

Motion on Notice

5. Discounted Rates and Fees for Persons with Disabilities

MOVER: Commissioner De Genova

SECONDER:

WHEREAS

1. The majority of persons with disabilities are considered low income and depend on government funding and assistance.
2. Program and user fees at Vancouver Community Centres and recreational facilities do not currently reflect special fees and rates posted for persons with disabilities.
3. Many persons with disabilities require a care attendant to assist them when using community centres and recreational facilities. Although costs of user fees are discounted for attendants, the cost remains significant and is a burden for persons with disabilities, who are required to cover this cost.
4. Sports, Recreation, Arts and Culture have a huge impact on quality of life for persons with disabilities and access to community centres and recreational facilities promotes access to learning, skill building and socialization.
5. The cost of attending Vancouver community centres and recreational facilities is out of reach for some persons with disabilities and impedes their ability to participate in Sports, Recreation, Arts & Culture.
6. Currently, the user fees at Community Centres and Recreational facilities, impede accessibility for persons with disabilities.
7. Accessibility is identified in the strategic plan as an area the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation is working towards improving.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVE THAT the board direct staff to consult with the City of Vancouver Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee and develop a strategy for persons with disabilities, to access Park Board community centres, recreational facilities and programs at a lower rate, similar to the rates offered to children and seniors;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the board direct staff to consult with the City of Vancouver Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee to ensure Park Board addresses issues of physical accessibility to Community Centres, Recreational Facilities and Programs in Vancouver.