

MOVER: Commissioner Mackinnon

WHEREAS:

1. British Columbians with disabilities encounter a variety of physical, sensory, and technological barriers, as well as ones related to communication, education, employment, attitudes, and many others on a daily basis;
2. The Federal Government of Canada is working toward the goal of enacting a “Canadians with Disabilities Act” that will require goods, services, and facilities which come under their jurisdiction to be accessible to all persons with disabilities;

3. A Canadians with Disabilities Act will only apply to goods, services, and facilities made available through Federal Ministries and federally funded programs with no ability to apply a similar requirement on goods, services or facilities made available through provincial governments or provincially regulated businesses;
4. On June 16, 2014, the Government of British Columbia launched a non-mandatory and non-legislated initiative entitled “Accessibility 2024”, with the goal of making BC the most progressive province in Canada for people with disabilities by the year 2024; and
5. The Vancouver Park Board has been a leader in providing accessible and inclusive programming and facilities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Park Board formally support the Barrier-Free BC movement that calls upon BC's Legislative Assembly to enact a strong and effective British Columbians with Disabilities Act.