



Park Board Support for the September 2019 Global Climate Strike

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MOVED by Commissioner Dumont
SECONDED by Commissioner Demers

WHEREAS:

1. Young people in Vancouver and around the world have been leading Youth Climate Strike and [Fridays for Future](#) rallies to focus attention on the urgent need for action on the global climate emergency, especially by elected officials;
2. Youth are now calling on adults, workers, and people everywhere to [join them](#) in the week of September 20-27, 2019, when the Fridays for Future and the Youth Climate Strike movements are calling for a global general strike for climate, stating:

We don't feel like we have a choice: it's been years of talking, countless negotiations, empty deals on climate change...

We have learned that if we don't start acting for our future, nobody else will make the first move...

We're asking adults to step up alongside us... step up and out of your comfort zone for our climate. Let's all join together, with your neighbours, co-workers, friends, family and go out on to the streets to make your voices heard and make this a turning point in our history...

We're counting on you;

3. In January, 2019, Vancouver City Council unanimously passed the motion: "[Ramping Up Vancouver's Climate Action in Response to the Climate Emergency](#)", committing the city to the bold action needed to avert a climate catastrophe;
4. Vancouver youth, led by [Sustainabiliteens Vancouver](#), are organizing a major "Global Climate Strike" event at Vancouver City Hall, scheduled for 1pm on Friday, September 27, 2019; as of August 28, 8,149 people have accepted their social media invitation to attend (<https://www.facebook.com/events/659383604564246/>).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation direct staff to contact [Sustainabiliteens Vancouver](#) to discuss ways in which the Park Board can support the youth-initiated non-violent Global Climate Strike event at Vancouver City Hall scheduled for 1pm on Friday, September 27, 2019; and
- B. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to consider potential ways for staff to voluntarily support or participate in the September 2019 [Global Climate Strike in Vancouver](#), consulting with representatives of the union locals that represent Park Board staff as necessary.

CARRIED

(Commissioner Coupar opposed)