



MOTION on NOTICE

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

Park Stewardship with Urban Indigenous Residents

SUBMITTED BY: Commissioner Irwin

WHEREAS:

1. The City of Vancouver is home to many Urban Indigenous residents from across Canada.
2. The Vancouver Park Board is committed to reconciliation with all First Nations and Indigenous peoples.
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 will help to provide progress towards redressing the many wrongs Indigenous peoples have experienced from colonization.
5. In January 2022, the Park Board approved a [motion](#) directing staff to explore opportunities with the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations for co-management of parklands within their respective territories that are currently under Park Board jurisdiction per the Vancouver Charter.
6. Traditional knowledge and stewardship of lands that Urban Indigenous peoples provide should be an integral part of park management.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, as part of the co-management exploration work already underway with the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations (MST), the Vancouver Park Board direct staff to specifically look at issues affecting Urban Indigenous people and work with MST and the City of Vancouver's Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee to empower Urban Indigenous residents to play a significant role in Vancouver's parks and recreation system.