



Alcohol Consumption at Vancouver Parks & Beaches

Excerpted from Minutes 2018-12-17

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MOVED by Commissioner Demers
SECONDED by Commissioner Dumont

Amendments (adding D and revising C) MOVED by Commissioner Barker
Amendment (revising B) MOVED by Commissioner Irwin

Final motion as amended:

WHEREAS:

1. A growing segment of the population of Vancouver has no access to a private yard and thus relies on parks and beaches for gatherings of friends and family;
2. 79% of survey respondents for the 2018 review of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation's Concession Strategy agree or strongly agree with the sales of alcoholic beverages in concessions;
3. The Concession Strategy's alcohol sales pilot to be initiated in 2019 through two existing Park Board restaurant operators is limited in its reach due to space restrictions and financial barriers;
4. Consumption of alcoholic beverages at parks and beaches within the Park Board's jurisdiction is currently prohibited through the Parks Control By-laws;
5. Any significant changes to Parks Control By-laws around alcohol consumption would require public consultation and supportive empirical evidence.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation directs staff to conduct a feasibility study for a pilot project that would allow the public to consume their own alcoholic beverages on select parks and beaches;
- B. FURTHER THAT potential sites be considered for the pilot;
- C. THAT staff report back to the Board by the end of 2019 with the study findings, including consultation results and any potential legal, logistical, societal, enforcement, and financial considerations; and
- D. THAT staff will include the results and public feedback from the previously approved 2019 Concession alcohol pilot and incorporate those findings as part of the report back.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY