

Motion #1

Motion put forward by Commissioner Romaniuk for the meeting of the Board on Monday, March 10, 2003

WHEREAS the topics on the agenda of the Vancouver Park Board frequently require the study of reports from staff, consultants, and others with specific expertise, as well as submissions from members of the public and organizations with an interest in specific topics; and

WHEREAS this Board has expressed an interest in fostering innovative and beneficial initiatives to enhance Vancouver's Parks & Recreation system; and

WHEREAS the scope of the bi-weekly meetings of the Vancouver Park Board does not always allow for detailed analysis or reports and submissions, or the visioning associated with new initiatives; and

WHEREAS the input of staff, consultants, interest groups, and members of the public is both necessary and welcome on Parks & Recreation issues;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Vancouver Park Board establish three committees, as follows:

1. Finance Committee
2. Planning & Environment Committee
3. Culture & Recreation Committee

which have as their mandate the following:

1. That each committee consist of at least three parks commissioners, to be appointed by the Chair of the Vancouver Park Board annually at its first meeting in December or soon thereafter at a subsequent meeting.
2. That the General Manager of the Vancouver Park Board or designate attend committee meetings.
3. That all committee meetings be open to the public, with the exception of topics on the agenda which may require the committee to go in camera for part of a meeting.
4. That each committee can make recommendations to the Park Board with respect to topics relevant to that committee, but shall not have any decision-making powers unless delegated to do so by the Park Board.
5. That the Park Board can request that a committee should undertake the examination of a particular topic that falls within that committee's area of responsibility.
6. That each committee can invite individuals or interest groups with expertise in topics of interest to attend (a) meeting(s) of that committee to participate in discussions of issues and initiatives.
7. That minutes be taken of each committee meeting, and be made available to all commissioners on a timely basis, and posted to the Park Board web site along with the minutes of regular Park Board meetings.
8. That the Procedure By-Law of the Vancouver Parks & Recreation shall govern the actions of each committee.