



MOTION ON NOTICE

Reduced Rate Parking Passes for Vancouver Residents

MOVER: Commissioner Evans

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 staff report back as quickly as possible to the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation on options to create a program of flat rate parking permits, including one-day permits to enable Vancouver residents, including low-income residents, to park in either some or all Park Board paid parking areas for a reduced rate beginning in the spring/summer of 2018.