

1. The Censure of Chair Blyth

MOVER: Commissioner De Genova

SECONDER:

WHEREAS

1. Section 1.5 of the City of Vancouver's code of conduct states that: Council officials, staff and advisory body members must conduct public business efficiently, with decorum and with proper attention to the City's diversity. They must treat each other and others with respect at all times. This means not using derogatory language towards others, respecting the rights of other people, treating people with courtesy and recognizing the different roles others play in local government decision making; |
2. Section 2.4 of the City of Vancouver's code of conduct states that:
Council officials, staff and advisory body members must avoid behaviour that could constitute an act of disorder or misbehaviour. Specifically, Council officials, staff and advisory body members must avoid conduct that:
 - Contravenes the law, including the BC Human Rights Code, the Vancouver Charter, City By-laws, associated regulations, and City policy;
 - Is an abuse of power or otherwise amounts to discrimination, intimidation, harassment, verbal abuse, or the adverse treatment of others;
 - Prejudices the provision of a service or services to the community.
3. On March 13th, 2013 Park Board Chair Sarah Blyth publicly accused Commissioner Melissa De Genova of being a liar and of shameful behaviour;
4. No apology has been issued nor has the Chair withdrawn her remarks;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. THAT the Park Board censures Chair Blyth for her failure to comply with the City of Vancouver's Code of conduct with respect to using derogatory language towards others and for intimidation, harassment, and verbal abuse and;
- B. THAT the Board remove Commissioner Blyth from the role of Chair and elect a new Park Board Chair.