective reports, the effect will be to align the official property boundaries of the Cultural Centre and the Park with actual site conditions.

DISCUSSION

The effect of the recommendations proposed above, along with corresponding resolutions before City Council, would be to revoke the permanent park designation of two small paved areas on Pender Street. These areas are not connected with the Garden area, nor maintained or used by the Park Board. In turn, the status of another area on Carroll Street immediately adjacent to the Garden would change from "temporary" to "permanent" park. As well, the existing boundary between the Chinese Cultural Centre and Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Park would be adjusted to eliminate minor encroachments (for example, roof overhangs) existing on the site.

The benefits of the proposed actions can be summarized as follows:

- The Park property will be consolidated into a single piece;
- Access for facilities maintenance and repair purposes will be placed under the control of the appropriate responsible party, and
- A net gain of 15 square metres of designated permanent park.

SUMMARY

The Park Board is asked to endorse several housekeeping legalities which will properly and reasonably define the boundaries between Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Park and the Chinese Cultural Centre.

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