

MOTION ON NOTICE

Valentine's Train in Stanley Park

MOVER: Commissioner De Genova

SECONDER: Commissioner Coupar

WHEREAS:

1. The Park Board offers a variety of options and opportunities for cultural events and celebrations in Vancouver Parks and Recreation Facilities.
2. Beginning in 1998, and continuing annually, the Park Board has partnered with the BC Professional Fire Fighter's Burn Fund to offer Bright Nights - a festival of lights in Stanley Park, beginning in December and continuing throughout the holiday season.
3. Revenue from Bright Nights benefits both the Park Board and the charitable organization of the BC Professional Fire Fighter's Burn Fund.
4. Beginning in 1999, and continuing annually, the Park Board has operated the Stanley Park Ghost Train, generating revenue that benefits the Park Board.
5. The Stanley Park Miniature Train has in the past five years also been opened for Easter and has included events such as Easter egg hunts.
6. During the summer, the Stanley Park Miniature Railway offers a Spirit Catcher Train and the Klahowya Village, providing educational and family oriented activities that showcase aboriginal culture.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to research and report back to the Board regarding the potential of a Valentine's Train at the Stanley Park Miniature Railway, one that would operate annually in the month of February.
- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to reach out to Park Board partnered restaurants to explore the possibility of offering packages including set-meals at restaurants, tickets to the train, and/or engaging a variety of vendors, including food trucks to be present at the event.
- C. THAT the report from staff explore and include the possibility of partnerships with existing partners, such as charitable organizations, and the possibility of utilizing some of the lighting and decorative features used at Bright Nights.