



Support of #AllOnBoard Campaign for No Transit Fares for Youth

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MOVED by Commissioner Irwin
SECONDED by Commissioner Giesbrecht

WHEREAS:

1. The Vancouver Park Board has recognized and has demonstrated over the past years its commitment to the health and well-being of its residents;
2. The lack of transportation is one of the most common reasons for people living on low incomes and for average families to not be able to access Park Board facilities, including beaches; and
3. That lack of transportation is a significant barrier accessing community centres and other services and leads to social exclusion of low income adults and youth.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board endorse the #AllOnBoard Campaign and write a letter to: the TransLink Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation; the Board of Directors of TransLink; the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing; and the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction asking TransLink to work with the provincial government to finalize and secure funding, and to develop a plan that will provide free public transit for minors (aged 0-18) and reduced price transit based on a sliding scale using the Market Basket Measure for all low-income people regardless of their demographic profile as soon as possible; and
- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board write a separate letter to the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation asking them to 1) require TransLink to adopt a poverty reduction/equity mandate in order to address the outstanding issue of lack of affordability measures to ensure those who need public transit the most can access the essential service, and 2) request the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation and TransLink to immediately, without delay: amend existing by-laws and cease ticketing of all minors for fare evasion as the first step towards the full implementation of free transit for children and youth 0-18; unlink ICBC from fare evasion for youth and adults; and cease ticketing adults.

CARRIED

(Commissioners Barker and Coupar opposed to part B)