



## NOTICE of MOTION

*Submitted at the Board meeting held on April 22, 2024*

### **Proposal for Affordable Parking Solutions for Vancouver Lawn Bowling Club Members at Queen Elizabeth Park Lot 67**

Submitted by: Commissioner Viridi

#### WHEREAS

1. The Vancouver Lawn Bowling Club, nestled within the scenic Queen Elizabeth Park, serves as a vital hub for recreational and social engagement, particularly for seniors in our community;
2. A significant portion of the Vancouver Lawn Bowling Club's membership comprises seniors living on fixed incomes, who greatly benefit from the physical activity, camaraderie, and mental stimulation provided by the club;
3. The recent increase in annual parking fees at Lot 67 within Queen Elizabeth Park has posed a financial challenge for many members of the Vancouver Lawn Bowling Club, leading to a decline in membership numbers and hindering accessibility to the club's facilities;
4. In the 2024 Fees & Charges report approved by the Board, the Vancouver Lawn Bowling Club was not provided an option to purchase a low-cost annual parking pass in Queen Elizabeth Park; and
5. Many lawn bowlers enjoy the use of this accessible facility year-round, and the lack of a low-cost annual parking pass will have an adverse impact on facility access.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vancouver Park Board take urgent and immediate action to address the financial burden placed on members of the Vancouver Lawn Bowling Club by implementing a low-cost annual parking pass program specifically for Lot 67 within Queen Elizabeth Park for the remainder of the year;

FURTHER THAT the Vancouver Park Board and Park Board Staff collaborate closely with representatives from the Vancouver Lawn Bowling Club to establish the criteria for eligibility and the pricing structure of the low-cost parking pass program, ensuring that it effectively addresses the financial concerns of club members while also maintaining the sustainability of parking operations;

AND FURTHER THAT the General Manager be delegated sufficient authority to establish an appropriate price for the annual low-cost parking pass for the 2024 year, in accordance with the Board direction above, with future parking pass price-setting to be aligned with the annual Board Fees and Charges process.