



MOTION ON NOTICE

Symphony in the Park

MOVER: Commissioner Kirby-Yung

WHEREAS:

1. The power of live music and symphony can be transformative and create lasting and cherished memories.
2. The purpose of the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra (VSO) is to enrich and transform lives through music. The VSO fulfills this purpose by presenting passionate, high-quality performances of classical, popular and culturally diverse music, creating meaningful engagement with audiences of all ages and backgrounds wherever they perform and developing and delivering inspirational education and community programs.
3. The Vancouver Park Board's Arts Policy confirms the Board's mandate in the arts and recognizes the arts as a vital element in a vital, creative, and balanced city and seeks to actively facilitate participation in and access to the arts for all.
4. Further, the Board's Arts Policy Statements include the following key tenets:
 - i. Public Realm: "The Board provides a vibrant public realm and supports the experience of public art and cultural events in parks."
 - ii. Innovation and Tradition: "The Board values both innovation and tradition in the arts and takes measures to implement new and creative ventures as well as maintaining cultural and civic traditions."
 - iii. Partnerships: "The Board works with artists, arts organizations, and community partners to expand the opportunities for the experience of art in everyday life."
5. The VSO desires to hold a community concert in Summer 2017. There is opportunity for the Vancouver Park Board to partner with the VSO to bring live open-air concerts back to Vancouver's parks.
6. The VSO has a successful history of delivering outdoor concerts including in years past at VanDusen Gardens, and currently in Whistler in conjunction with the Resort Municipality of Whistler at the Whistler Olympic Plaza, and in Burnaby in conjunction with the City of Burnaby for the annual free Symphony in the Park concert at Deer Lake Park.
7. The ability to deliver free public events of this caliber requires multiple partners and support.
8. In 2017, Canada will mark the 150th anniversary of Confederation providing opportunity to celebrate Canada's heritage and diversity through music.



THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation collaborate with the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra to deliver an open air Symphony in the Park free concert for Vancouverites in the Summer of 2017 at Vancouver's iconic Sunset Beach.
- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve a contribution of \$50,000 from the Corporate Sponsorship Fund toward the Summer 2017 free public concert.
- C. THAT the Vancouver Park Board work with the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra with the goal of helping Symphony in the Park become a sustainable ongoing annual Summer event for all Vancouverites to enjoy. Such assistance to include introductions to other park based events such as the Celebration of Light or Vancouver Pride to explore opportunities such as sharing of staging and infrastructure, as well as promotional and logistical support at the discretion of the General Manager.