MOTION ON NOTICE

Marine Jurisdictional Plan

MOVER: Commissioner Wiebe

WHEREAS:

1. The Blueways Program was initiated by City Council and the Water Opportunities Advisory Group in 1996 in response to concerns over the need to develop a vision to preserve Vancouver's waterfront environment; confirming jurisdictional responsibilities over the waterways; and suggesting better methods of coordinating the monitoring and enforcement of regulations;

2. Current work to designate Burrard Inlet as a Non-Discharge Zone brings Fisheries & Oceans Canada, Transport Canada, BC Ministry of the Environment, City of Vancouver, the Vancouver Park Board, and Metro Vancouver together to create a coordinated plan for protecting the quality of our local waterways through tougher enforcement of anti-dumping regulations and thorough assessments of existing pump-out facilities; and

3. The 2018 Non-motorized Watercraft Strategy (On Water), will determine non-motorized facility uses, needs and opportunities by engaging with Musquem, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh first nations, the boating community, disability groups, the Community Centre Associations, regulatory bodies and the general public.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation ask staff to work with other levels of government, first nations, user groups, non-profit organizations, and other marine organizations to create a Park Board Marine Jurisdictional Plan that would become a working document that could include:
  - new designated swimming zones;
  - expansion of the false creek civic jurisdictional zone;
  - environmental analysis of current facilities;
  - new mooring zoning regulations;
  - a derelict boat jurisdictional plan;
  - clarification of marine responsibilities;
  - complete marina recommendations;
  - consideration of a Park Board motorized boat;
  - simplified marine animal protocols;
  - clarification of spill response protocols;
  - new enforcement protocols;
  - clarification of partnership understandings; and
  - recommended changes to our current processes.