



MEMBER'S MOTION

Submitted at the Regular Board meeting held on June 21, 2021

Exploring Capital Funding for an Aboriginal Healing & Cultural Centre in CRAB Park

SUBMITTED BY: Commissioner Irwin

WHEREAS:

1. For years First Nations groups have called for an Aboriginal Cultural Healing Centre in CRAB Park;
2. Waterfront spaces are critically important both culturally and ecologically to the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations, and every opportunity should be sought to partner with them on the potential of such spaces over which the Board has jurisdiction;
3. CRAB Park could provide a possible site for the City Council, approved, Aboriginal healing and wellness centre, along with a proposed arts and cultural centre (which would include First Nations and Urban Indigenous programming);
4. The Vancouver Park Board leases CRAB Park from the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority (VFPA); this 49 year lease ends on August 31, 2035;
5. The Vancouver Fraser Port Authority has stated its commitment to being a good neighbour to local communities, municipalities and First Nations and to demonstrating this commitment through its investments in those communities;
6. The Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs recently [passed a motion in support of an Indigenous Healing Lodge in CRAB Park](#) (February 2021).
7. The City of Vancouver 2023 – 2026 Capital Plan will be prepared over the next 12 months and is anticipated to be approved by the Park Board and City Council mid-2022.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to seek clarity from the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority on the potential for a cultural healing centre to be permitted as a land use under the lease agreement for CRAB Park at Portside;
- B. THAT Park Board staff consult with the local First Nations (Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh) to confirm their desired level of involvement in a healing centre on the downtown waterfront;
- C. THAT, should the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority permit the use of land in CRAB Park for a cultural healing centre, Park Board staff work with City of Vancouver staff to request funding in the next capital budget (2022-2025) for a project definition phase (e.g. operator, program, capital, and operating budgets) for an aboriginal healing centre in CRAB Park, combined with an arts and cultural centre, in partnership with



local First Nations (Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh), urban indigenous residents, and the Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs;

- D. THAT the Vancouver Park Board copy this request for capital funding to: Vancouver City Council, the federal Minister of Transportation, the local Member of Parliament, and the local Member of the Legislative Assembly.