



MOTION ON NOTICE

Park Board Recognition of Dal Richards' Life and Legacy

MOVER: Commissioner Coupar

WHEREAS:

1. The recent passing of Dal Richards has prompted an outpouring of community reflection on his life and legacy, not only for his legendary career as a musician and his acclaimed good works on behalf of the community, but also as an indisputable Vancouver icon;
2. On January 19, 2016, Vancouver City Council passed a unanimous motion to identify a place or civic asset to be named in recognition of Dal Richards and his lifetime of contributions to Vancouver, including the possibility of naming a street as well as a current or future entertainment-oriented public space in his honour;
3. The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation is grateful for many contributions Dal Richards made to the vibrancy and richness of our city and for the inspiration and support he provided to the city's youth to become involved in music;
4. Dal Richards received many honours during his lifetime including the Order of Canada (1994), the Order of British Columbia (2003), the Freedom of the City of Vancouver (2005), the highest award given by the City, and as an inductee into the BC Entertainment Hall of Fame (1992) with a star on the Star Walk on Granville Street.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation direct staff to identify and report back on Park Board assets that could represent opportunities to recognize Dal Richards' lifetime of contributions to Vancouver, working with the input of his family and any other appropriate stakeholders.