

MOTION ON NOTICE

Increasing Accessibility for the Public at Park Board Meetings

MOVER: Commissioner De Genova

SECONDER:

WHEREAS:

1. Public Consultation is a critical and imperative component of decisions made by the Park Board at Regular, Special and Committee meetings of the Board.
2. The Park Board website has undergone many recent changes. In some cases the public has found it difficult to access information including staff recommendations, motions and directions for how to sign up to speak at meetings
3. People who sign up to speak to a particular issue often must wait hours to speak without any indication or estimate of when they might address the Board.
4. Despite a motion to live stream Park Board meetings, the meetings are currently still not available for viewing on the vancouver.ca website. However, Vancouver City Council meetings are accessible via the web.
5. Meeting procedures have changed twice during this Park Board term, without a clear or extensive communications plan to convey an explanation of new procedures to the public.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Board direct staff to investigate ways to make Park Board meetings more accessible to the public.
- B. THAT staff report back to the Board within two months with suggestions on how to make meetings more accessible including ways to sign up to speak at a meeting and communicating the issues the board will address in advance of meetings and investigate live streaming Park Board meetings via the web.
- C. THAT staff include in this report a comprehensive communication plan utilizing media, social media, the Park Board website and other tools to engage the public in Park Board meetings and issues.