

Motion on Notice

2. Protection of Vancouver's Public Parks and Green Spaces

MOVER: Commissioner Coupar

SECONDER:

WHEREAS

1. The Vancouver Park Board is responsible for over 200 parks and 24 community centres, as well as beaches and green spaces;
2. The Park Board understands the importance of all these assets to Vancouver's healthy and active lifestyle;
3. The 2020 Greenest city Action Plan recognizes on page 41 "green spaces have been shown to benefit our physical and emotional health by reducing blood pressure, cholesterol, and stress";
4. That presently Parks and Green Spaces in Vancouver can be repurposed or removed from our Park system with a 2/3 affirmative vote by City Council and Park Board.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board direct staff to work with the City of Vancouver legal services to develop strategies and legal means to ensure that Parks and Green Spaces are protected in perpetuity;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the public be fully informed on a regular basis on progress and that staff report back to the Board on such progress every 6 months.