

MOTION

Bud Osborn - Recognition of Contributions

At the Regular Board meeting held on July 21, 2014, the Vancouver Park Board referred this matter to the September 15, 2014, Committee meeting in order to hear from speakers.

MOVER: Commissioner Blyth

SECONDER: Commissioner Barnes

WHEREAS:

1. Bud Osborn, a poet and social activist, passed away in Vancouver on May 6, 2014;
2. Bud Osborn was a founder of Vancouver Area Network of Drugs Users (VANDU), a group of users and former users who work to improve the lives of people who use illicit drugs through user-based peer support and education;
3. His work with VANDU helped lead to the creation of North America's first supervised injection site in Vancouver, and continued through legal challenges to laws affecting controlled substances and their users;
4. Bud Osborn's poetry and contributions led to a greater awareness and understanding of some of the struggle people live with in the DTES every day and he pushed to create change against the odds;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Vancouver Park Board staff work with family members and friends of Bud Osborn to create a memorial for Bud Osborn that people in the future can remember Bud's important contributions to Vancouver and the awareness he has helped to raise for people who need it the most.