

Closing the Loop on Organic Waste in Stanley Park

Excerpted from Minutes 2018-09-17

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MOVED by Commissioner Wiebe Adopted on consent

WHEREAS:

- 1. The Greenest City Action plan has a goal of 5 community compost facilities by 2020;
- 2. The Park Board has a goal to look for a facility to demonstrate a closed-loop food system;
- 3. The local food action plan goal 26 is to pilot a demonstration closed loop food system;
- 4. The local food action plan goal 29 is to look at Stanley Park to consider the development of a larger scale food system with educational opportunities;
- 5. The Vancouver Park Board has recently started a compost bin program in Stanley Park;
- 6. Stanley Park currently has many facilities including a soon to open brewery, restaurants, concessions, golf course and the Aquarium that collect organic waste of approx. 100 tons a year; and
- 7. Harvest Power is closing down which is one of the major compost facilities in Metro Vancouver, which is putting pressure on municipalities to deal with waste internal.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation direct staff to conduct a feasibility study on implementing a community composter in Stanley Park to create a closed loop waste management system for all organic materials produced within the park.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (The motion was adopted on consent)