



MOTION ON NOTICE

Permits and Special Events

MOVER: Commissioner Evans

WHEREAS:

1. Vancouver parks host many hundreds of outdoor events on an annual basis, most of which are small and community-driven;
2. Park Board Commissioners have heard from individuals and groups that the process of obtaining a permit to hold an event in a park can be confusing and even frustrating, particularly for those seeking a permit for the first time;
3. City Council is undertaking a review of its Special Events Policy for the purpose of “reforming the permit process to make it easier for local groups to put on events in public places”;
4. City Council’s review will include consultation with the Park Board and as such provides an opportunity for the Park Board to examine its own permitting processes to see what measures it can take to change the way permits are administered and to develop an approach and a policy that supports and facilitates the efforts of community members seeking to host community events.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation direct staff to review its permitting process and to consult with community groups, interested individuals, stakeholders, and partners - and report back to Commissioners in July 2017, on actions that can be taken to address community concerns including developing new procedures that support and facilitate the efforts of community event organizers.