



Pioneer Place (Pigeon Park) Clean-up Strategy

Excerpted from Minutes 2016-05-16

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MOVED by Commissioner Wiebe
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

WHEREAS:

1. During the depression it was hard for the city to buy land for park space, yet in 1938, the Canadian Pacific Railway deeded a triangular space to the City of Vancouver, and Pioneer Place was born;
2. This park was a popular hangout for locals to socialize and feed pigeons for over 50 years, and so the locals came to call it Pigeon Park. Some find it one of the only places in the city that they feel welcome. The frequenters of the park have continued to battle to keep their beloved concrete triangle which had been closed at one point in time;
3. Pigeon Park went through a major renovation in 2009 and continues to be one of Vancouver's most heavily used parks with a popular Sunday outdoor market;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to work with the local community to bring Pigeon Park to the standard of other Vancouver neighbourhood parks, including looking at options to wrap the utility box, install a creative needle disposal box, review community art installation opportunities, install a 3 tiered water fountain, create a local ambassador program, review a waste management plan, fix current benches, and revitalize the horticulture.

Motion to Refer

Final motion to refer as amended:

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon
SECONDED by Commissioner Wiebe

THAT the Vancouver Park Board refer the motion to staff with a request to report back to the Park Board Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY