



Reaffirming Park Board Independence - Save the Park Board

Excerpted from Minutes December 11, 2023

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MOVED by Commissioner Bastyovanszky
SECONDED by Commissioner

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. The duly elected Commissioners reaffirm their oath of office.
- B. The Board reaffirms its position as an independently elected Board with a mandate to provide, preserve, and advocate for parks and recreation services to benefit all people, communities, and the environment.
- C. The Board directs staff to continue with all planning and projects, and not to re-prioritize any work in light of the mayor's motion.
- D. The Board directs staff to not allocate any resources towards a transition working group.
- E. The Board directs staff to continue to implement improvements pursuant to the recent Auditor General Report, and to provide an initial report back in Q2 2024 on steps taken and progress made.
- F. If the motion proposed by the Mayor is passed by City Council, that the Board directs the chair to send a letter on behalf of the Board to David Eby, Premier, and Anne Kang, Minister of Municipal Affairs, that (1) reaffirms the Board's role as an independent elected body, (2) makes clear that the current Board of Parks and Recreation were not consulted prior to the Mayor's motion, and requesting consultation and a meeting with the Premier prior to a decision, and (3) states that the current Board of Parks and Recreation do not support removing the requirement for an elected Park Board.

CARRIED

(Commissioners Haer, Howard and Viridi opposed)