

## 1. Hastings Park Governance

MOVER: Commissioner Jasper

SECONDER:

WHEREAS

1. The transfer of ownership of the Pacific National Exhibition (PNE) to the City from the Province in 2004 necessitated a significant change in direction for the redevelopment of Hastings Park;
2. In 2004 and 2009 the Park Board requested that City Council place portions of restored park land at Hastings Park under the “custody, care and management” of the Park Board as permitted under sections 488.3 of the Vancouver Charter;
3. No portion of Hastings Park has been made a permanent or temporary park by City Council designation;
4. The Hastings Park / PNE Master Plan was adopted by City Council in December, 2010 with the aim of balancing the goals of increased park space, habitat and public access with an enhanced and sustainable PNE;
5. The Hastings Park / PNE Master Plan will result in a three-fold increase in publicly accessible green space and will help the city move closer to achieving several GCAP goals including better access to nature, green transportation and clean water;
6. New park space approved in the Hastings Park / PNE Master Plan will also help the Park Board achieve key objectives in the Vancouver Sports Strategy;
7. The City is conducting a governance review of Hastings Park and the PNE;
8. A Stakeholder Advisory Group comprised of local and city-wide stakeholders groups provided input on the Governance Review;
9. The Governance Review has included public consultation for the public to give input on the different governance options being considered;
10. The Governance Review has resulted in three options for governance, including the option of Park Board governing Hastings Park;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT that the Park Board urges Council, when evaluating the recommendations in the Hastings Park Governance Report, to place key importance on:

- 1) Increased public access to green space and recreational use;
- 2) Transparency and accountability in decision-making;

- 3) Compliance with City and Park Board initiatives such as the Greenest City Action Plan, the Urban Forest Management Plan, Biodiversity Strategy and the Vancouver Sports Strategy;
- 4) Improved care and maintenance of all green space within Hastings Park.