



Shoreline Protection from Boat Discharge

Excerpted from Minutes 2015-02-16

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MOVED by Commissioner Wiebe
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

WHEREAS:

1. In the summer of 2014, E. coli bacteria peaked in the waters of False Creek to over 26 times the recommended safety limit for swimmers.
2. Beaches in Vancouver are one of the biggest tourist attractions and help to promote physical activity with access to nature.
3. Vancouver Park Board direction is to move towards Blue Flag Certification for international standards in water quality for our beaches.
4. The Federal Transportation Regulator is considering changing its rules to allow boats fewer than 400 gross tones certified for less than 15 passengers to discharge their toilet tank within one nautical mile from the shoreline down from the current 3 nautical miles.
5. New regulations would affect pleasure crafts, which have the ability to pump at their local marinas.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation support Burrard Inlet as a "no-discharge" zone for all boaters.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY