

Review of Trusts, Bequests and Leases Pertaining to Vancouver Parks

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Final motion as amended:

- A. The Vancouver Park Board directs staff, including legal services, to conduct a review of any and all trusts, bequests, donations and leases pertaining to parks, both permanent and non-permanent, and recreation facilities in Vancouver to identify risks and potential exposure, including donor churn/drop out, should the elected Park Board be abolished;
- B. All 240+ parks and 40+ recreation facilities be included in such review, especially including Stanley Park which lease, being based on the August 31, 1906 Order-in-Council, of the Canadian Government, as amended by the August 31, 1908 Order-in-Council, requires the lease to be similar to the one the Crown had with Point Pleasant Park in Halifax, Nova Scotia, which also had (at the time) a park board that was independent of City Council;
- C. Such review shall be delivered to Commissioners by Q2/2025; Issues of urgent concern may be raised in advance if and when they are identified; and
- D. Should staff need an exemption from this Board's December 11, 2023 motion to not allocate any resources towards a transition working group, it should be considered granted for the purposes of this motion.