



MOTION ON NOTICE

Arbutus Greenway

MOVER: Commissioner Evans

WHEREAS:

1. The Arbutus Corridor is a 42 acre ribbon of land granted to Canadian Pacific Railway (CP) in 1902 by the Province of British Columbia that runs approximately 9 km from False Creek to the Fraser River;
2. The last passenger train ran on the railway tracks in 1954 and the last freight train in 2001;
3. In 2000, after extensive public consultation, the City of Vancouver passed the Arbutus Corridor Development Plan designating the allowable use of the land along the corridor as transportation, parks and/or greenway;
4. Ongoing legal disputes about the value of the land and regrettable negotiating tactics have hampered progress toward the vision set out in the Arbutus Corridor Development Plan;
5. On March 7th, 2016, Mayor Gregor Robertson and Keith Creel, CP's President and Chief Operating Officer announced an historic agreement through which the City of Vancouver, on behalf of its residents, will purchase the Arbutus Corridor from CP;
6. The City of Vancouver will now begin a process to solicit public input on the design of the different elements to be included in the Greenway;
7. City ownership of this land provides a unique and extraordinary opportunity to create new parks along the Greenway;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation congratulate the City of Vancouver and Canadian Pacific Railway for reaching an agreement that allows the creation of the Arbutus Greenway; and
- B. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation seek a commitment from the City of Vancouver to make the creation of new parks in neighbourhoods underserved by green space along the new Greenway, a priority in decisions about how the Greenway is designed.