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Submitted at the Regular Board meeting on November 29, 2021

Co-Management of Vancouver Parklands with the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations

SUBMITTED BY: Commissioner Mackinnon

WHEREAS:

1. The City of Vancouver is situated on the traditional, ancestral lands of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.
2. The Vancouver Park Board is committed to reconciliation with First Nations.
3. Through the Vancouver Charter, the Park Board has exclusive jurisdiction over City of Vancouver land that has been designated as a permanent or temporary park.
4. The Park Board has accepted the Calls to Action within the Truth and Reconciliation Report of Canada, which includes the following:

We call upon federal, provincial, territorial, and municipal governments to repudiate concepts used to justify European sovereignty over Indigenous peoples and lands, such as the Doctrine of Discovery and terra nullius, and to reform those laws, government policies, and litigation strategies that continue to rely on such concepts. (TRC #47).

5. The Park Board has established the Stanley Park Intergovernmental Working Group with the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations to develop a long-term comprehensive plan for Stanley Park.
6. Traditional knowledge and stewardship of lands should be an integral part of park management.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation direct staff to define and develop an implementation plan with the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations for co-management of parklands within their traditional territories that are currently under Park Board jurisdiction per the Vancouver Charter.