



Endorsing Vancouver's Living Wage Certification

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MOVED by Commissioner Evans
SECONDED by Commissioner Crawford

WHEREAS:

1. At least 20 percent of Greater Vancouver families with children are unable to earn an income sufficient to meet their basic needs, even if both parents are working full-time;
2. Average earnings in the region have not been increasing despite rising housing and living costs, resulting in greater inequality, child poverty and social costs;
3. A living wage strengthens families and communities by ensuring working families can enjoy basic economic security, participate fully in civic life and lift children from poverty;
4. A living wage for direct and indirect civic employees, including Park Board employees, was endorsed by all municipal parties in the last election, and has already been adopted by the City of New Westminster as well as a range of businesses and organizations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation endorse the motion passed by Vancouver City Council on July 8, 2015, to have the City of Vancouver, including the Vancouver Park Board, certified as a living wage employer by the Living Wage for Families Campaign.

REFFERAL MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung
SECONDED by Commissioner Wiebe

THAT the motion be referred to staff.

CARRIED
(Commissioners Evans, Mackinnon, Wiebe Opposed)