



Park Ranger Funding & Safety - Report Back

Excerpted from Minutes 2017-11-06

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Report Recommendation:

MOVED by Commissioner Coupar
SECONDED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung

Amendment (to D and adding E) MOVED by Commissioner Kirby-Yung

Final motion as amended:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board receive the information outlined in this report in response to the referred motion titled "Park Ranger Funding and Safety";
- B. THAT the Board direct staff to develop a comprehensive and sustainable Park Ranger Service Model, in consultation and collaboration with the Vancouver Police Department, City of Vancouver, and community partners, to address safety, security, cleanliness and maintenance concerns, particularly in relation to the increased use of injectable drugs in Vancouver parks;
- C. THAT staff continue to liaise with City of Vancouver and community partners to explore ways in which the Park Board can assist in efforts to locate appropriate housing and support for those struggling with mental health and addiction challenges;
- D. THAT staff report back to the Board by June 2018 with recommendations that include considerations for financial, legal, and cross-jurisdictional issues; and
- E. THAT the Vancouver Park Board continue a service agreement with the City's Engineering Streets division to assist with key problem parks, as well as additional security attendants in Andy Livingstone and Creekside Parks in 2018, and further that costs be supported through a funding request to the City of Vancouver or through the Park Board's 2018 Operating Budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY