

MOTION ON NOTICE

1. A Review of the Practice of Keeping Captive Cetaceans in Stanley Park

MOVED by Commissioner Jasper

SECONDED by Commissioner Blyth

WHEREAS:

1. The Vancouver Park Board has a long-term lease with the Vancouver Aquarium to operate within Stanley Park (expiry date December 31, 2029);
2. The Vancouver Aquarium provides exceptional research and education related to oceans and marine wildlife;
3. The Vancouver Aquarium provides rehabilitation for injured marine mammals and, in instances where they cannot be released into the wild, provides care for them;
4. The Vancouver Aquarium does not acquire cetaceans from the wild, only through those who have been injured and cannot be released, or who were born in captivity;
5. The issue of keeping cetaceans in captivity is increasingly becoming an issue of heightened public interest;
6. The Vancouver Park Board, through its bylaws, has it within its authority to enable or prevent the use of cetaceans in captivity at the Vancouver Aquarium;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. Staff prepare a report to the Board by July 2014 on the Vancouver Aquarium's current operations that pertain to cetaceans and review the operations of other comparable Aquariums that may or may not have captive cetaceans;
- B. Staff provide a public memo with an overview of the current agreements and relationship between the Vancouver Park Board and the Vancouver Aquarium, and post it on the Vancouver Park Board website;
- C. Staff invite the Vancouver Aquarium to present to the Park Board on their programming, education and rehabilitation related to cetaceans, as well as their work with other aquariums.

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