



## Learning from Children's Experience with Playgrounds

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MOVED by Commissioner Evans  
SECONDED by Commissioner Shum

### WHEREAS:

1. The Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation is forecast to complete up to 9 new or renewed playgrounds in 2018, at a cost of \$2.8M;
2. Extensive community consultations were held with neighbourhood and other affected groups during the design phase of these playgrounds;
3. Many of these playgrounds reflect new trends in playground design including natural features and inclusive play areas;
4. In some cases, community groups including community centre associations have contributed funds to assist in the construction of these playgrounds; and
5. Post-construction evaluation and reporting on the experience of children using new playgrounds and new playground features is not a regular practice of the Park Board.

### THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation implement a policy and practice of evaluating new playgrounds within one to two years of completion;
- B. THAT this evaluation include reports from children who use the playgrounds and their caregivers, as well as any community organizations that contributed to the construction costs; and
- C. THAT a summary report of these evaluations be published and provided to Park Board Commissioners and the general public on an annual basis.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY