Zero Waste – Diversion Stations
Excerpted from Minutes 2016-03-07

MOVER: Commissioner Wiebe
SECONDER: Commissioner Mackinnon

Final motion as amended:

WHEREAS:

1. One of the City of Vancouver's 2020 Greenest City goals is to increase the diversion rate in Vancouver to over 70% by developing and implementing new strategies to remove organics/recyclables from the landfill;

2. A 2015 City Studio project demonstrated the need for diversion stations as their findings showed that currently there's one recycling bin per 30 garbage bins in the parks they surveyed, that the current bins move around which lead to missed pickups, recycling bins not beside garbage bins had high levels of contamination and little education/visual tools to help with diversion;

3. The Board of Parks and Recreation no longer deals directly with solid waste removal, as it's now the responsibility of The City of Vancouver's solid waste division;

4. The City of Vancouver's Healthy City Strategy states that people have the right to live in a healthy environment, with awareness of pollutants and contaminants that can cause harm; and

5. Metro Vancouver's current waste strategy includes diversion stations in all parks including dog waste.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to work with Waste Management and Resource Recovery and Real Estate and Facilities Management at the City of Vancouver to develop an organics and recycling diversion strategy for Park Board parks and facilities, including a review of best practices at locations including, but not limited to, Metro Vancouver, the Vancouver Aquarium, and Granville Island;

B. FURTHER THAT staff consult our Community Centre Association partners and third-party business partners operating at Park Board facilities on the potential implications of this strategy to their operating procedures;

C. AND FURTHER THAT staff report back to the Board with the costs and resources associated with the implementation and administration of this strategy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY