



Accessible and Inclusive Design Guidelines for Playgrounds

Excerpted from Minutes July 4, 2022

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At the Regular Board meeting on June 20, 2022, the following Member Motion was referred to a future Committee meeting to hear from speakers.

MOVED by Commissioner Irwin
SECONDED by Commissioner Mackinnon

Amendment MOVED by Commissioner Barker
Amendment MOVED by Commissioner Giesbrecht

Final motion as amended:

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 and the Children, Youth & Family Advisory Committee to take immediate steps to develop and implement accessible and inclusive design, with reference to the report titled Vancouver Playgrounds "Lets All Play" (2015), for new and renewed playgrounds to provide play opportunities for people with mobility, auditory, visual, and sensory needs.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY