



Co-Management of Vancouver Parklands with the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations

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MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon
SECONDED by Commissioner Dumont

Amendments (revising A, adding B & C) MOVED by Commissioner Mackinnon

Final motion as amended:

WHEREAS:

1. The City of Vancouver is situated on the traditional, ancestral lands of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.
2. The Vancouver Park Board is committed to reconciliation with First Nations.
3. Through the Vancouver Charter, the Park Board has exclusive jurisdiction over City of Vancouver land that has been designated as a permanent or temporary park.
4. The Park Board has accepted the Calls to Action within the Truth and Reconciliation Report of Canada, which includes the following:

We call upon federal, provincial, territorial, and municipal governments to repudiate concepts used to justify European sovereignty over Indigenous peoples and lands, such as the Doctrine of Discovery and terra nullius, and to reform those laws, government policies, and litigation strategies that continue to rely on such concepts. (TRC #47).

5. The Park Board has established the Stanley Park Intergovernmental Working Group with the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations to develop a long-term comprehensive plan for Stanley Park.
6. Traditional knowledge and stewardship of lands should be an integral part of park management.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation direct staff to explore opportunities with the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations (“the three Nations”) for co-management of parklands within their own respective territories that are currently under Park Board jurisdiction per the Vancouver Charter.
- B. FURTHER THAT this work be conducted in the spirit of reconciliation and transparency by seeking, as an initial step, a joint meeting among the three Nations and Park Board staff to identify locations of parklands and to seek the guidance and input of the three Nations on how to proceed with the development of the proposed initiative in a manner that respects any relevant protocols or understandings that may exist among the three Nations.



C. FURTHER THAT staff report back to the Board with recommendations.

CARRIED

(Commissioners Barker and Coupar opposed)