

Motion on Notice

1. Local Food Assets Task Force

MOVER: Commissioner Jasper

SECONDER:

WHEREAS

1. Vancouver's parks and recreation system includes over 200 hundred parks and 24 community centres;
2. The Park Board is responsible for the planting and maintenance of over 138,000 boulevard trees lining the City's streets;
3. There are 14 community gardens operated by local community groups on parkland across the city;
4. The Park Board, in partnership with local school groups, has planted 3 fruit orchards across the city in the past three years;
5. The Greenest City 2020 Action Plan lists examples of "Food Assets" such as:
 - neighbourhood food hubs that are centres for education and skill building
 - community kitchens
 - farmers markets
 - community produce stands
 - food scraps composting facilities and programs
 - community garden plots
 - urban orchards
 - urban farms
6. The Greenest City 2020 Action Plan sets a goal of increasing city-wide and neighbourhood food assets by a minimum of 50% over 2010 levels;
7. The City of Vancouver's Food Policy Council's mandate is to support the development of a food system where food is:
 1. safe, nutritious and culturally appropriate;
 2. affordable, available and accessible to all; and
 3. produced, processed, marketed, consumed and waste products reused or managed in a manner that is financially viable, protects the health and dignity of people and has minimum impact on the environment;
8. As part of the Park Board's 2012-2017 Strategic Plan, supporting local food systems was identified as one of the objectives under the "Healthy Ecosystems" goal;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board direct staff to create a “Local Food Assets Task Force” to make policy recommendations and identify opportunities that would increase and integrate local food assets into the Park Board’s parks and recreation system.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the “Local Food Assets Task Force” membership be comprised of two Park Board Commissioners, Park Board staff, City staff, representation from the Food Policy Council, representation from Neighbourhood Food Networks (NFN’s) and other community groups as required.