



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

*Excerpted from Minutes May 8, 2023*

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MOVED by Commissioner Jensen  
SECONDED by Commissioner Haer

### 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.

- 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.

### REFERRED

MOVED by Commissioner Christensen  
SECONDED by Bastovansky

THAT the above-noted motion be referred to a future Committee meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
Commissioner Howard abstained from the vote