



Reduced Rate Parking Passes for Vancouver Residents

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MOVED by Commissioner Evans
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

Amendments (substitution motion) MOVED by Commissioner Crawford

WHEREAS:

1. Vancouver residents support the delivery of freely available services in Vancouver parks including maintenance of both park lands and beaches, horticulture displays, sport and recreation facilities, life-guarding, and park warden patrols;
2. Through their property taxes Vancouver residents contribute to the provision of these services to both residents and non-residents alike;
3. In repeated annual budget surveys Vancouver residents have indicated that user fees are preferable to property tax increases for funding the increasing costs of services in the city;
4. Parking user fees from both residents and visitors to Vancouver are a critical source of revenue in the annual operating budget of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation;
5. Residents have identified rising parking fees as a barrier to their enjoyment of some Vancouver parks and beaches; and
6. A priority direction of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation is to provide parks and recreation for all through "accessible, diverse and quality amenities and services that encourage participation and meet current and future needs."

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation directs staff to develop, and bring back to the Board for consideration, a comprehensive parking policy that seeks to address access and affordability concerns for residents at Park Board parking lots, while ensuring parking users cover the operating costs of system-wide parking and support ongoing Park Board maintenance and operations. Possibilities to consider could include: a variety of pass options; adding parking fees to the LAP; reduced rates for a portion of an hourly parking fee; distribution of parking fees implemented across the system; and other suggestions of staff.
- B. FURTHER THAT staff complete an analysis of parking space allocation to determine any opportunities to return underutilized spaces to green space, or identify concerns of inadequate parking supply.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY