



MOTION ON NOTICE

Truth and Reconciliation Commission Recommendations Review

MOVER: Commissioner Evans

SECONDER:

WHEREAS:

1. The Final Report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) was released on June 2, 2015, and included 94 recommendations for action by all levels of government;
2. The City of Vancouver was the first city in Canada to establish a Year of Reconciliation, starting on National Aboriginal Day 2013, and at the end of that year committed to create a City of Reconciliation;
3. The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation (the Park Board) is equally committed to reconciliation and finding a way forward with the First Nations and Aboriginal communities of Vancouver that demonstrates respect and partnership;
4. The Vancouver City Council passed a motion on June 23, 2015, directing its staff to provide recommendations on how to move forward on the actions recommended by the TRC, and requesting that the Vancouver School Board, Vancouver Police Department and Vancouver Public Library consider a similar review of the TRC recommendations;
5. At their meeting on June 29, 2015, the Urban Aboriginal Peoples Advisory Committee passed a motion specifically requesting that the Park Board also undertake a review of the TRC recommendations; and
6. The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation has embarked on several recent initiatives with the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh, including the visioning of the future of Stanley Park and has also supported projects to further understanding between communities through recreation; such as a number of aboriginal artist residencies, the Gen-7 initiative that encourages greater aboriginal youth and families usage of our community centres, and hosting a National Symposium which brought together aboriginal and non-aboriginal community-engaged artists from across the country.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT Staff report back to the Vancouver Park Board no later than September 30, 2015, with recommendations on how to move forward on the actions recommended by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) that are within the Park Board's jurisdiction and those of its partners.