



MOTION on NOTICE

Submitted at the Regular Board meeting held on June 7, 2022

Accessible and Inclusive Design Guidelines for Playgrounds

SUBMITTED BY: Commissioner Irwin

WHEREAS:

1. The playground at Kitsilano Beach Park is noted as Vancouver's fully accessible playground; it is both one of the few listed as being accessible, and may not be as accessible for children in mobility devices.
2. Recent upgrades have also been made to incorporate principles of universal design at Charleson Park, Clinton Park, Falaise Park and Jonathan Rogers Park.
3. Accessible playgrounds that incorporate universal design are readily enjoyed by all children and playground visitors.
4. Equitable, accessible and inclusive playgrounds consider and accommodate various needs, including mobility, vision, hearing, and sensory disabilities (e.g. Autism Spectrum Disorder); see [Rick Hansen Foundation – Guide to Creating Accessible Play Spaces](#).
5. VanPlay's [Strategic Bold Moves](#) identifies the need to provide universally accessible play features at all play areas (having access as a spectator is not sufficient).
6. The recently passed [Accessible British Columbia Act](#) will require public sector organizations to develop accessibility plans.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to work with the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee to develop accessible and inclusive design guidelines for new and renewed playgrounds to provide play opportunities for people with mobility, auditory, visual, and sensory needs.