



MOTION ON NOTICE

Submitted at the Regular Board meeting held on 2018-09-17

Equipping Park Board Washrooms with Universally Accessible Changing Stations

MOVER: Commissioner Shum

WHEREAS:

1. Young Vancouver families are struggling with housing affordability, exacerbated by rising taxes and fees, and many young people are considering leaving Vancouver to start families elsewhere.
2. The majority of Vancouver parents and caretakers have used a changing station.
3. Parents are more likely to visit facilities, venues, and businesses with baby changing stations.
4. Baby changing facilities are not universally available in City of Vancouver facilities, and in some cases are available only in women's washrooms.
5. Numerous public petitions and advocacy campaigns have called for hygienic changing facilities to be available to all parents.
6. In 2016, President Barack Obama signed into law the BABIES ACT, which required changing tables in all publicly accessible federal buildings in the United States, including both male and female washrooms.
7. With a typical change table costing \$300-400, private companies are increasingly recognizing both the importance and positive commercial impact of including universally accessible changing tables in their facilities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to review all Park Board owned restroom facilities, including all gender and accessible washroom facilities, with the goal that they be equipped with a child changing station.
- B. FURTHER THAT staff review the physical safety and sanitation of existing changing facilities and that where necessary such facilities are improved or replaced.
- C. FURTHER THAT the Park Board encourage City Council to undertake a similar initiative for all City facilities.