



MOTION ON NOTICE

Doors Open Vancouver - Promoting Women's Roles as Creators and Champions

MOVER: Commissioner Evans

WHEREAS:

1. The Remarkable Women series was a much loved and anticipated celebration of many of the amazing women who made significant contributions to arts, culture, sports and community life in our city;
2. Vancouver's Board of Parks and Recreation ran the Remarkable Women's series from 2008 through 2014;
3. The Remarkable Women series helped to inform and educate residents and visitors about women in Vancouver whose contributions while significant, were not always widely known;
4. It is especially important for girls and young women to learn about women's roles as creators and champions and through that knowledge gain the confidence they need to become creators and champions themselves;
5. While the Remarkable Women series was discontinued in 2015, there is still a great need to tell stories about the way women have shaped the city and region's development including its network of parks, marinas, golf courses, and recreation facilities, programs, and activities;
6. Doors Open Vancouver is a fairly new one-day event inviting residents into a behind the scenes look at civic facilities and buildings across the city;
7. In 2015, Doors Open Vancouver took residents on tours through 18 civic sites, including the following Park Board sites: the Park Board Administration Office, the Stanley Park Miniature Train, Creekside Community Centre, and Roundhouse Community Arts and Recreation Centre;
8. Planning is currently underway for a Doors Open Vancouver event to be held in 2017;
9. The Women's Advisory Committee of Vancouver has identified Doors Open Vancouver as an opportunity for the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation to continue to uphold and celebrate the role of women as city-builders through featuring stories and information about the many amazing women who helped to develop and create the great network of parks and recreation facilities we know today;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT all Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation sites taking part in Doors Open Vancouver 2017 ensure that when providing behind the scenes access and tours, the role of women in the history and development of Vancouver's parks and recreation system is highlighted.