



MOTION ON NOTICE

Vancouver Park Board Public Consultation Standards Policy

MOVER: Commissioner Crawford

SECONDER:

WHEREAS:

1. The citizens of Vancouver made it clear throughout the 2014 civic election that they were dissatisfied with the process of public consultation that had taken place on a variety of civic initiatives;
2. The current Park Board, in response to the public's desire for better and more meaningful consultation processes, has delivered a number of new initiatives to improve public involvement in decision-making processes, including providing live web-streaming of Park Board meetings and offering Community Dialogues;
3. There are further initiatives the Park Board could consider and implement to improve on public consultation processes;
4. There is a need to delineate, clarify, and communicate the expectations of public consultation processes and the contributions that citizens can make to those processes;
5. The elements of a satisfactory public consultation process should be publicly documented in advance of all public consultation processes to improve transparency and operational efficiency; and
6. Satisfactory public consultation processes must ensure that community outreach goes beyond what is merely adequate by recognizing the growing cultural diversity of our city and acknowledging the need to reach beyond traditional print media, social networks, and community posters;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to prepare a presentation for Commissioners on current Park Board public consultation practices with a view to receiving input and direction from the Board on opportunities and ways to improve on these current practices and processes;
- B. THAT following the staff presentation to the Board, and with due consideration to the input received from Commissioners, staff be directed to develop a Park Board Public Consultation Standards Policy for citizen input on Park Board projects and initiatives;



- C. FURTHER THAT the Park Board Public Consultation Standards Policy be inclusive of any civic initiative that involves Park Board facilities and/or properties under the jurisdiction of the Park Board, regardless of, and independent of, whether such civic initiatives and public consultation processes are being coordinated by the Park Board or another partner organization; and
- D. FURTHER THAT staff be directed to deliver the presentation on existing public consultation practices to the Board, as noted in Part A above, by February 28, 2016, with a subsequent report back to the Board with recommendations for a new and comprehensive Park Board Public Consultation Standards Policy by the end of 2016.