



MOTION ON NOTICE

Water Conservation Strategy

MOVER: Commissioner Wiebe

SECONDER: Commissioner Mackinnon

WHEREAS:

1. Drought conditions during the summer of 2015 required Metro Vancouver to place the region under Stage 3 Water Restrictions which meant watering of lawns, washing cars and filling of private pools, ponds and hot tubs was prohibited and watering of gardens was only permitted by hand or drip irrigation;
2. Other nearby municipalities such as on the Sunshine Coast were put on Stage 4 Water Restrictions which meant that watering of all private gardens could only be done using household grey water;
3. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report predicts increased frequency and intensity of summer droughts along the BC coast;
4. In the summer of 2015, the Vancouver Park Board made significant changes in water conservation with the introduction of push button systems at water and spray parks, increased grey water recovery, and using well water for all golf courses;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation direct staff to report back to the Board on the costs and benefits of various measures that can be taken to mitigate against future droughts by reducing water use and conserving grey water; and
- B. FURTHER THAT the report be completed in time for measures to be included in the 2016 Park Board budget if necessary.