



Park Board Staff to Maintain All Types of Parks

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MOVED by Commissioner Irwin
SECONDED by Commissioner Giesbrecht

WHEREAS:

1. At its July 9, 2018 meeting, the Vancouver Park Board approved a vision-plan for the Westbank Oakridge development, which includes 9 acres, some of which is `airspace` park located over a privately-owned mall;
2. The new park will be maintained by workers contracted by the mall owners, rather than Park Board employees;
3. Very experienced, capable Park Board staff are having their work contracted out; and
4. The Park Board gardeners and staff already maintain `green roofs` (Coal Harbour, Harbour Green Park).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board have fully qualified Park Board staff maintain and carry-out all work for any future, under-construction, or proposed `airspace` parks, similar to and including the new `airspace` park at Oakridge Centre Mall with the Westbank development, and in all parks that are in any way different from traditional, surface parks;
- B. THAT, in order to carry out A, the Vancouver Park Board requests Vancouver City Council to work collaboratively to negotiate a contract with Oakridge that specifies that work is to be done by Park Board staff in the new park at Oakridge Centre; and
- C. THAT only Park Board staff maintain and tend Vancouver Park Board public parks, and any other parks that are public, but have a private interest involved.

REFERRED

MOVED BY: Commissioner Coupar

THAT the motion be referred to staff to provide information, including legal and financial implications, on the process to renegotiate the park maintenance contract for the new park at Oakridge Centre and to clarify the implications of Recommendation C.

CARRIED

(Commissioner Irwin opposed)