

MOTION ON NOTICE

Removing Fishing from Hastings Park

MOVER: Commissioner De Genova

SECONDER:

WHEREAS:

1. The Vancouver Park Board has a mandate to preserve, protect and advocate for parks and green space;
2. Areas in Hastings Park, such as the sanctuary are considered ecologically sensitive;
3. Fishing in the pond at Hastings Park may result in displacement and damage of birds and wildlife that have resided in Hastings Park. Furthermore, fishing may mitigate the efforts made in past by the Vancouver Park Board to naturalize this area;
4. To date, at least one incident occurred when a fishing hook caught the wing of a mallard duck and the duck did not survive this injury;
5. The Vancouver Park Board has had a role in advertising fishing at Hastings Park as a program through the Hastings Community Centre;
6. There may be other bodies of water in Vancouver more suitable to stock with fish and promote fishing;
7. Fishing at Hastings Park could damage the delicate ecology of the area and also interfere with the Bird Strategy approved by Park Board;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. The Vancouver Park Board direct staff to research possible locations that may be suitable for fishing in Vancouver.
- B. The Chair of the Vancouver Park Board write a letter to the Pacific National Exhibition (PNE) Board asking for fishing at Hastings Park to stop immediately.