



Outdoor Pool Extended Season Pilot

Excerpted from Minutes 2019-11-18

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MOVED by Commissioner Irwin
SECONDED by Commissioner Coupar

WHEREAS:

1. Outdoor pools are well-loved by the residents of Vancouver;
2. Kitsilano Pool, which first opened in 1931, underwent extensive renovations in 2017-2018 that included installing new basin membrane, reducing potable water use, and replacing gas pumps with electric that significantly reduce noise and fuel emissions;
3. New Brighton Pool is the Park Board's only heated outdoor pool in East Vancouver;
4. The VanSplash Advisory Group called for extended seasons at Kitsilano and New Brighton pools to provide equitable access to both East Side and West Side residents in Vancouver; and
5. Staff have previously piloted extending the end of the outdoor pool season by 1-2 weeks at both Kitsilano and New Brighton pools.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board approve a pilot to extend the regular 2020 swimming season at Kitsilano and New Brighton Outdoor Pools by opening 2-3 weeks earlier in the spring and closing 3-4 weeks later in the fall; and
- B. FURTHER THAT Park Board staff analyze the costs, benefits, and impacts of this extended outdoor pool season pilot and report back to the Board with recommendations for the 2021 season.

Motion to Refer

MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon
SECONDED by Commissioner Dumont

THAT the motion be referred to staff for an analysis of the budget and human resource implications of extending the outdoor pool season and the anticipated demand during an extended outdoor pool season.

CARRIED
(Commissioners Barker, Coupar, & Irwin opposed)