



Truth and Reconciliation with the Park Board's Colonial Roots

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MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon

SECONDED by Commissioner Wiebe

1. The City of Vancouver is designated a City of Reconciliation;
2. In January 2016, the Vancouver Park Board approved eleven (11) strategies in response to the TRC's Calls to Action, including the recommendation to adopt the "United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples" as a framework for Park Board's Reconciliation initiatives;
3. One of the concerns identified in the UN's Declaration is:

... that indigenous peoples have suffered from historic injustices as a result of, inter alia, their colonization and dispossession of their lands, territories and resources, thus preventing them from exercising, in particular, their right to development in accordance with their own needs and interests;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT in support of the Vancouver Park Board's Truth and Reconciliation initiatives, staff undertake an analysis of the Park Board's colonial roots, as well as current practices, and report back with their findings and recommendations to acknowledge any and all injustices uncovered as part of the "truth-telling" phase.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY