

Notice on Motion

1. Motion to Recognise the Accomplishments of Past Commissioners Wainborn and Livingstone and the Historical Importance of their efforts.

Mover: Commissioner Coupar

Seconder: Commissioner

WHEREAS:

- 1) Both Commissioners Wainborn and Livingstone have outstanding records in the Community and as Park Commissioners.
- 2) Commissioner Wainborn was the longest serving Commissioner in the History of The Vancouver Park Board. He was invested as a Member of the Order of Canada, and was awarded Freedom of the City, by the City of Vancouver. Among his accomplishments and service to the community were:
 - Founding Member Kitsilano Showboat
 - Managed Vancouver's 75th Anniversary Celebration
 - Started the Annual Carol Ships
 - Represented Vancouver at the Seattle World's Fair and coordinated Vancouver Special day at the World's Fair
 - Instrumental in the creation of miniature Railway in Stanley Park
 - Director of Nanaimo Bathtub Race
 - Participated in the Heritage Preservation of Brock House
 - Chaired Park Board Centennial Committee, highlighted by the closure of Stanley Park to cars
 - Awarded BCRP Outstanding merit award
 - Received the Tourism Vancouver Harold J Merilees Memorial award in recognition of a person "who has made an outstanding contribution to the International awareness of the Greater Vancouver area to the World"
 - Former Director Kitsilano and Mount Pleasant Community Associations
 - Life member Hastings Community Association
 - Former Lacrosse Commissioner, player referee and coach for local lacrosse and soccer leagues
 - Initiated Christmas lighting of Beach Ave Trees
 - Honorary Member of the VPD Mounted Squad
 - Supervised the writing of the first history book on Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation, "The first 100 Years"
 - Recipient of Kitsilano and Vancouver Good citizen Awards

- The only Canadian ever named by the United States National Recreation and Parks Association to receive their National Service Award. Serving over 30 years as an Executive member of the NRPA
 - Longest serving Director/Governor of the PNE Board, over forty years; recipient of recognition award and lifetime pass in 1991
 - Served as a liaison to Theatre under the Stars Board
 - Served as liaison Commissioner to City's Special Committee on Disability
 - Twenty Five year member of Kitsilano Lions Club
 - Member of the Vancouver Pioneers Association
- 3) Commissioner Andy Livingstone also had a long history as a Park Commissioner and Community Volunteer:
- Board Chair Hastings Community Centre
 - As Park Board Chair was instrumental in preventing the Four Seasons Hotel Group from developing a Hotel complex at the entrance to Stanley Park
 - Instrumental in the creation of Devonian Park at the entrance to Stanley Park
 - Negotiated with CPR Chair Buck Crump joining the Honourable Grace McCarthy and Mayor Tom Campbell in talks which led to the creation of Van Dusen Botanical Garden
 - Directly involved as PB representative in the acquisition and development of Brock House
- Long time board Member of Vancouver's Youville Residence a care facility for seniors and continued to advocate for seniors for many years after his service to the Park Board ended.

Therefore be it resolved that this Board:

1. Reaffirm that Park Commissioners honour and respect the contribution of these outstanding Commissioners Wainborn and Livingstone
2. Endeavor to educate citizens about the long History of The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation and accomplishments of this venerable Institution. Further to direct staff to improve Park Board website and printed material to include greater historical content, with specific Biographical information on accomplishments of Citizens who have been honoured with a named Park. In addition to include information where ever possible about the proud history of the Vancouver Park Board and the fantastic contribution of its employees and Park Boards transformational role in the development of Vancouver.