

1. Review of park by-laws and increased by-law enforcement

MOVER: Commissioner Jasper

SECONDER:

WHEREAS

1. The "Park Ranger Program" was introduced as a pilot program in 1999;
2. Park Rangers are highly respected and visible "Ambassadors" who help inform the public about park rules;
3. During the 2010 Winter Olympic and Paralympics Games, Park Rangers were empowered to enforce Park Bylaws that pertained to advertising and unauthorized events in park;
4. In 2010, Park Rangers were granted permanent authority to issue tickets for infractions of the Smoking Regulation Bylaw;
5. The ability to issue tickets immediately has been a useful tool to ensure the compliance of the Smoking Regulation Bylaw;
6. Park Bylaws use outdated language making compliance and enforcement difficult;
7. The Park Bylaws were last amended in 2010 to include a "Smoking Regulation Bylaw" as well as a "Park Board Ticket Offence Bylaw";
8. In 2012, the most frequent infraction of Park Bylaws were related to dogs off leash, use of alcohol/drugs in parks, littering in parks and feeding wildlife in parks.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT that Park Board staff work with the City's Legal Services Department to review and update all Park Bylaws as deemed necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Park Board staff work with the City's Legal Services Department to grant Park Rangers authority to issue tickets for the infraction of all Park Bylaws.