



## Water Priority Plan Update - Potable Water Fed Decorative Features

*Excerpted from Minutes May 29, 2023*

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MOVED by Commissioner Jensen  
SECONDED by Commissioner Haer

*Amendments (revising A) MOVED by Commissioner Jensen*

*Final motion as amended:*

WHEREAS:

1. Water features in parks include decorative fountains, swimming and wading pools, water spray parks, drinking fountains, misting stations and natural ponds. These features are popular amenities for Vancouver residents that provide cooling opportunities in extreme heat events and also provide enjoyable visual, audible and aesthetic experiences and wildlife habitat. Furthermore, these features can contribute to a sense of place and identity in many neighbourhoods. In response to the Council Motion of April 27, 2023, and with consideration for the range of benefits that water features provide the Board recommends

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT, following operational readiness of swimming pools, wading pools, water spray parks, and drinking fountains for the summer 2023 season, the following fountains be made operational if an exception from Water Works By-Law No. 4848 is approved by Council:
  - Decorative fountains in Laurel, Davis, Barclay, Helmcken Parks as well as the Bute-Haro Street fountain;

FURTHER THAT the costs for the repair of the Bute-Haro fountain be funded through existing Park Board capital budgets for expedience, with a request to the City Manager's Office that funds sufficient to cover the repair costs be reallocated from the City's capital budget.

FUTHER THAT if these fountains are not yet converted to water recirculation by 2025 when the City plans to transition all unbilled water accounts for civic departments/entities, such as Park Board, to billed accounts, that the associated water & sewer costs for fountains that continue to be non-recirculating shall be waived and/or covered by the City from the City's operating budget.

- B. THAT staff include the estimated cost to convert these five fountains to recirculating fountains along with the Queen Elizabeth Park Dancing Waters Fountain repair costs, in the pending water features condition assessment and Water Action Plan Update Report for consideration of Board prioritization by Q4 2023;

FURTHER THAT, staff include the considerations for the Queen Elizabeth Park quarry garden waterfall and Seaforth Park fountain in the same report in Q4 2023.

CARRIED

(Commissioner Digby opposed, Commissioner Christensen abstained)