

1. Leaders in Greening

MOVER: Commissioner Sharma

SECONDER:

WHEREAS

1. The Park Board is responsible for providing citizens access to quality green space that supports local biodiversity and a healthy ecosystem;
2. The Park Board has finalized its Strategic Plan that contains as one of its high level directions "Leaders in Greening";
3. The Park Board has existing targets to make our operations more sustainable such as "Zero Waste" and "Zero Carbon", and must make a robust plan to achieve these targets;
4. The Park Board is working on achieving the goals of the Greenest City Action Plan;
5. The Park Board would like to meaningfully engage with the staff, the public and community leaders to take advantage of the best current ideas for developing a more sustainable operation and promote green initiatives throughout the City.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. Staff direct resources towards establishing the portfolio for a "Sustainability Officer" in the Park Board with the responsibility of overseeing and managing our efforts to become "Leaders in Greening";
2. Staff establish a "Leaders in Greening" Task Force comprised of community experts, staff and Commissioners to make policy recommendations and identify opportunities that would:
 - a. Develop sustainability strategy and actions for the Park Board's "Leaders in Greening" objective;
 - b. Identify performance metrics that would help to measure our achievement of these actions; and
 - c. Engage our partners, volunteers and community groups to work together in greening or educational projects that work to achieve our healthy ecosystem goals.