



## **MOTION on NOTICE**

*Submitted at the Regular Board meeting held on December 3, 2018*

### **Alcohol Consumption at Vancouver Parks & Beaches**

MOVER: Commissioner Demers

#### WHEREAS:

1. A growing segment of the population of Vancouver has no access to a private yard and thus relies on parks and beaches for gatherings of friends and family;
2. 79% of survey respondents for the 2018 review of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation's Concession Strategy agree or strongly agree with the sales of alcoholic beverages in concessions;
3. The Concession Strategy's alcohol sales pilot to be initiated in 2019 through two existing Park Board restaurant operators is limited in its reach due to space restrictions and financial barriers;
4. Consumption of alcoholic beverages at parks and beaches within the Park Board's jurisdiction is currently prohibited through the Parks Control By-laws;
5. Any significant changes to Parks Control By-laws around alcohol consumption would require public consultation and supportive empirical evidence.

#### THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation directs staff to conduct a feasibility study for a pilot project that would allow the public to consume their own alcoholic beverages on select parks and beaches;
- B. FURTHER THAT a preliminary long list of potential sites for the pilot be included in the consultation with current park and beach users; and
- C. THAT staff report back to the Board by the end of 2019 with the study findings, including consultation results and any potential legal, logistical, societal, and financial considerations.