



Building a New Track & Field Facility in Vancouver

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MOVED by Commissioner Crawford
SECONDED by Commissioner Wiebe

WHEREAS:

1. The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation is committed to supporting sport and active play in our communities;
2. A key direction in the current Park Board strategic plan is to develop additional resources to deliver best value for money and meet community need;
3. The strategic plan also identifies the requirement to deliver relevant services that meet the needs of our communities now and in the future;
4. The demand for sport facilities in the City of Vancouver is ever increasing and many facilities are utilized beyond expectations;
5. While there are growth pressures for sport-specific facilities across many disciplines, Park Board staff have worked with user groups to recognize there is a need for a competitive track and field facility to be located in Vancouver;
6. Recognizing the need, the Park Board has allocated funding for a new track and field facility in the previous and current capital plan;
7. Sport hosting in the City of Vancouver has also identified the opportunity that a competitive facility could provide in bringing more competitions to Vancouver that challenge and inspire our athletes; and
8. Many community organizations have expressed an interest in seeing a new facility, and there is an opportunity to build connections with partners that could assist in funding a new track and field facility.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation direct staff to investigate the opportunity to construct a new competitive track and field facility in Vancouver with options relating to the costing, Park Board capital budget resources available for the project and additional potential funding sources including matching funding from the Provincial and Federal governments;
- B. THAT staff investigate the options for potential site locations within the City; and
- C. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board directs staff to work with the sport community in Vancouver, including but not limited to, track and field clubs, the Vancouver Sport Network and the Vancouver Field Sport Federation for their consultation and input, and report back to the Board with recommendations at the earliest opportunity.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY