



Alcohol in Parks Pilot - Extension and Next Steps

Excerpted from Minutes 2022-02-07

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MOVED by Commissioner Demers
SECONDED by Commissioner Dumont

WHEREAS:

1. In December 2018, the Board directed staff to develop a feasibility study for a pilot allowing alcohol consumption at select sites.
2. In July 2020, 22 park sites were approved for the pilot, but implementation required amendments to the BC Liquor Control and Licensing Act (LCLA) to grant the Park Board legal authority to designate areas within its jurisdiction where public consumption of alcohol would be permitted.
3. In June 2021, the BC Provincial government amended the Liquor Control and Licensing Act (LCLA) to recognize the Park Board's legal authority, allowing the Park Board to enact the new park by-laws required to authorize the approved pilot.
4. In July 2021, the pilot was launched; staff began monitoring the sites and collecting feedback, including through an online public survey.
5. In October 2021, the pilot ended and the public survey closed; staff reviewed data and feedback.
6. In December 2021, staff presented the key findings from the 2021 pilot, confirming general support and appreciation for this initiative, but also identifying notable areas for improvement.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to design and implement a second Alcohol in Parks Pilot for 2022, with considerations given to the lessons learned from the 2021 experience.
- B. FURTHER THAT staff report back to the Board with recommendations for next steps beyond the Pilot.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY