



Accessible Parks Strategy - Site Maps

Excerpted from Minutes 2015-12-14

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MOVED by Commissioner Wiebe
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

WHEREAS:

1. The Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee's Accessible City Sub-Committee wants to work with the Vancouver Park Board in the creation of accessibility site maps for the city's parks and facilities that would also be voice enabled;
2. The City of Vancouver's new VanConnect app allows mobile access to information and maps on parks, community centres, and recreational facilities;
3. The Trans* and Gender Variant Working Group identified a need for site maps of the universal areas in public facilities to help reduce stressful interactions and increase education on new universal areas;
4. Seniors at the first Park Board Community Dialogue in Marpole voiced a need for more information on the accessibility of our facilities including the location of washrooms, distance from bus stops, number of steps, accessible rooms, pricing, and parking;
5. Translink's accessibility team has created an Access Transit Strategy that includes site maps of all Skytrain stations, with clear accessibility directions and information which is voice reader enabled;
6. The Rick Hansen Foundation has created the Planat online tool, which provides on-the-go access from any mobile or computer device to view the accessibility of places worldwide, allowing people with accessibility needs to prepare in advance and reduce stressors; and
7. Tourism Vancouver has an Accessible Vancouver section that lists a few partner recreational organizations, yet does not include any accessible Park Board facilities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to partner with the City of Vancouver's Digital Strategy team to create online site maps that clearly illustrate the accessibility of all Vancouver parks and facilities by June 2018.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY