



Collaborating with BC Housing on Homelessness in Parks

Excerpted from Minutes 2019-11-04

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MOVED by Commissioner Dumont
SECONDED by Commissioner Demers

WHEREAS:

1. Many people who are experiencing homelessness in Vancouver take refuge in and around parks and Park Board facilities.
2. At this time there is no official interinstitutional relationship between BC Housing and the Vancouver Park Board.
3. BC Housing helps manage emergency shelter programs, drop-in centres, homeless outreach teams and more. Many members of the community who require and benefit from these services are also interacting with the parks system in Vancouver.
4. If BC Housing and the Vancouver Park Board form an open, communicative, interinstitutional relationship of knowledge-sharing and collaboration, either or both may be able to provide services more efficiently, more economically, and more effectively for those experiencing homelessness in our city.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation direct the General Manager to reach out to BC Housing with the goal of establishing inter-institutional knowledge-sharing and a relationship of direct, open communication regarding avenues of potential collaboration to address the impacts of homelessness in Vancouver parks.

CARRIED

(Commissioners Barker and Coupar opposed)